



Research Network on Public Authorities and Financial Distress (RPAFD) Virtual Seminar on “Local Authorities” 23 February 2024 @ 2.00 pm GMT

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14:00 – 14:15 | Welcome & Introduction

- Prof Laura Coordes (Arizona State University)

Professor Laura Coordes will introduce the RPAFD network. It will speak of its structure and goals, as well as the next steps of this exciting project.



14:15 – 14:35 | Local Authorities

How do we determine what a “local authority” is? Join Professor Laura Coordes (Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law) as she speaks with [Professor Bruce Markell](#) (Northwestern Pritzker School of Law) about the meaning of a “municipality” under U.S. bankruptcy law and how eligibility for municipal bankruptcy is determined in the United States. Professor Markell is a former United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Nevada and the author of a leading opinion on classifying local authorities.

- Prof Bruce Markell (Northwestern Pritzker School of Law)

14:30 – 14:50 | Q&A

Please engage in a discussion with Professors Bruce Markell and Laura Coordes on the meaning of “local authority” in your jurisdiction, and feel free to ask any questions arising from the presentation. This is also an opportunity to ask questions about the network, and the next steps of our research.

14:50 – 15:00 | Closing remarks

- Prof Emanuele Padovani (University of Bologna)
- Dr Lino André (University of Essex)



IMPORTANT: The meeting will be recorded. The presentation from Professor Bruce Markell and potentially some of the questions will be uploaded on our [YouTube channel](#) (please subscribe and share).

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