

2026

CONTINUING LEARNING EDUCATION WEEKEND

THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCIAL FINANCE ATTORNEYS, INC.

REGISTRATION

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JUNE
4-6
2026



THE NEWBURY
BOSTON, MA

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES



CLE PROGRAMMING



LODGING & MEALS



**COCKTAIL PARTIES &
NETWORKING**

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

HISTORICAL TOUR

DINE AROUNDS

AND MORE!

The Newbury

B O S T O N



Attendees of this year's CLEW will enjoy accommodations at The Newbury, a true Boston landmark blending timeless elegance with modern sophistication. First opened in 1927 as one of the original Ritz-Carlton hotels in the United States, The Newbury has been thoughtfully reimaged by three world-renowned designers into the stunning 286-room property it is today.

Perfectly positioned at the entrance of Newbury Street and directly overlooking the Boston Common, the hotel offers the ideal balance of world-class shopping, historic charm, and serene green space—placing the best of Boston right at your doorstep. Inside, The Newbury is every bit as exceptional as its location. Guest rooms and suites feature plush bedding, elegant furnishings, luxurious bathrooms stocked with Byredo amenities, and, in some suites, working fireplaces that create an unforgettable stay. Beyond the rooms, the hotel's glamorous lobby, stately fitness center, and intimate guest-only library lounge—complete with a fireplace and curated book collection—elevate every moment.

From its storied history and impeccable design to its exceptional dining and unmatched location, The Newbury offers a luxurious retreat—a place where comfort, style, and Boston's rich character all come together.

2026 ACFA CLEW

**\$2495 EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION FEE**

INCLUDES:

(\$2595 AFTER MARCH 31ST)

- Thursday-Saturday Accommodations for up to 2 people at The Newbury
- Thursday Welcome Reception
- Friday Breakfast Buffet
- Friday Night Reception and Dinner
- Saturday Breakfast Buffet
- All CLEs and refreshments throughout the day
- Access to additional activities planned



This year's CLEW kicks off Thursday with an opening meeting and welcome reception, followed by optional dinner rounds at some of Boston's best restaurants.

Friday begins with a breakfast buffet before classes start at 8:00 a.m., and attendees can enjoy an optional social activity that afternoon before the Friday evening dinner.

On Saturday, enjoy another breakfast buffet before our final morning of programming, concluding at noon. We'll cover a range of timely and compelling topics, including commercial finance, UCC and bankruptcy developments, ethics and professionalism, diversity, and lawyering across generations. Attendees can earn 13.5 CLE credits throughout the weekend.

REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 1, 2026

REGISTER ONLINE AT ACFALAW.ORG

CLE Agenda At a Glance

Thursday June 4, 2026

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
The Gotchas that
Getcha

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Annual UCC &
Commercial Law
Update

Friday June 5, 2026

8:00 am – 10:00 am
Annual Bankruptcy
Update

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Walking Tour of the
UCC

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
UCC Jeopardy– What
are the Article 9 Basics

Saturday June 6, 2026

8:00 am – 9:00 am
Diversity

9:00 am – 10:00 am
Lawyering Across
Generations

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ruminations on Ethics &
Professionalism Part XIV



Thursday, June 4, 2026

The Gotchas that Getcha: Selected Commercial Finance Issues (1 CLE)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lisa Kresge, Esq.

Brennan Scungio & Kresge LLP
Providence, RI

Brandy Rapp, Esq.

Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP
Roanoke, VA

Annual UCC & Commercial Law Update (3 CLE)

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Penny Christophorou, Esq.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
New York, NY

Janet Nadile, Esq.

Milbank LLP
New York, NY

Edwin Smith, Esq.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Boston, MA

Steven Weise, Esq.

Proskauer Rose LLP
Los Angeles, CA

Friday, June 5, 2026

Annual Bankruptcy Update (2 CLE)

8:00 am – 10:00 am

The Honorable Lisa G. Beckerman

US Bankruptcy Judge – Southern District of New York

Daniel Besikof, Esq.

Lowenstein Sandler LLP

New York, NY

Chris Jones, Esq.

Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P.

Falls Church, VA

Stephen Falanga, Esq.

Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP

Newark, NJ

A Walking Tour of the UCC; Visit the Hidden Transactional Gems Known Only to Insiders (2 CLE)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Robert A. Zadek, Esq.

