

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.
Andrew J. Gerdes PLC
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
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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 P. McDonald, Esq.
Trial 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.

Breakfast Buffet and JUDGES' ROUND TABLE: BREAKFAST WITH JUDGES

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.

PRE-FILING TRANSFERS, ISSUES, LIABILITIES

Presenters:

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

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

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:

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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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9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Break

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**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