

27TH ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR
FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Educational Chair: Hon. Scott W. Dales
Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Michigan

Seminar Chair: Barbara P. Foley, Esq.
Standing Chapter 13 Trustee

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration

Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, Michigan

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

4th Annual Dennis Chamberlain Friending Reception – All invited. Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres; FBA Awards;
Opportunity to meet **Keynote Speaker~ Jake Halpern**

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast

SESSION I

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

PART I: BANKRUPTCY BASICS, AN OVERVIEW

Presenters: Moderator: Hon. James D. Gregg
Judge - Retired
United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Michigan

Panelists: Anne M. Lawton, Esq.
Professor, MSU College of Law
East Lansing, MI

Benjamin M. White, Esq.
White Law Office
Ada, MI

**PART I: ELECTRONICALLY STORED
INFORMATION AND DISCOVERY ISSUES IN
BANKRUPTCY**

Presenters: Moderator: Hon. Phillip J. Shefferly
Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Michigan
Detroit, MI

Panelists: Judith Greenstone Miller, Esq.
Partner
Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C.
Southfield, MI

Scott A. Kane, Esq.
Partner
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
Cincinnati, Ohio

Tarek Ghalayini, Esq.
Director, Alix Partners
New York, NY

ATTORNEY FEE ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS

Presenters:	Moderator:	Hon. Daniel S. Opperman United States Bankruptcy Judge Eastern District of Michigan
	Panelists:	Brett N. Rodgers, Esq. Chapter 13 Trustee Western District of Michigan Grand Rapids, MI
		Michael V. Maggio, Esq. Attorney-Advisor, Office of the U. S. Trustee Grand Rapids, MI
		Andrew J. Gerdes, Esq. Capital Bankruptcy East Lansing, MI

SESSION II 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

PART II: BANKRUPTCY BASICS, AN OVERVIEW

Presenters:	Moderator:	Hon. James D. Gregg Judge - Retired United States Bankruptcy Court Western District of Michigan
	Panelists:	Anne M. Lawton, Esq. Professor, MSU College of Law East Lansing, MI
		Benjamin M. White, Esq. White Law Office Ada, MI

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SPECIAL CHAPTER 7 ASSET ISSUES

Presenters: Dean E. Rietberg, Esq.
Trial Attorney, Office of the United States Trustee
Grand Rapids, MI

Patricia Joan Scott, Esq.
Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC
Lansing, MI

Elisabeth M. Von Eitzen, Esq.
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP
Grand Rapids, MI

**IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, WHAT WOULD
YOU DECIDE?** Small group discussion (limited to 25
registrants) Hypotheticals and discussion based on new cases
– Advanced preparation required.

Presenters: Steven L. Rayman, Esq.
Rayman & Knight P.C.
Kalamazoo, MI

David A. Lerner, Esq.
Plunkett Cooney
Bloomfield Hills, MI

SESSION III 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

CHAPTER 13 ~ BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

Presenters: Moderator: Brett N. Rodgers, Esq.
Chapter 13 Trustee
Western District of Michigan
Grand Rapids, MI

Panelists: Elizabeth T. Clark, Esq.
Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Trustee Brett N. Rodgers
Grand Rapids, MI

Courtney K. Roberts, Esq.
Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Trustee Barbara Foley
Kalamazoo, MI

Kurt A. Steinke, Esq.
Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Trustee Barbara Foley
Kalamazoo, MI

**INTERPLAY BETWEEN BANKRUPTCY LAW,
RULES AND CRIMINAL LAW**

Presenters: Michelle M. Wilson, Esq.
Trial Attorney, Office of the United States Trustee
Grand Rapids, MI

Norman C. Witte, Esq.
Witte Law Offices, PLLC
Lansing, MI

Michael A. MacDonald, Esq.
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Office of the United States Attorney
Grand Rapids, MI

**STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR OUT-OF-
COURT WORKOUTS AND RESTRUCTURINGS**

Presenters: Moderator: Hon. John T. Gregg
United States Bankruptcy Judge
Western District of Michigan

Panelists: Rozanne M. Giunta, Esq.
Lambert Leser
Bay City, MI

Robert D. Wolford, Esq.
Miller Johnson
Grand Rapids, MI

ADR IN BANKRUPTCY CASES

Presenters:

Kelly M. Hagan, Esq.
Chapter 7 Trustee
Hagan Law Offices PLC
Traverse City, MI

Peggy L. MacDougall, Esq.
Resolution Services Center
Lansing, MI

Robert E. Lee Wright, Esq.
Attorney/Mediator & Arbitrator
The Peace Talks PLC
Grand Rapids, MI

SESSION IV 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Jake Halpern, author of Bad Paper: Chasing Debt from Wall Street to the Underworld. What happens when a banker and an armed robber go into business together to buy \$1.5 billion worth of bad debt? In his new real-life thriller Bad Paper, acclaimed writer and Fulbright Scholar Jake Halpern dives into the Wild West of consumer debt collection. The result is a dazzling keynote speech about corporate accountability and consumer confidence, the lives of real Americans, and the economic and societal impacts of debt.

12:00 p.m.

Debtors' Bar of West Michigan Annual Meeting
(Members Only)

1:00 p.m. (approx.)

Golf

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

SESSION I 8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

Moderator:

Hon. Scott W. Dales
Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Michigan

SESSION II 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Presenters:

Paul I. Bare, Esq.
Bare & Clough PC
Traverse City, MI

Carroll Gibbs Clough, Esq.
Bare & Clough PC
Traverse City, MI

Breakfast Buffet and JUDGES' ROUND TABLE: BREAKFAST WITH JUDGES

PRE-FILING TRANSFERS, ISSUES, LIABILITIES

Scott A. Chernich, Esq.
Chapter 7 Trustee
Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC
Lansing, MI

Kevin M. Smith, Esq.
Beadle Smith PLC
Rochester Hills, MI

Repeat IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, WHAT WOULD YOU DECIDE? Small group discussion (limited to 25 registrants) Hypotheticals and discussion based on new cases– Advanced preparation required.

Presenters:

Steven L. Rayman, Esq.
Rayman & Knight P.C.
Kalamazoo, MI

David Lerner, Esq.
Plunkett Cooney
Bloomfield Hills, MI

CLASH OF THE TITANS, INTERSECTION OF BANKRUPTCY AND STATE LAWS

Presenters:

Moderator:

Hon. Scott W. Dales
Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy
Western District of Michigan

Panelists:

Hon. Christopher P. Yates
Judge, 17th Circuit Court
Grand Rapids, MI

Sarah A. Williams, Esq.
Capital Bankruptcy
East Lansing, MI

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Kurt A. Steinke, Esq.
Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Trustee Barbara Foley
Kalamazoo, MI

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Break

SESSION III 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

**RECENT DECISIONS IMPACTING
BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE IN THE WESTERN
DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

Presenters: Moderator: Hon. James W. Boyd
United States Bankruptcy Court Judge
Western District of Michigan

Panelists: Thomas D. DeCarlo, Esq.
Staff Attorney Chapter 13 Trustee
For Trustee David Ruskin
Detroit, MI

Laura J. Genovich, Esq.
Chapter 7 Trustee
Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC
Grand Rapids, MI

10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

SESSION IV 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**WESTERN DISTRICT BANKRUPTCY JUDGES
PANEL: A YEAR IN REVIEW, A YEAR AHEAD**

Hon. Scott W. Dales
Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Michigan

Hon. James W. Boyd
United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Michigan

Hon. John T. Gregg
United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Michigan

Seminar and hotel reservation: <http://fbabankruptcy.com>

Hotel reservations: Rooms are held at Crystal Mountains, Michigan starting at \$189.00 plus tax per night. The reservation link is found at <http://fbabankruptcy.com>.

Cut off for conference rooms is JUNE 29, 2015. Please note that after the **cut-off date JUNE 29, 2015** you will have to call to book your room-- based on availability.

Rooms will be held until **JUNE 29, 2015**. Crystal mountain reservation information: The Group Reservations Department can be reached at 1-888-968-7686 ext. 6650 groupreservations@crystalmountain.com or fax number is 231-378-4879.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 29, 2015 DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. (Available through <http://fbabankruptcy.com>.)

GOLF EVENT This is an optional event. The FBA has a limited number of tee times reserved for Friday afternoon, starting approximately 1:00 at Betsie Valley and Mountain Ridge. The cost is \$85.00, including green fees, carts, gifts and prizes. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!** Any tee time not reserved before July 7, 2015 will be released.

