



2021 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Thomas Canary

Mandatory questions:

1. Has your firm been a NCBA Firm Member in good standing for two (2) consecutive years? Yes
2. Have you attended an NCBA Event (Conference or Executive Experience) in the past two years? Yes

Optional questions:

3. In what city and state do you practice?

Louisville, KY. The main office is in Cleveland, OH

4. How long have you been a creditors' rights attorney? 37 years

5. What is the name of the law firm member for which you work? Keith D. Weiner & Associates, L.P.A.

6. What is your current job title and duties? Senior attorney. I handle and supervise the staff for the firm's bankruptcy work in KY, IN and WV. I also practice bankruptcy cases, primarily, in KY and WV. I also supervise the replevin staff and attorney for that work in KY, WV and IN. I practice replevin cases in KY, WV and some in IN.

7. What are your two main practice areas (e.g. bankruptcy, credit card, compliance, etc.)?

Bankruptcy and Replevin

8. Have you served as a Committee or Task Force Chair or Co-Chair in the past three (3) years? Of which Committees or Task Forces?

Yes. Current co-chair in the Education Pillar. Former co-chair of the Bankruptcy Section

9. Provide a list of professional articles or presentations that you have done. Please list the date and whether the presentation was for the NCBA.

For the past year:

Panelist before the National Bankruptcy Conference on Secured Credit

Panelist at the National Association of Chapter Thirteen Trustees on proposed Chapter 10

Panelist for the Consumer Bankruptcy Boot Camp to be presented at the Kentucky Bar Association's Annual Conference

University of KY College of Law Consumer Bankruptcy Conference – panelist on case law update.

University of KY Collect of Law Collection Law Conference – FDCPA Update

Northern Kentucky Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section panelist – 60 tips in 60 seconds.

10. Are you involved in state advocacy through an SCBA or NCBA chapter?

No. KY does not have an active SCBA.

11. Have you served on a Board of Directors (or similar governing body) previously? Please describe
Current member of the Board for the NCBA.

12. Describe some of your leadership roles or describe what qualities you possess that make you a strong leader.

I am the 2009 recipient of the NCBA President's Award for my work in education. I have been accepted as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, having been nominated by local attorneys, judges and trustees, and approved by a similar group both at the circuit and national levels. I was the previous owner of my own law firm that was "A" ranked by Martindale Hubble. I feel these awards show my commitment to our practice of law and my desire to be inclusive of others in order to help teach the next generation of creditors' rights attorneys

13. Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors for NCBA?

I want to continue my work with the Education Pillar. I believe we need to continue to diversify the content and delivery mechanisms for the betterment of all NCBA members. I want to continue present offerings on all subjects of interest to our members. Lastly, I would like to use this term to mentor and hopefully find that next generation of NCBA leaders

14. How will you help NCBA advance its mission statement?

The NCBA Mission Statement is: "The National Creditors Bar Association supports, promotes, and protects the practice of creditors rights law while ensuring fair treatment for all." Education of our members, legislatures, clients, proponents and opponents is key to accomplishing our Mission.

15. What motivates you to do excellent work?

Excellent results come from excellent work. Whether done individually or with a team, there is personal and professional satisfaction from a job well done.

16. What is your ideal level of interaction with the other board members?

Often and open. The Board works very well together. Divergent ideas are encouraged and discussed openly with the respect and decorum vital to a well-run, high-achieving organization.

17. What is the biggest challenge facing our industry? What do you recommend we do to overcome that challenge?

Perception as the "bad guy". Our members strive daily to respect the legal system and all involved, including the consumers. It is lost on many that by our properly engaging with a consumer that has a credit difficulty, we can afford them some peace of mind by working with them within their means. We have been persistent and are slowly changing that mind set, but it is a slow and arduous path. Advocacy, good works, and education of all involved is how we can overcome that challenge.

18. What do you recommend doing to increase participation in NCBA by younger and/or newer attorneys, or new members of NCBA?

This is best done in person. I suggest we have a session with tables representing each of the pillars, with information and volunteer signup sheets available. We also need to target and encourage the senior members, owners and management of the member firms to allow the younger members to be involved. There may be misperceptions on the time commitment and we need to alleviate that concern.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Good luck with your campaign. We have just one more question for you:

19. Is there anything else you would like the NCBA Membership to know about you?

I have served the organization for a number of years. Ask anyone with whom I work; I still have the energy and desire to push the Association's agenda. I have a keen interest to continue to serve.