

# 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN



**OCTOBER 2, 2020**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2020**

The Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan invites you to attend this year's educational seminar being held as a two-day webinar, featuring:

- plenary and breakout sessions covering hot topics and recent developments in bankruptcy law
- expert consumer and commercial insolvency professionals, including sitting and retired judges
- networking opportunities with peers from across the state

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

2:00 pm – 2:55 pm

### PLENARY SESSION

#### *If You Were the Judge, What Would You Do?*

**Presenters:** David A. Lerner  
Plunkett Cooney, P.C.  
Steven L. Rayman  
Rayman & Knight

3:00 pm – 3:55 pm

### PLENARY SESSION

#### *Case Law Update*

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

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### HAPPY HOUR

Featuring a presentation from 4:00 – 4:20 by Fortz Legal Support, LLC. Fortz Legal Support is providing the Zoom platform and support for this webinar. They will offer a short presentation on how to best utilize Zoom in a virtual legal world, including how to handle exhibits and evidence, for your depositions, mediations, and trials.



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

2:00 pm – 2:55 pm

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#### **Session A: *Chapter 11 in the Era of COVID-19***

**Presenters:** Hon. Scott W. Dales (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Michigan

Paul R. Hage  
Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss

Douglas Lutz  
Frost Todd Brown, LLC

Julie B. Teicher  
Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller PC

#### **Session B: *Hot Topics in Chapter 13***

**Presenters:** Hon. John T. Gregg (Moderator)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Michigan

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

Travis T. Russell  
Russell Law Firm, P.C.

Robert J. Shefferly  
Trott Law, P.C.



3:00 pm – 3:55 pm

**PLENARY SESSION**

***Alternative Financing — Including Merchant Cash Advances, Factoring, Purchase Order Advances, Discharge Issues, Cramdown Issues, Usury/Choice of Law***

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

Michael P. Hanrahan  
Chase Bylenga Hulst, PLLC

Marc N. Swanson  
Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, P.L.C.

Elisabeth M. Von Eitzen  
Warner, Norcross + Judd LLP



**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm JUDGES' ROUNDTABLE**

Hon. Joel D. Applebaum  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

Hon. Robert J. Jonker  
U.S. District Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. Sally Berens  
U.S. District Court  
Western District of Michigan

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

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

Hon. Maarten Vermaat  
U.S. District Court  
Western District of Michigan

Hon. Ashely M. Chan  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Hon. Christopher P. Yates  
Kent County Circuit Court  
State of Michigan

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

Hon. Paul Sala  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
District of Arizona

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

Hon. Jeffrey P. Norman  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of Texas

Hon. Andrew B. Altenburg, Jr.  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
District of New Jersey



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Western District of Michigan

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