Golf reservations are made with the Conference Registration. We are unable to refund any golf fees after July 7, 2015. If you have any questions regarding golf, please contact Bob Wolford at (616) 831-1726 or Ben White at (616) 920-1932.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES – AGAIN - we are pleased to announce **NO INCREASE** in seminar fees. The conference fee is **\$295.00 for attorneys and \$245.00 for all others.** A \$50.00 late fee will be charged to all reservations received on or after July 1, 2015. The conference fee is waived for judicial law clerks, judges, and conference speakers.

SEMINAR CANCELLATION POLICY Notice of cancellation received **before** July 1, 2015, will result in a full seminar registration refund; cancellations received on July 1, 2015 through July 10, 2015 will result in a full refund less \$120.00 and you will receive the seminar materials. For cancellations received after July 10, 2015 no refund available; you will receive the seminar materials.

SEMINAR MATERIALS COSTS: Paper copies of the materials will be available to all participants at a charge of **\$30.00.** All material will be available at no charge by *download* after you register. Once you are registered, you will receive directions for downloading the materials.

If you are unable to attend the seminar, the seminar materials are available on line or in paper for \$30.00. Please direct your request for materials with your \$30 check to Federal Bar Association, c/o Barbara Foley, 425 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE: Casual

2015 BANKRUPTCY SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Seminar reservation

NAME _____ BUSINESS _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

FRIDAY: PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FROM SESSION I 8:00 – 8:50

- ☐ ATTORNEY FEE ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS
- ☐ PART I: BANKRUPTCY BASICS, AN OVERVIEW
- ☐ PART I: ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION AND DISCOVERY ISSUES IN BANKRUPTCY

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FROM SESSION II 9:00 – 9:50

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- ☐ PART II: ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION AND DISCOVERY ISSUES IN BANKRUPTCY
- ☐ “IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, WHAT WOULD YOU DECIDE?” Small group discussion (limited to 25 registrants) hypotheticals and discussion based on new cases –Advanced preparation required.
- ☐ SPECIAL CHAPTER 7 ASSET ISSUES

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FROM SESSION III 10:00 - 10:50

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- ☐ INTERPLAY BETWEEN BANKRUPTCY LAW AND RULES AND CRIMINAL LAW
- ☐ STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR OUT-OF-COURT WORKOUTS AND RESTRUCTURINGS
- ☐ ADR IN BANKRUPTCY CASES

SATURDAY: PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

- ☐ PRE-FILING TRANSFERS, ISSUE, LIABILITIES
- ☐ **REPEAT** IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, WHAT WOULD YOU DECIDE? Small group discussion (limited to 25 registrants) hypotheticals and discussion based on new cases– Advanced preparation required.
- ☐ CLASH OF THE TITANS, BANKRUPTCY LAW MEETS STATE LAW
- ☐ CHAPTER 13 ~ BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

REGISTRATION (by June 30, 2015)

- ☐ \$295.00 for ALL ATTORNEYS.....
- ☐ \$245.00 for ALL OTHERS
- ☐ Registration fee waived for judicial law clerks, judges, and conference speakers.
- ☐ LATE REGISTRATION FEE (on or after July 1, 2015 **add \$50.00**).....
- ☐ Materials – IN PAPER OR THUMB DRIVE \$30.00.....
- ☐ Friday evening dinner on site \$30.00 per person

I WILL BE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- ☐ COCKTAIL RECEPTION July 30, 2015 (guests invited to attend)..... **N/C**
- ☐ BRINGING GUESTS (?) - Number of guests
- ☐ BUFFET BREAKFAST --7/31/2015(conference attendees only)..... **N/C**
- ☐ BUFFET BREAKFAST --8/1/2015 (conference attendees only)..... **N/C**
- ☐ DBWM LUNCHEON-- 8/1/14 (DBWM members and their significant other only)(see- DBWM FOR COST - 269-945-3512)
Bringing Guest? – Y N
 - ☐ Golf event OPTION: (includes greens fees, cart, gifts, prizes) Crystal Mountain courses
\$85.00 per person\$.....

I would like to be paired with: _____

TOTAL.....\$.....



Don't Miss Out:

Early-Bird Registration Ends Soon

Register by June 30, 2015 to SAVE \$50 on the
Discounted Registration for
for the 27th Annual
FBA Bankruptcy Seminar
July 31 – Aug. 2, 2015
CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN
RESORT

Thompsonville, Michigan
(The Resort is only holding rooms
until June 29, 2015 so reserve now)