

**LOCAL RULE 9010-1**  
**Admission, Discipline, Suspension and Disbarment**

(a) *Definitions* - As used in this Rule, "the Bankruptcy Court" means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan. As used in this Rule, "practice in the Bankruptcy Court" has the meaning prescribed for "practice in this Court" in W.D. Mich. LCivR 83.1(a)(iv) (a copy of which may be obtained from the District Court Clerk's office).

(b) *Admission, Suspension, and Disbarment* - Except as provided in subsection (c) and section 304(g) of Pub. L. 103-394, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4106 (providing special rules for child support creditors and their representatives), W.D. Mich. LCivR 83.1 governs the admission, suspension, discipline, and disbarment of an attorney or law student who seeks to practice in the Bankruptcy Court, or who is practicing in the Bankruptcy Court, as the case may be. An attorney or law student who is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan is admitted to practice in the Bankruptcy Court. If a person files a written complaint with the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan as contemplated in W.D. Mich. LCivR 83.1(k)(ii) (Initiation of Proceedings), and if the allegations in the complaint are related to proceedings before the Bankruptcy Court, a copy of the complaint shall be contemporaneously filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court.

(c) *Discipline Other Than Suspension or Disbarment* - A bankruptcy judge may impose discipline, except suspension or disbarment, on any attorney who engages in conduct violating the Rules of Professional Conduct; willfully violates these Rules, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, or orders of the Bankruptcy Court; or engages in other conduct unbecoming of a member of the bar of the Bankruptcy Court. Prior to the imposition of discipline, the attorney shall be afforded an opportunity to show good cause, within such time as the Bankruptcy Court shall prescribe, why the discipline should not be imposed. Upon the attorney's response to show cause, and after hearing, if requested and allowed by the bankruptcy judge, or upon expiration of the time prescribed for a response if no response is made, the Bankruptcy Court shall enter an appropriate order.