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you are invited and encouraged to attend the*

## **BANKRUPTCY BEST PRACTICES SEMINAR 2021: Best Practices in a Remote World**

The United States Trustee for the Western District of Michigan and Chapter 13 Trustee Barbara Foley are pleased to present the following free seminar for the benefit of the Bar of the Western District of Michigan.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** The intended audience for this seminar consists of all attorneys who practice bankruptcy law in the Western District of Michigan. (Legal support staff are welcome to attend as well *provided* that they are accompanied by their supervising attorney.) The goal of the seminar is to help attendees improve their practice before the Bankruptcy Court and at the Meetings of Creditors.

**WHEN?** A virtual seminar will be conducted on **July 19, 2021** from **1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.** using the Zoom application.

**COST?** The seminar is **free**, but you **must pre-register** to attend. Capacity is limited. The registration will be **first come, first served**. Firms with multiple registrants are encouraged to utilize conference rooms to enable others to attend the seminar.

**HOW TO REGISTER?** To register, complete the attached registration form and promptly email the registration form to the Office of the United States Trustee. You will be sent a confirming email containing the link to access the virtual seminar in advance. Registrations must be received by **July 12, 2021** at 5:00 p.m.

**QUESTIONS?** If you have additional questions, please call (616) 456-2002, ext. 128 to speak with Ms. Sarah Garrett, or email Ms. Garrett at "[Sarah.T.Garrett@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sarah.T.Garrett@usdoj.gov)."

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Presented By

The Office of the United States Trustee for the Western District of Michigan and Standing Chapter  
13 Trustee Barbara P. Foley

- 1:00 P.M.     ***Introduction and Welcome***  
Andrew R. Vara, Esq., U.S. Trustee, Regions 3 and 9  
Matthew W. Cheney, Esq., Assistant U.S. Trustee, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 1:05 P.M.     ***Overview of the Program and the Technical Details***  
Elizabeth K. Lamphier, Esq., Trial Attorney, U.S. Trustee Program
- 1:10 P.M.     ***Informed Consent—At Intake and Beyond***  
Hon. John T. Gregg, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Michigan  
Michael P. Hanrahan, Esq., CBH Attorneys & Counselors, PLLC  
Ryan F. Beach, Esq., The Law Offices of Ryan F. Beach, PLLC  
Barbara P. Foley, Esq., Chapter 13 Trustee  
Kenneth G. Lau, Esq., Trial Attorney, U.S. Trustee Program
- 2:00 P.M.     ***Making an Appropriate Evidentiary Record for the Relief You Seek***  
Hon. James W. Boyd, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Michigan  
Greg J. Ekdahl, Esq., Keller & Almassian, PLC  
Patricia J. Scott, Esq., Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC  
Elizabeth T. Clark, Esq., Office of Chapter 13 Trustee Brett N. Rodgers  
Michael V. Maggio, Esq., Trial Attorney, U.S. Trustee Program
- 2:50 P.M.     ***Break***
- 3:00 P.M.     ***Best Practices for Navigating Our Virtual World***  
Hon. Scott W. Dales, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Michigan  
Laura J. Genovich, Esq., Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC, Chapter 7 Trustee  
Allison Greenlee Korr, Esq., Stancati, Hencken & Greenlee P.C.  
Robert J. Shefferly, Esq., Trott Law PC  
Dean E. Rietberg, Esq., Trial Attorney U.S. Trustee Program
- 3:55 P.M.     ***Update from the Clerk***  
Michelle M. Wilson, Esq., Clerk of Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western  
District of Michigan
- 4:10 P.M.     ***Closing Remarks***  
Matthew W. Cheney, Esq., Assistant U.S. Trustee, Grand Rapids, Michigan