

VBA BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION
Bench-Bar Brown Bag Lunch Meeting
with Hon. Colleen A. Brown, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Friday February 21, 2014
United States Bankruptcy Court, US Post Office – Rutland
12:00 - 1:00 PM

1. Possible CLE for spring 2014 : suggestion has been made for a joint CLE of VBA Bk Section and Albany Bk Bar Assn. Is there interest in doing that? Bob DiPalma

2. CM/ECF Access: cyber attacks on national judiciary servers will likely continue; protocol will be for Clerk's Office to send e-mail to all attorneys who practice in this court whenever the servers are down to alert them of the situation and to advise them to call Kathy Ford on her cell phone (or a back up when Kathy is not available) if there are time sensitive docs to file. *(To be added to that e-mail list, just contact Kathy Ford.)* Kathy Ford

3. Adobe Acrobat modification of Orders: with new version of acrobat, some edits may not be as conspicuous so we will be putting modified and new language in a black box in the doc. Judge Brown

4. Construction Project Update: the 1st and 2nd floors of the Burlington courthouse are under construction; project expected to be completed in March 2015. In the meantime, there may be some noise and last minute location changes but we do not anticipate any impact on our hearings. Judge Brown

5. Assessment of the Bankruptcy Court Mtge Mediation Program: This program has been in effect since November 2011; this spring will be assessing how it is working: what is working well, what needs to be tweaked (or wholly revamped). Judge Brown will be asking members of the task force who worked on designing our program to lead the assessment process and will welcome others who have experience with the program and input to share. In addition to evaluating how well our program is working, we will be examining how we can better track progress in each case where a mediation motion is granted. Stay tuned for an e-mail from Kathy Ford announcing the beginning of that project. Judge Brown

6. Q & A / any topic raised by attendees

These Bench-Bar lunch meetings are coordinated by the Bankruptcy Court
Have a question about them?
Call Kathy Ford at 802-776-2003 or e-mail her at kathleen_ford@vtb.uscourts.gov
No fee and no pre-registration required.
Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided.