



5th Annual Conference Debtors Bar of West Michigan

Monday, January 19, 2015



**Grand Valley State University
L.V. EBERHARD CENTER
301 Fulton St. W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

**Featured Speaker:
Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff**

Registration Office: DBWM, c/o Michael McPhillips, 121 W Apple St., Ste 101, Hastings MI 49058. Phone: 269-945-3512

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SEMINAR SCHEDULE

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.: Continental Breakfast & Registration
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m.: **Opening Remarks**
Martin L. Rogalski
President Debtors Bar of Western Michigan
- 9:00 – 10:00a.m.: **Chapter 13 Plan National Plan**
Honorable Eugene R. Wedoff – Featured Speaker
United States Bankruptcy Court - Northern District of Illinois
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.: **Refreshments & Vendor Exhibits**
- 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.: **Judge’s Panel**
Honorable Scott W. Dales
United States Bankruptcy Court - Western District of Michigan
Honorable James W. Boyd
United States Bankruptcy Court - Western District of Michigan
Honorable John T. Gregg
United States Bankruptcy Court - Western District of Michigan
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.: **Awards Ceremony**
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.: **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.: **Pre-bankruptcy Planning**
A.Todd Almassian
Keller & Almassian, PLC
John T. Piggins
Miller Johnson
Peter A. Teholiz
The Hubbard Law Firm, PC
- 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.: **Saving the House & Foreclosure**
Karen M. Tjapkes
Legal Aid of West Michigan
Elizabeth M. Abood-Carroll
Orlans Associates, PC
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.: Refreshments & Vendor Exhibits
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.: **Chapter 7 Trustees Panel: Bloopers & Practical Tips**
David C. Andersen - Chair
David Andersen & Associates, PC
Lisa E. Gocha
Chapter 7 Trustee

Marcia R. Meoli
Chapter 7 Trustee
Jeff A. Moyer
Chapter 7 Trustee

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.: Closing Remarks

4:15 – ? DBWM Business Meeting and On-site Social Reception

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: For those requiring accommodations there are several options close to the conference center including those which are listed below. Hotel Reservations are your responsibility, please make sure they are made in advance to assure availability.

Holiday Inn Grand Rapids

310 Pearl Street NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 235-7611

JW Marriott Grand Rapids

235 Louis Campau NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 242-1500

Courtyard Downtown

11 Monroe Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 242-6000

CONFERENCE ATTIRE: Casual.

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING: A City of Grand Rapids Parking Map is also attached. G.V.S.U. L.V. Eberhard Center has two parking areas (13 and 15). Area 13 is for handicapped parking only. Area 15 is located directly across the street on Fulton. There is no fee for parking in either of these lots.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES: Early Registration fees apply if postmarked by 12/31/14.

Debtors Bar Member: \$175 (Includes 2015 membership dues.); add \$50 if postmarked after 12/31/14

Non-Member Attorney: \$200; add \$50 if postmarked after 12/31/14

New DBWM Member : \$190 (Please note-if you are not currently a member of the DBWM but are eligible and meet membership qualifications you must pay \$190 fee which will include your 2015 Membership dues. Those not eligible to become members must pay the \$200.00 fee for attendance at the seminar.) Add \$50 if postmarked after 12/31/14.

Paralegal/Non-Attorney Staff Member/Government Worker: \$90; add \$50 if postmarked after 12/31/14

CANCELLATION POLICY: No Refunds.

ATTENTION MARQUETTE ATTORNEYS

THE SEMINAR WILL BE SIMULCAST LIVE FROM

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Conference Registration

Name: _____ Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Register and pay online at www.debtorsbar.com!

Conference Registration:

- _____ Attorneys at Member Rate - \$ 175, After 12/31/14 \$225 \$ _____
- _____ Attorneys at New Member Rate - \$190, After 12/31/14 \$240 \$ _____
- _____ Attorneys at Non-Member Rate - \$200, After 12/31/14 \$250 \$ _____
- _____ Paralegal/Non-Attorney, Govt Staff Rate – \$90, After 12/31/14 \$140 \$ _____
- _____ Materials only - \$50 (included in seminar cost) \$ _____
- _____ Attending Onsite Social (Free)
- _____ Check here if attending from Marquette

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM, RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (if eligible) & CHECK (Made out to Debtors Bar of Western Michigan) TO: Debtors Bar of West Michigan, c/o Michael McPhillips, 121 W Apple St., Ste 101, Hastings MI 49058. Questions: Call Michael McPhillips (269)-945-3512; Kim Young (269)-945-3512; or Jeremy Shephard at (616)-784-1700.

Please complete the portion below if you are a renewing member or new member. Others can disregard

2015 Membership/Renewal Application Form

Please note that your membership is personal and is effective commencing January 1st of every year.

_____ Membership Renewal _____ New Member

- By signing this form, I am affirming that I am a licensed attorney in good standing with State and/or Federal Bar and in the Western District of Michigan I primarily represent Debtors.
- I further acknowledge and agree with the mission statement as follows: We are an advocacy organization whose purpose is to educate, increase the knowledge and the competence of attorneys who represent debtors, to advance the study of bankruptcy law and debtor law, to promote the administration of justice; to uphold a high standard for the judiciary, the trustees, and attorneys; to encourage cordial and friendly relations among members of the legal profession; and to be involved in advancing the rights of debtors.

_____ **I want to be on the DBWM listserv and website.** New members will be added.

- I agree to consider and maintain all communications made on the listserv and website as privileged, co-counsel communications (which includes not disclosing the content or substance of any communication to anyone other than a member of the group, even a member of my own office or firm, unless s/he is also a member of this listserv)."

Signature: _____ Date: _____