



# The American College of Bankruptcy First Circuit Fellows and Boston College Law School present:

Recent years have seen a new surge in retail bankruptcies, featuring such familiar names as Eastern Mountain Sports, Radio Shack, Aeropostale, Pac Sun, Sports Authority, American Apparel and The Limited.

These bankruptcy filings are occurring amidst enormous changes in the retail industry, driven in large part by the rapid growth of internet retailing. Those changes, in turn, are having a profound impact on related businesses, including retail liquidations, private equity and real estate development.

To better understand these trends, this year's Symposium will present two panels. The first will be comprised of retail business leaders, sharing their insights on the business conditions that are driving retail trends. The second panel will consist of individuals who have played key roles in recent bankruptcies – including in the Aeropostale Chapter 11 – who will discuss how the business trends are shaping strategies in retail bankruptcy cases.

## Bankruptcy Experts

**Judge Sean Lane**  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court,  
Southern District of New York

**Jacqueline Marcus**  
Weil Gotshal & Manges

**Michael O'Hara**  
Consensus Advisors

**David Pollack**  
Ballard Spahr LLP

**Bradford Sandler**  
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

**Moderator: James Wallack**  
Goulston & Storrs PC

## Business Panel

**Kenneth Frieze**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Gordon Brothers

**Lisa Gavales**  
Chairman and CEO, Things Remembered

**Paul Halpern**  
Chief Investment Officer,  
Versa Capital Management

**Chris Weilminster**  
President, Mixed-Use Division  
Federal Realty Investment Trust

**Mark Weinberg**  
Chief Financial Officer, Rue La La

**Moderator: Michael Goldberg**  
Casner & Edwards, LLP

# The Future of Retail

## How Rapid Changes in the Retail Economy Are Affecting Bankruptcy Practice

**March 31, 2017**

Boston College Law School

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Reception to follow

885 Centre Street

Newton, Massachusetts

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Please join us for  
this timely and  
interesting discussion.

**Registration is requested:** We ask that you RSVP on or before **March 20, 2017**.  
There is no charge for the program. Click here to register or for more information:  
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