LAW & ECONOMICS CENTER, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Judicial Symposium on the Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform
Sunday, September 14 to Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Hotel & Classes: The Fairmont San Francisco, 650 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA 94108

Agenda

Sunday, September 14
Reception and dinner held at The Fairmont San Francisco

6:00 – 7:00 pm Registration and Reception, Fountain Room
7:00 – 9:00 pm Dinner, Crown Room

Welcome
Henry N. Butler, George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law and Executive Director, Law & Economics Center, George Mason University School of Law
Karen M. Czarnecki, Director of Education, Law & Economics Center

Monday, September 15
Classes held in the Gold Room

7:00 – 7:50 am Breakfast Venetian Room
8:00 – 8:15 am Conference Introduction and Overview
Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law

Part 1: The Background of Pensions
8:15 – 9:15 am The Financial Structure of Pensions
D. Bruce Johnsen, Professor of Law, George Mason University School of Law and Director, Mason Judicial Education Program, Law & Economics Center


9:30 – 10:45 am The Public Pension Crisis
Joshua D. Rauh, Professor of Finance, Stanford Graduate School of Business
Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Part 2: Bankruptcy: The Nuclear Option
11:00 am – 12:15 pm Bankruptcy and The Public Pension Crisis
Keynote: David A. Skeel, S. Samuel Arsh Professor of Corporate Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School


12:15 – 2:00 pm  Luncheon, Venetian Room

Viewing of “Bankrupt”
Viewing of a documentary about the City of Detroit and discussion with the film’s director
Ben C. Howe, Founder and Creative Director, Mister Smith Media and Contributor, Redstate.com

Part 3: Pension Reforms

2:15 – 3:15 pm  Pension Reform Options
Eileen C. Norcross, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University


3:30 – 4:30 pm  Legal Questions Raised by Pension Reform
Amy B. Monahan, Julius E. Davis Professor of Law, University of Minnesota School of Law


4:45 – 6:00 pm  Audience Q & A
All Speakers and Panelists

Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki

6:00 – 7:00 pm  Reception, Pavilion Room & Roof Garden

Tuesday, September 16

Classes held in the Gold Room

7:00 – 7:50 am  Breakfast Venetian Room

Part 4: An Assessment of the Economic and Legal Arguments Regarding Pension Reform

8:00 – 8:15 am  Public Choice
Todd J. Zywicki

8:15 – 9:30 am  Pension Reform in Practice
Theodore Orson, Co-Founder, Orson and Brusini Ltd.
Paul R. Glassman, Shareholder, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, PC
Henry C. Kevane, Managing Partner, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki

9:45 – 11:15 am  Economic and Legal Issues

Final Agenda
Jack M. Beermann, Harry Elwood Warren Scholar & Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law
Michael J. Podgursky, Professor of Economics, University of Missouri
Anthony M. Randazzo, Director of Economic Research, Reason Foundation
Alexander Volokh, Associate Professor of Law, Emory University School of Law

Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki


11:30 am – 12:15 pm  Roundtable Discussion
Moderator: Todd J. Zywicki

12:15 pm  Symposium Adjourns

10th Annual Meeting of the American College of Business Court Judges

Meeting held in the Gold Room

12:30 – 1:45 pm  ACBCJ Luncheon, Venetian Room
Registered members only

1:45 – 3:15 pm  Corporate Counsel Panel
Speakers TBD (4 or 5 total)

3:30 – 4:30 pm  Panel Discussion: Emerging Issues for Business Courts
Speakers TBD (4 total)

4:30 – 5:00 pm  ACBCJ Business Meeting

5:00 pm  Adjourn