

**Qualifications for Participation in the  
Next Generation Program at the  
2013 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges  
Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia**

A group of 40 up-and-coming bankruptcy attorneys will have the unique opportunity to participate in an exciting program at the 2013 NCBJ Annual Meeting in Atlanta (October 30 - November 2, 2013). The program will offer events solely for program participants, including a private gathering with bankruptcy judges, a networking reception of peers and a reunion with the prior Next Generation classes. Law firms, government agencies and bankruptcy judges are invited to nominate as program participants attorneys under their supervision who deserve special recognition for their professional accomplishments to date, and who show the potential to distinguish themselves in future years as highly respected members of the bankruptcy bar.

To be nominated, the prospective program participant must:

- a. have five to ten years of experience practicing law;
- b. devote at least fifty percent of his/her practice to bankruptcy cases;
- c. demonstrate legal excellence in the practice of bankruptcy law;
- d. display a serious commitment to principles of civility, ethics and professionalism; and
- e. demonstrate commitment to the continued educational development of bankruptcy professionals and to professional activities that will benefit the public, members of the bar and the court system.

Only one attorney from any single law firm or agency may participate. The cost of the participant's attendance at the Annual Meeting must be borne by the participant, but no additional cost will be incurred to attend the Next Generation events. Qualified nominees will be selected as participants on a first-come, first-eligible basis. NCBJ registration fee waivers and grants to defray part of the cost (up to 50% of eligible expenses, not to exceed \$1500) are available to the first five eligible applicants. To qualify for a grant, an applicant must earn less than \$75,000 gross income per annum. A grant request attesting to the qualifications must accompany the nomination.

Nominees will be accepted (first-come, first-served), commencing on **May 14, 2013** at Noon prevailing Eastern Time. (Please note the date on the NCBJ website is incorrect. Nominations submitted prior to May 14 will be disregarded.) Each nomination must be in the form of correspondence from an authorized partner of the law firm, senior attorney of a governmental agency or bankruptcy judge attesting to the qualifications of the nominee to be a Next Generation Program participant. **The correspondence must include** the nominee's and nominator's full contact information including email address, the number of years the nominee has practiced law, the percentage of the nominee's practice spent on bankruptcy cases, information supporting the nominee's qualifications and any information supporting a request for a grant. Lawyers in firms with five or fewer attorneys may self-nominate but must fulfill the eligibility requirements. **The correspondence and any attachments in .pdf format must be sent by e-mail to: [NCBJNextGeneration@gmail.com](mailto:NCBJNextGeneration@gmail.com).** You should receive an automated response indicating that your application was received. Successful applicants will be notified later.

**Successful nominees must register for the NCBJ Annual Meeting in Atlanta by July 15** to reserve a place. Candidates from the waiting list will be selected to fill openings after that date.