

# 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN



**JULY 27 – 29, 2017**

The Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan invites you to attend this year's educational seminar at Boyne Highlands Resort in Harbor Springs, Michigan, featuring:

- plenary and breakout sessions covering hot topics and recent developments in bankruptcy law
- expert consumer and commercial insolvency professionals, including 18 sitting and retired judges
- networking opportunities at one of Northern Michigan's most exciting destinations

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

- 4:00 – 6:00 pm            **Registration**  
Boyne Highlands Resort  
Harbor Springs, Michigan
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm            **First Timers Mixer with FBA Steering Committee Members and Judges** (INVITATION ONLY)
- 6:00 – 10:00 pm          **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dennis Chamberlain Friending Reception** (ALL INVITED)  
Cocktails and *Hors d'oeuvres*

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

- 7:00 – 7:50 am            **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 9:00 am            **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- Session A: *Divorce & Bankruptcy: State v. Federal***
- Presenters:** Hon. Jon A. VanAllsburg  
                  Circuit Court – Ottawa County, Michigan
- Jeff A. Moyer  
                  Chapter 7 Trustee
- Hon. Maria L. Oxholm (Moderator)  
                  U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.
- John A. Potter  
                  Twohey Maggini, PLC



## FRIDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

### **Session B: *Chapter 13 Business Cases***

**Presenters:** Hon. James W. Boyd (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.  
Elizabeth T. Clark  
Office of Brett N. Rodgers, Chapter 13 Trustee  
Michael P. Hanrahan  
Chase Bylenga & Hulst, PLLC  
Susan Jill Rice  
Alward, Fisher, Rice, Rowe & Graf, PLC

### **Session C: *Evidence: How to Present It & Make a Clear Record***

**Presenters:** Hon. Phillip J. Green  
U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.  
Hon. Robert J. Jonker (Moderator)  
U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.  
Michelle M. Wilson  
Office of the United States Trustee

### **Session D: *Advanced Chapter 11/Asset Sale***

**Presenters:** Paul R. Hage  
Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, P.C.  
David A. Hall  
Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey, P.L.C.  
Patrick M. O'Keefe  
O'Keefe & Associates Consulting, LLC  
Hon. Phillip J. Shefferly (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.



## FRIDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

9:05 – 10:05 am

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#### **Session E: *Exemptions***

**Presenters:** Michael T. Brown  
Dietrich Law Firm

Rebecca Johnson-Ellis  
Andersen, Ellis & Shephard, P.C.

Dean E. Rietberg  
Office of the United States Trustee

Hon. Daniel S. Opperman (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.

#### **Session F: *Cure/Maintenance/Modification and Other Section 1322 Issues***

**Presenters:** Courtney K. Roberts  
Office of Barbara P. Foley, Chapter 13 Trustee

Allison Greenlee Korr  
Stancati, Hencken & Greenlee, P.C.

Hon. John P. Gustafson (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – N.D. Ohio

Robert J. Shefferly  
Trott Law, P.C.



## FRIDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

### **Session G: *Nondischargeability***

**Presenters:** Jacqueline M. Appleman  
Rhoades McKee, P.C.

Gregory J. Guest  
Dickinson Wright PLLC

Hon. Mark A. Randon (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.

Scott A. Wolfson  
Wolfson Bolton PLLC

### **Session H: *Cash Collateral/DIP Financing Mock Trial Part 1* (NOTE: THIS IS HOUR 1 OF A 2-HOUR SESSION)**

**Presenters:** Allison R. Bach  
Dickinson Wright PLLC

Brendan G. Best  
Varnum LLP

Hon. Scott W. Dales  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.

Scott B. Lepene  
Thompson Hine LLP

Michael V. Maggio  
Office of the United States Trustee

**10:05 – 10:25 am Coffee Break**



## FRIDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

10:25 – 11:25 am

### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Session H:** *Cash Collateral/DIP Financing Mock Trial Part 2* (NOTE: THIS IS HOUR 2 OF A 2-HOUR SESSION)

**Presenters:** Allison R. Bach  
Dickinson Wright PLLC

Brendan G. Best  
Varnum LLP

Hon. Scott W. Dales  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.

Scott B. Lepene  
Thompson Hine LLP

Michael V. Maggio  
Office of the United States Trustee

**Session I:** *Avoidance & Recovery Issues, Including the Rights & Defenses of Secured Creditors*

**Presenters:** Ryan F. Beach  
Law Offices of Ryan F. Beach, PLLC

Andrew J. Gerdes  
Capital Bankruptcy

Rodney M. Glusac  
Bernardi, Ronayne & Glusac, P.C.