Buchalter

San Diego, CA

UCC Jeopardy! – What are the Article 9 Basics (1 CLE)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Scott A. Lessne, Esq.

Crowell & Moring LLP

Ruta Trivedi, Esq.

Crowell & Moring LLP

James Schulwolf, Esq.

Shipman & Goodwin LLP

Friday Afternoon & Evening

Friday afternoon is yours to enjoy, with lunch on your own.

At 2:00 p.m., attendees who have signed up are invited to regroup and join us for a Mobsters and Lobsters tour of Boston. This guided experience offers a lively look at the city's colorful history, combining iconic sights with engaging stories of Boston's notorious past.

Following the tour, the group will reconvene for the reception dinner at the hotel at 7:00 p.m., providing an opportunity to relax, continue conversations, and enjoy the evening together.

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Diversity (1 CLE)

8:00 am-9:00 am

Suhuyini Abudulai, Esq.
Borden Ladner Gervais
Toronto, Canada

Peter Sullivan, Esq.
Borden Ladner Gervais
Toronto, Canada

Lawyering Across Generations (1 CLE)

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Ciara Sprance, Esq.
Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP
Wilmington, DE

Stephanie Stephens, Esq.
Ballard Saphr LLP
Seattle, WA

Jaime Judefind
Potter Anderson & Caroon LLP
Wilmington, DE

James C. Schulwolf, Esq.
Shipman & Goodwin LLP
Hartford, CT

Ruminations on Ethics & Professionalism, Part XIV (2 CLE)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

R. Marshall Grodner, Esq.
Adams & Reese, LLP
Baton Rouge, LA

Aukse Joiner, Esq.
Adams & Reese, LLP
Baton Rouge, LA

Skyler Tanner, Esq.
Parr Brown Gee & Loveless
Salt Lake City, UT



Social Opportunities

Thursday Evening Dine-Arounds

Join fellow attendees for small-group dinners at pre-reserved restaurants located within walking distance or a quick Uber ride from the hotel. These 8–10 person dine-arounds are a great way to reconnect with familiar faces and meet new members—without the stress of securing your own reservation on night one. Each guest pays individually, but the experience is shared. Come enjoy good food and good conversation to the weekend.

Sign-ups will be circulated once members register for the CLEW.

Tour of Boston Mobsters and Lobsters

Step beyond the guidebooks and into Boston's shadowed past. This immersive, privately narrated experience dives deep into the city's gritty underworld, bringing to life thrilling tales of the Italian Mafia and the Irish Mob. Guests will hear gripping stories of notorious crime bosses, unsolved mysteries, and daring heists—including the Brink's Robbery and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist—woven together with rich Boston history.

Sign up upon CLEW registration



Beyond the Conference

Shopping

- Newbury Street – Boutiques, fashion, and unique local shops
- Faneuil Hall Marketplace – Shops, street performers, and local goods
- Prudential Center Mall – Upscale shopping and dining
- Copley Place Mall – Designer stores and luxury brands
- Quincy Market – Souvenirs and artisanal foods

Activities & Attractions

- Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum – Interactive Revolutionary history
- Boston Duck Tours – Land and water tour of city landmarks
- Freedom Trail Walking Tour – Explore Boston's historic sites
- Fenway Park – Iconic home of the Boston Red Sox
- Museum of Fine Arts – Art from around the world
- Boston Harbor Cruises – Scenic harbor and sunset tours
- New England Aquarium – Marine life exhibits and IMAX theater

Coffee & Cafés

- The Bittersweet Shoppe – Newbury Street favorite
- Central Park Café – Cozy spot for coffee and light bites
- Trident Booksellers & Café – Books + coffee in one
- Dunkin' Donuts – 715 Boylston St
- Starbucks – 230 Newbury St
- Tatte Bakery & Café – Bakery treats and espresso
- Blue Bottle Coffee – Specialty coffee roasts
- Thinking Cup – Local favorite for pastries & espresso

[Interactive map here](#)



Bookstores

- Trident Booksellers & Café – Coffee + books
- Posman Books – Unique selections and gifts
- Beacon Hill Books & Café – Independent bookstore charm
- Brattle Book Shop – Historic used and rare books

Other Experiences

- Boston Common & Public Garden – Historic park with swan boats
- Charles River Esplanade – Walking, biking, and sunset strolls
- North End – Little Italy, dining, and pastries
- Boston Symphony Orchestra – Classical music performances