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College Connections is published to apprise College members of current developments and upcoming events on a “sound bite” basis during the intervals between the Spring and Fall publications of College Columns. Please refer periodically to our website (www.amercolbankruptcy.org) for more information.

As the fall is in full swing, we wanted to update you on several exciting events and programs that are going on in the College. If you have any questions or need further details on any of the information below, please do not hesitate to contact me at sbedker@amercol.org or my assistant, Carole McNamara at college@amercol.org, 703-934-6154.

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Join us in Tampa for a Special Presentation: “Afghanistan: A Country In Transition”

As the world becomes increasingly smaller, we are looking forward to a very special presentation by Hon. Michael G. Williamson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Tampa, Florida. He will be speaking at the All Fellows Luncheon to be held on October 12, 2011 in Tampa, FL. Judge Williamson will speak about the development efforts to create a commercial law system that has been going on in Afghanistan since 2007. These efforts include the creation of microfinance and small-to-medium enterprise lending; drafting of laws on secured transactions, mortgages, and leasing; and the implementation of the laws. He will also discuss the ongoing process of drafting and implementing a bankruptcy law in a country with no effective commercial court system and the challenges faced by development specialists working in a Sharia-based legal system in the midst of an ongoing armed conflict. If you have not already registered for the conference, you may do so by [clicking here](#).

6th Circuit to Host Educational and Social Events in Detroit

The 6th Circuit Fellows will be meeting in Detroit, Michigan November 4-6 for a fantastic weekend of camaraderie, food, drink and education. Thanks to the event committee of Judy O’Neill, Mickey Rabin, Mike Coury and Greg Schaaf and, especially, to Detroit hosts Judy and Al O’Neill, for putting together an extraordinary agenda of activities. Further agenda and cost details have been posted to the College website under Upcoming Events. Questions? Contact Kathy Northcutt at knorthcutt@foley.com or 313-234-2757. Registration and payment should be forwarded to Ms. Northcutt as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, 2011.

Induction of the 23rd Class of Fellows Scheduled for March 16–17, 2012

Mark your calendars now for the College’s annual Induction Ceremony and Related Events to be held March 16–17, 2012 in Washington, DC. We will be welcoming the newest class of Fellows – Class 23. This event is limited to 350 attendees due to fire marshal restrictions at the Supreme Court, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Registration information will be emailed to all Fellows in early December.

Additional Copies of Best Practices and Circuit Review Books Available

In early August, all Fellows received copies of the Circuit Review prepared by a number of Fellows and edited by Professor Margaret Howard, and Best Practices—Equity Committees prepared under the direction of Heather Lennox with the help of other Fellows. Additional copies may be ordered at a cost of \$10 per book. The order form can be found on the College website (www.amercol.org) under College Sponsored Reports and Publications.

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First Circuit Foundation Donation Initiative

The First Circuit recently launched a 100% participation campaign, led by Guy Moss and Dan Cohn, encouraging all First Circuit Fellows to donate to the Foundation. So far, 43% of First Circuit Fellows have contributed to this worthy cause. It is a continuing mission of the College to give back to the communities that sustain us. The College and the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation raise funds and distribute those funds to support the College's Archives, Education and Pro Bono projects. We would like to see 100% participation by All Fellows as we strive to "Give Something Back." We will be sending out an end of the year solicitation, but you can make a donation anytime during the year electronically by clicking [here](#) or mail a check payable to the "ACB Foundation" and mail to the ACB address.

Now Accepting 2012 Patrons and Sponsors

The College provides its high level academic, intellectual and pro bono programs through the efforts of its Fellows. Many of you have provided invaluable support to our programs for which we are grateful. And many of you have participated in past Patrons and Sponsors programs which help underwrite the efforts of the College in these areas. By now, you should have received an email requesting your firms' participation in the 2012 Patrons and Sponsors program. If your firm makes this commitment, it and the Fellow members of your firm will be listed in the program published for each scheduled event in 2012 and also in each edition of the 2012 College Columns. Please contact us for more information on participating in the 2012 Patrons and Sponsors program.

2012-2014 Bankruptcy & Insolvency Events Now Available Online

As a resource for all Fellows, you will find the 2012-2014 Bankruptcy & Insolvency Events Calendar compiled by Armstrong & Associates International, Inc. on our website ([click here](#)) The calendar is a compilation of bankruptcy and insolvency events from around the world and includes major international events and holidays. We hope the calendar will be a useful reference to you and your firm.



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