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Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
King County Bar Association 1200 Fifth Avenue - Suite 700 Seattle, WA	Tuesday, May 8, 2018	12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	Environmental Claims in Insolvency Proceedings

AGENDA

12:00 PM Introduction

12:10 PM Presentation: ‘Environmental Claims in Insolvency Proceedings’, by Michael J. Gearin, K&L Gates and Brian T. Peterson, K&L Gates

- The policy conflict between bankruptcy and environmental laws
- Can environmental cleanup obligation claims be discharged in bankruptcy?
- What are environmental claims and when do they arise?
- Can property be sold free and clear of environmental claims?
- Can a lender foreclose on property that is burdened by environmental cleanup obligations?

1:15 PM Adjourn

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Michael J. Gearin, K&L Gates – Michael Gearin concentrates his practice in insolvency, workouts and commercial reorganizations. His practice is broad based, encompassing transactional, litigation and other advice in the insolvency and creditors rights arenas. He represents debtors, creditors' committees, secured creditors, purchasers, and trustees in Chapter 11 cases. He has significant experience in the representation of pension interests in municipal bankruptcy cases. He represents secured creditors, purchasers and receivers in state law receivership proceedings, and has experience in real estate workouts and bankruptcies. He has substantial experience in the resolution of Ponzi schemes through the Chapter 11 plan confirmation process. He has represented debtors and purchasers in complex asset sales transactions in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

Mr. Gearin is a past chair of the Seattle-King County Bar Association Bankruptcy Section, is a panel mediator under the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington's mediation program, and has been a frequent speaker at professional seminars on municipal bankruptcy, Chapter 11 plan confirmation, Ponzi cases in bankruptcy and other bankruptcy issues.

Brian T. Peterson, K&L Gates – Brian Peterson is an associate in the firm's Seattle office. He focuses his practice on bankruptcy and insolvency matters. He has experience representing borrowers, committees, chapter 7 and 11 trustees, creditors, and asset purchasers in connection with both transactional and litigation matters in a variety of contexts, including federal bankruptcy proceedings, state court receiverships, foreclosures, and out-of-court workouts. He has significant experience representing bankruptcy trustees in Ponzi scheme cases, including fraudulent transfer litigation. He also has experience litigating various commercial disputes in both state and federal courts, and advises clients with respect to the structuring of transactions involving distressed situations.