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Via: CM/ECF email

Dear Experienced Bankruptcy Attorney:

The 3rd Annual Trial Advocacy Skills Workshop, which will be held on Friday, July 29—just before this summer's FBA seminar—still has a few openings for participants.

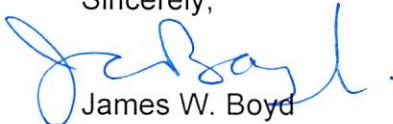
The Workshop is not just for rookies—it's your chance to spend an entire day with District Judges Jonker and Jarbou, Chief Bankruptcy Judge Dales, Magistrate Judges Berens, Green and Vermaat, and Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Yates, to hone your courtroom skills, even if you are not a "trial attorney". You will learn about putting on evidence, objecting to evidence (yes, even something other than "foundation"), cross-examination, impeaching a witness, and refreshing the recollection of a witness—and even how to do all of these in the correct order! The challenges of handling these tasks in a virtual environment will also be discussed.

Our past workshops included several experienced attorneys who gave the Workshop great reviews, including an attorney who had handled more than 20 bench and jury trials. If you practice in the Eastern District, this Workshop is for you, too, as the topics covered, and skills learned, will apply wherever you are located.


Our Judges who comprise the faculty are highly skilled trial judges who have committed their skills, time and effort to making the Workshop a positive experience for all participants, including those who have been in practice for years.

As the educational co-chairs of this year's FBA seminars, we urge you to consider attending this year. We are confident you will find it a positive experience and of great value. Please see [FBA 2022 Seminar Registration Form](#) or contact our co-educational chair, Michelle Wilson, at Michelle.Wilson@miwb.uscourts.gov or 616-732-2751.

Sincerely,



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PS: If you are a relatively new and inexperienced attorney, you too are invited to participate.