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# THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL *EMORY BANKRUPTCY DEVELOPMENTS JOURNAL* SYMPOSIUM

## INTRODUCTION

On February 22, 2018, the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* hosted its Fifteenth Annual Symposium. Each year, the *Journal* seeks to highlight and address timely bankruptcy topics that will engage academics, practitioners, and students alike. Thanks to the help of our faculty advisor, Professor Rafael Pardo, our Advisory Board, sponsoring firms, and *Journal* staff members, this year's Symposium was a great success.

This year's Symposium featured a consumer bankruptcy panel and a corporate bankruptcy panel. The Consumer Panel explored access to consumer bankruptcy. With presentations from leading academics at the intersection of access to justice and bankruptcy law, the panelists addressed a wide range of topics, from how people recognize that their financial problems are legal problems, to the changing role of the bankruptcy Trustee in light of the Supreme Court's decision in *Midland Funding*, to cities as a source of consumer protection. The panel was moderated by Judge Austin Carter, of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Georgia.

The Corporate Panel discussed the Supreme Court's *Jevic* opinion, which raises as many questions as it answers, continues to be batted about in the lower courts, and deals with a number of matters that run the gamut of Chapter 11. The panel featured practitioners from around the country, each of whom brought unique experience and insight to the discussion.

What follows are the three articles presented by the consumer panelists, as well as a full transcript of the Corporate Panel. The *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* wishes to thank the Advisory Board members, panelists who traveled from across the country to participate, and Judge Carter, who facilitated the discussion for our Consumer Panel discussion. The Emory Law staff greatly contributed to the success of our program. Special thanks go out to Rhonda Heermans, Amy Marcellana, Corky Gallo, and Scott Andrews for

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