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Getting Admitted to the First or Second Department

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Now that you have taken the bar exam it is time to fill out the application papers. But when is the best time to file them? How do you try to expedite the process? How do you get employment affidavits and what if you can't find a past employer? How do you find attorney character affiants? Does it really matter if you have outstanding parking tickets? The panel will address all these issues and more.

Panel:

DEVIKA KEWALRAMANI is a partner and co-chair of Moses & Singer's Legal Ethics & Law Firm Practice which advises law firms, lawyers and legal departments on ethical and legal aspects of law practice. She also currently serves as the firm's general counsel, a position she has held for more than 10 years, while engaged in her ethics practice for other law firms. Devika's practice focuses on the laws that regulate lawyers. She counsels clients on issues relating to legal ethics, professional discipline, law firm risk management, and lawyer licensing and admissions. Devika also advises on ethics matters involving legal malpractice. She serves as outside ethics counsel and outside compliance counsel for law firms and corporate legal departments (including out-of-state law firms and foreign corporations with New York offices). Devika conducts ethics audits and risk management assessments for clients and develops ethics manuals for firms.

A frequent lecturer, panelist and author on legal ethics, Devika speaks to law firms, corporate legal departments, bar associations, law schools and other professional organizations around the country and regularly contributes articles to the New York Law Journal, the New York State Bar Journal and other legal publications. She is a faculty member of the Practising Law Institute and of Lawline.com. The editor of the New York State Bar Association's Journal magazine recognized Devika as author of one of the best articles of 2010: "Up Close and Professional With New York's Engagement Letter Rules" (September 2010). Her article, "Demystifying ESQrow Ethics" was featured on the front page of the New York State Bar Association Journal's May 2013 edition.

She is the Chair of the Committee on Professional Discipline of the New York City Bar Association and a member of the Advisory Board of the Ethics Institute of the New York County Lawyers' Association. In 2014, Devika achieved Super Lawyer status in the Metro Edition of New York Super Lawyers®. In 2015, she was appointed as a member of the newly

created New York Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline. The Commission will conduct a comprehensive review of the state's attorney disciplinary system and offer recommendations on improving the attorney disciplinary process. Devika was admitted to practice in New York in 1996 in the First Judicial Department. She is also admitted in Connecticut and the Southern District of New York.

KEVIN BAUM is Of Counsel at Baum & Bailey, P.C. Kevin focuses his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, commercial litigation and corporate matters. He has represented debtors, secured lenders, indenture trustees and other creditors in transactional and litigation matters concerning bankruptcy and insolvency law. He has also represented various parties in corporate transactions and commercial litigation. Prior to joining Baum & Bailey, he was an insolvency and restructuring associate at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. Kevin has also served as Adjunct Professor of Law at St. John's University School of Law, where he taught Introduction to Bankruptcy Practice: Case Analysis, an intensive legal writing course for members of the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review.

Kevin is a member of the New York City Bar Association, where he serves as a member of the Professional Discipline committee, the American Bankruptcy Institute, where he is an Editorial Board Member of the American Bankruptcy Institute's "Volo" Circuit Court Reporter Blog and formerly served as a Coordinating Editor of the American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, and the American Bar Association. Kevin has published numerous articles on bankruptcy and insolvency issues.

Kevin earned his LL.M. in Bankruptcy Law and J.D. from St. John's University School of Law, M.S. Ed. from Queens College, and his B.S. from Stony Brook University. During law school, he was an Articles Editor of the St. John's Law Review. While attending St. John's, Kevin contributed to two Supreme Court Amicus Briefs in the cases of *United Student Aid Funds v. Espinosa* and *Stern v. Marshall*.