Bankruptcy-Consumer Law

Themes:

• Guiding the practice of consumer and bankruptcy law.

Conversation Starters:

• Why are you interested in this area of law?
• Are you interested in representing creditors or debtors?
• Clients: more interested in representing individual debtors or businesses?
• Do you have any experience in this area? Did you take any bankruptcy or consumer law related courses in law school?
• What are your strengths/ weaknesses?
• Must be licensed in federal court to practice bankruptcy law. If you are a solo attorney, you will need to purchase and annually renew requisite software (only if representing debtors. I represent creditors in bankruptcy court without purchasing any special “bankruptcy software”).

Activities:

• Visit bankruptcy court- 341 hearings for CH 7 and 13
• Visit a bankruptcy court motion docket
• Volunteer/shadow at a consumer law clinic
• Attend a Creditor Debtor section meeting or activity

Resources:

• Discuss what additional resources the mentor/mentee have found useful in their own practice.

• Website for Western District of WA (or applicable District)

• The National Consumer Law Center has numerous excellent treatises and publications about various areas of consumer law and bankruptcy. Many of their treatises are available at local law libraries.

• Local nonprofit that assists low income individuals with debt/consumer issues, has several volunteer opportunities:

• NARCA: National Creditors Bar Association https://www.creditorsbar.org/