



BRUCE W. NECKERS, ESQ.

OMBUDSMAN, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT (W.D. MICHIGAN)

Bruce W. Neckers, Esq., has agreed to serve as Ombudsman to investigate complaints involving the Bankruptcy Court's officials –judges, clerks, and other staff—that members of the bar and public may be afraid or unwilling to raise directly with the Court. The Ombudsman cannot assist you in prosecuting or defending against any claims pending in the Court, but instead will try to assist in resolving more general concerns involving the Court's officials, not other litigants.

Mr. Neckers is a practicing attorney in Grand Rapids, and is also the past president of the State Bar of Michigan, the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan, and the Grand Rapids Bar Association. Upon request, he will endeavor to fairly resolve any issue that is presented to him, while protecting the privacy of those who seek his assistance. Because he has agreed to volunteer his time, there will be no cost to those who seek his assistance as Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman's role supplements, but does not replace, the more formal process for complaining about judicial misconduct under the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980, 28 U.S.C. §§ 351–364, and the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings.

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