Hon. Mary Ann Whipple (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – N.D. Ohio



## FRIDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

### **Session J: *If You Were the Judge, What Would You Decide?***

**Presenters:** David A. Lerner  
Plunkett Cooney  
Steve L. Rayman  
Rayman & Knight

### **Session K: *Property of the Estate***

**Presenters:** Kelly M. Hagan  
Chapter 7 Trustee  
Travis T. Russell  
Russell Law Firm, P.C.  
Kurt A. Steinke  
Office of Barbara P. Foley, Chapter 13 Trustee  
Hon. Thomas J. Tucker (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

#### ***Legal Ethics Compliance & Professionalism: The Ethics of Sportsmanship as a Model for a Professional's Practice***

Prof. Mark D. Yochum (Ret.)  
Duquesne University School of Law



## **FRIDAY, JULY 28** (continued)

- 12:30 pm**            **Annual Meeting of Debtors Bar of West Michigan** (INVITATION ONLY)
- 1:00 pm**            **Golf Tournament** – Boyne Highlands Heather Course
- 2:30 pm**            **Bocce Ball Tournament**
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm**    **Speaker & Sponsor Reception** (INVITATION ONLY)
- 6:30 pm**            **Picnic Dinner**





## SATURDAY, JULY 29

8:00 – 8:50 am

### BREAKFAST WITH THE JUDGES

Hon. James W. Boyd  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. Scott W. Dales  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. James D. Gregg (Ret.)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. John T. Gregg  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. John P. Gustafson  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Ohio

Hon. Jeffrey R. Hughes (Ret.)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. Daniel S. Opperman  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Moderator: Laura J. Genovich

Hon. Maria L Oxholm  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Hon. Mark A. Randon  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Hon. Steven W. Rhodes (Ret.)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Hon. Walter Shapero (Ret.)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Hon. Phillip J. Shefferly  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Hon. Thomas J. Tucker  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Hon. Mary Ann Whipple  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Ohio



## SATURDAY, JULY 29 (continued)

9:00 – 10:00 am

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**Session L: *Property of the Estate* (REPEAT)**

**Presenters:** Kelly M. Hagan

Chapter 7 Trustee

Travis T. Russell

Russell Law Firm, P.C.

Kurt A. Steinke

Office of Barbara P. Foley, Chapter 13 Trustee

Hon. Thomas J. Tucker (Moderator)

U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.

**Session M: *Evidence: How to Present It & Make a Clear Record* (REPEAT)**

**Presenters:** Hon. Phillip J. Green

U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Robert J. Jonker (Moderator)

U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Michelle M. Wilson

Office of the United States Trustee



## **SATURDAY, JULY 29** (continued)

### **Session N: *Receiverships & Bankruptcy***

**Presenters:** Michael D. Almassian  
Keller & Almassian, PLC

Susan M. Cook  
Warner, Norcross & Judd, LLP

Hon. John T. Gregg (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Christopher P. Yates  
Circuit Court – Kent County, Michigan

### **Session O: *Small Chapter 11: Small Businesses, Single Asset Real Estate, Individuals***

**Presenters:** Matthew W. Cheney (Moderator)  
Office of the United States Trustee

Rozanne M. Giunta  
Warner, Norcross & Judd, LLP

Sandra S. Hamilton  
Clark Hill PLC

James R. Oppenhuizen  
Oppenhuizen Law Firm, PLC



## SATURDAY, JULY 29 (continued)

10:05 – 10:55 am

### CASE LAW UPDATE

**Presenters:** Hon. James W. Boyd  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.  
Thomas D. DeCarlo (Moderator)  
Office of David W. Ruskin, Chapter 13 Trustee  
Laura J. Genovich  
Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, PC

11:00 – 12:00 pm

### JUDGES' PANEL: WHAT DOES YOUR JUDGE REALLY THINK?

Hon. James W. Boyd  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. James D. Gregg (Ret.)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. Scott W. Dales  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. Steven W. Rhodes (Ret.)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Hon. John T. Gregg  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. Walter Shapero (Ret.)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Moderator: Steven L. Rayman



## SEMINAR PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Seminar Co-chairs:

A. Todd Almassian  
Keller & Almassian, PLC  
Grand Rapids, MI

Michelle M. Wilson  
Office of the United States Trustee  
Western District of Michigan

### Educational Co-chairs:

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

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

### Consumer Committee:

Elizabeth T. Clark  
Office of Brett N. Rodgers,  
Chapter 13 Trustee

Rebecca Johnson-Ellis  
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Robert Shefferly  
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