

**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR**  
**FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN CHAPTER**

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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

**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Registration**

Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island Michigan

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**4th Annual Dennis Chamberlain Friending Reception – All invited.** Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres.

**SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016**

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.

**Registration and Breakfast**

**SESSION I**

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

**SECRETS OF THE COURTS**

**Presenters:**

Jahel H. Nolan, Esq.  
Law Clerk to Chief Judge Scott W. Dales  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Carrie Anne Foster, Esq.  
Law Clerk to Judge James W. Boyd  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Elizabeth K. Lamphier, Esq.  
Law Clerk to Judge John T. Gregg  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

**GETTING PAID: ATTORNEY FEE APPLICATIONS**

**Presenters:**

Moderator:

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

Hon. Mary Anne Whipple  
Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Ohio

Martin L. Rogalski, Esq.  
President  
Martin L. Rogalski PC  
Jenison, MI

Gregory J. Ekdahl, Esq.  
Keller & Almassian PLC  
Grand Rapids, MI

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION  
INSURANCE ISSUES**

**Presenters:** Moderator: Hon. Mark A. Randon  
Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Andrew J. Gerdes, Esq.  
Capital Bankruptcy  
East Lansing, MI

Jennifer L. Lord, Esq.  
Pitt McGehee Palmers & Rivers  
Royal Oak, MI

**IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, WHAT WOULD  
YOU DECIDE?** Small group discussion (limited to 15  
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 II** 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

**THE ART OF ARTFUL WRITING**

**Presenters:** Moderator: Hon. Scott W. Dales  
Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

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

Michael V. Maggio, Esq.  
Attorney-Advisor, Office of the U. S. Trustee  
Grand Rapids, MI

## **CONTESTED EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS**

**Presenters:** Moderator

Hon. Robert J. Jonker  
Chief Judge, United States Federal District Court  
Western District, MI

Hon. Phillip Shefferly  
Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District, MI

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

## **HOT TOPICS IN COMMERCIAL BANKRUPTCY**

**Presenters:** Moderator:

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

Matthew L. Boyd, Esq.  
Kuhn Rogers PLC  
Traverse City, MI

Matthew W. Cheney, Esq.  
Assistant U. S. Trustee, Office of the U.S. Trustee  
Grand Rapids, MI

Gregory James Guest, Esq.  
Dickinson Wright PLLC  
Grand Rapids, MI

## **ANATOMY OF MEDIATION**

**Presenters:** Moderator:

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

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

Agnes M. Kempker-Cloyd, Esq.  
Chase & Bylenga PLLC  
Grand Rapids, MI

**SESSION III** 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

**Presenters:** Moderator:

**Repeat HOT TOPICS IN COMMERCIAL  
BANKRUPTCY**

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

Matthew L. Boyd, Esq.  
Kuhn Rogers PLC  
Traverse City, MI

Matthew W. Cheney, Esq.  
Assistant U. S. Trustee, Office of the U.S. Trustee  
Grand Rapids, MI

Gregory James Guest, Esq.  
Dickinson Wright PLLC  
Grand Rapids, MI

**MODEL CHAPTER 13 PLAN AND OTHER  
CONSIDERATIONS**

**Presenters:** Moderator:

Hon. Daniel Opperman  
Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Brett Rodgers  
Chapter 13 Trustee  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

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

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Plunkett Cooney  
Bloomfield Hills, MI

**STATE COURT RECEIVERSHIP PROCESSES**

**Presenters:**

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

David E. Bevins, Esq.  
Rhoades McKee PC  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Dan Yeomans  
Amicus Management, Inc.  
Grand Rapids, MI

**SESSION IV** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**AWARDS AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**THE SUPREME EXPERIENCE**

**Mary Kathryn Viegelahn, Esq.**, Chapter 12 & 13 Trustee, San Antonio, TX  
**John J. Bursch, Esq.**, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, Grand Rapids, MI  
**Jeff A. Moyer, Esq.**, Chapter 7 Panel Trustee, Grand Rapid, MI

**12:00 noon**

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

**12:00 noon**

Optional Golfing event, **The Jewel** at Mackinac Island

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016**

**SESSION I** 8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

**Moderator:**

**BREAKFAST BUFFET AND JUDGES’ ROUND TABLE: BREAKFAST WITH JUDGES**

Hon. Scott W. Dales

Chief Judge United States Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

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Capital Bankruptcy  
East Lansing, MI

Jennifer L. Lord, Esq.  
Pitt McGehee Palmers & Rivers  
Royal Oak, MI

**CLIENTS: WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE ACROSS  
THE DESK FROM ME?**

**Presenters:**

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

Lynn A. Osborne, Esq.  
Lynn Osborne PC  
Lansing, MI

**UNIQUE PERSONAL ASSETS**

**Presenters:**

**Moderator:**

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

Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado  
Chief Judge, Little Traverse Bay Bands Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Court  
Harbor Springs, MI

Marcia R. Meoli, Esq.  
Chapter 7 Trustee  
Marcia R. Meoli PLLC  
Holland, MI

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

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Break

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

**Presenters:** Moderator:

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

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: ANOTHER YEAR!**

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

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

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