

# 2024 SPRING SEMINAR



## GUEST SPEAKERS

### Keynote Speaker



Honorable  
Andrew S. Williams



Amy Thompson, Esq.  
*Bankruptcy*



Cari Sheehan, Esq.  
*ChatGPT*



Deanna Marquez  
*Excel*

### Session I - Importance of Mental Health

**9:00 - 10:30 a.m. (live)**

Judge Williams is our Keynote Speaker for the 2024 NIPA Spring Seminar. Judge Williams will discuss civil commitments, mental health resources, and ways the legal community can stay on top of their own mental health.

### Session II - Bankruptcy

**10:45 - 12:15 p.m. (live)**

More detailed information coming soon!

### Session III - Tech Ethics and Chat GPT

**1:15 - 2:45 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Cari will discuss ethics of AI under the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, ChatGPT, platforms and benefits of AI, and privacy, surveillance, intellectual property, and cybersecurity. Register if you want to upgrade your tech skills and earn an ethics credit!

### Session IV - Microsoft Excel

**3:00 - 4:30 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Deanna will discuss best practices in spreadsheet structuring, automatic color coding, basic/advanced sort vs filter, print settings, and more. Register if you want to upgrade your Excel skills!



**Thursday, April 25, 2024**

The Ventura Room  
200 East Main Street  
1st Source Banking Center  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802



## Session I - Honorable Andrew S. Williams

Allen County Superior Court Judge and the county's mental health judge, Andrew Williams, who held the first-ever Northeastern Indiana Regional Mental Health Summit in the September 2023 to bring together the players – treatment providers, law enforcement, the judicial system, government services, mental health victims, and their families and friends, is the Keynote Speaker for the 2024 NIPA Spring Seminar. Judge Williams will discuss civil commitments, mental health resources, and ways the legal community can stay on top of their own mental health.

## Session II - Amy Thompson

Amy primarily practices in the areas of commercial and consumer banking, as well as business law. With 5 years of legal experience preceded by 13 years in the banking and finance industry, Amy advises financial institutions with commercial loan workouts, foreclosures, bankruptcies and other creditors' rights issues as well as advising on landlord/tenant matters.

Amy holds dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Management and Human Resources as well as a MBA from Indiana Tech. She received her Juris Doctor from Indiana Tech Law School.



## Session III - Cari Sheehan

Cari Sheehan is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Business Law and Ethics with the IU Kelley School of Business – Indianapolis where she teaches courses in Business Law and Ethics. She also teaches courses at the Robert H. McKinney School of Law – Indianapolis, including Torts and Appellate Practice and Procedure. In addition, she is a frequent seminar speaker for several national continuing legal education platforms on various ethical and legal topics. She also gives seminars locally for the Association of Corporate Counsel ("ACC") and the Indiana State Bar Association. Ms. Sheehan's career has been dedicated to the study of law, with a particular focus on ethical issues in the legal and business professions.



## Session IV - Deanna Marquez

Deanna began her legal technology career nearly 25 years ago working internally at an Indianapolis based law firm in the IT department and eventually transitioning to litigation support. Over the years Deanna has worked both internally at law firms and externally as a consultant primarily in the roles of application support and litigation support. Deanna's strengths lie in strategically identifying solutions to business problems through process improvement and implementation of technology. She strives to continually share knowledge in creative ways to help provide efficiencies and real-world applications to others, specifically in a legal setting.



## SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Preregistration is strongly encouraged to ensure you receive your Zoom link prior to the Seminar. If you are planning to preregister, please use the provided form. If you register within three days of the Seminar, please contact Sarah White (sarah\_white@fwmetals.com) to receive your Zoom link. Please register me for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Session I (1.5 CLE) \_\_\_\_\_ Session II (1.5 CLE) \_\_\_\_\_ Session III (1.5 Ethics CLE)

\_\_\_\_\_ Session IV(1.5 CLE) \_\_\_\_\_ All Sessions (6 CLE)

### Registration Fees:

NIPA Members: \$50.00 per Session or \$150.00 for All Sessions

Non-Members: \$65.00 per Session or \$195.00 for All Sessions

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