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## ABC Update

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### Exciting Developments at the ABC

#### ABC Prep Course

When I have attended conferences sponsored by ABI, so many people have expressed a hesitation regarding the certification exam. It has always seemed like such a tall mountain to climb, or an obstacle to overcome.

Well, relax! With ABI's generous support and assistance, a prep course has been unveiled, and many new applicants have been taking advantage of it. Becoming board certified is an excellent way for bankruptcy lawyers to market their skills and set themselves apart from colleagues.

Every day, the American Board of Certification (ABC) staff receives phone calls from the public asking for an expert to assist them. The public has learned to choose a board-certified expert for their legal matters, just as everyone has been asking for board-certified expertise in the medical field when choosing a specific doctor or specialist.

Where do you find the prep course? If you look on the ABC's website ([abcworld.org](http://abcworld.org)), the course is located on the home page. Click on the link and find out more at [abi.org/abcprep](http://abi.org/abcprep). Start learning today!

The ABC Prep Course is a five-part, on-demand video that covers all aspects of the ABC exam. Another nice feature of the prep course is that an applicant will earn six hours of CLE credit by taking the course, and that includes one hour of ethics. This ABC Prep Course would never have become a reality without the tireless efforts of ABI Executive Director **Samuel Gerdano** and ABI staff.

There are three parts to the exam. The first part is "Bankruptcy Multiple Choice," which consists of 50 general multiple-choice questions. The second part is the "Bankruptcy Ethics" essay, and the third part is the "Subspecialty" essay (either business bankruptcy or consumer bankruptcy).

#### ABC Blog and Social Media

The ABC also has a new blog, which is located at [abcworld.org](http://abcworld.org). Check back frequently to read testimonials about how certification has enhanced our members' legal practices and their professional development! Many thanks to ABC Marketing Chair **Kirk B. Burkley** (Bernstein-Burkley, PC; Pittsburgh) for launching the new ABC blog. He has also been responsible for launching ABC's social media efforts. You can also follow the ABC on LinkedIn and Twitter @ABCWorldorg. [abi](#)

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