



## VBA Bankruptcy Section Bench Bar Meeting

July 22, 2025 – Burlington Courthouse  
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

### 1. Updates from the Judge

Judge Cooper

#### American Bankruptcy Institute NE Conference

##### Upcoming Events

- Court Sponsored CLE on Oral Argument
  - September 29 from 9 am – 3 pm in Burlington.
  - Panelists will include Vermont's entire federal bench as well as state court judges and justices.
- Bench/Bar Community Engagement Event with Federal Judges
  - Agenda will include educational and informational topics relevant to federal practice in Vermont.
  - October 10, 2025 from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Rutland.
  - October 24, 2025 from 11:30 am – 1 pm in Burlington.
- Chapter 12 Boot Camp
  - October 17, 2025 from 9 am – 12 pm in Rutland.
  - \*Hearings will be in the afternoon that day.

### 2. Bankruptcy Section Co-Chairs

Ryan Long & Greg Fox

- VBA Annual Meeting
- Holiday CLE Update
- Explore Topics

### 3. Chapter 13 Trustee

Andrea Celli

- Creative Chapter 13 Plan Provisions to Protect Debtors, Creditors and the Estate in the Event of Plan Modification or Conversion

### 4. Chapter 7 Trustees

Ray Obuchowski & Paul Levine

- Update

### 5. Clerk's Office

Jody Kennedy

- New Order re: Operating Report Deficiencies

### 6. Discussion

Evidence Hypothetical

Judge Cooper

### Next Bench Bar Meeting – September 12, 2025 in Rutland

Bench-Bar lunch meetings are coordinated by the Bankruptcy Court. One hour of CLE credit is provided for attendance at each meeting. Contact Lisa Clifford at [Lisa\\_Clifford@vtb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Lisa_Clifford@vtb.uscourts.gov) with any questions.