

**26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR**  
**FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN CHAPTER**

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Educational Chair:       The Honorable Scott W. Dales  
  United States Bankruptcy Judge

Seminar Chair:             Barbara Foley, Esq.  
  Standing Chapter 13 Trustee

**THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Registration**

Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, Michigan

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**3rd Annual Dennis Chamberlain Friending Reception**

Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and Friends (all invited)

Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, Michigan

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014**

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.

**Registration and Breakfast Buffet**

**SESSION I**

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

**BACK TO BASICS TRACK**

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or “Really, what does Fee Simple mean?”

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Grand Rapids, MI

Janet S. Thomas, Esq.  
Reddy Thomas & Associates  
Muskegon, MI

**INTERMEDIATE TRACK**

“The Amazing Vanishing Mortgage Loan Debt”  
Strategies and Tactics in Consumer Bankruptcy Cases.  
Chapter 7 and Chapter 13.

**Presenters:**

Rebecca L. Johnson-Ellis, Esq.  
Vice President  
David Andersen & Associates PC  
Grand Rapids, MI

Kristen L. Krol, Esq.  
Debt Relief Legal Clinic, PLLC  
Lansing, MI

James R. Oppenhuizen, Esq.  
Keller & Almassian PLC  
Grand Rapids, MI

## LITIGATION TRACK

### “Where are the Directions?” Federal Rules of Procedure/Bankruptcy Specific

**Presenters:**

Hon. Robert J. Jonker, U. S. District Judge  
United States District Court Western District of  
Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI

John T. Piggins, Esq.  
Miller Johnson  
Grand Rapids, MI

Elisabeth M. Von Eitzen, Esq.  
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP  
Grand Rapids, MI

Robert D. Wolford, Esq.  
Miller Johnson  
Grand Rapids, MI

## MISCELLANEOUS TITLE 11 ISSUES

### “If you were the Judge, what would you decide?” Small group discussion (limited to 12 registrants) Hypotheticals and discussion based on new cases – Advanced preparation required.

**Presenters:**

Steven L. Rayman, Esq.  
Rayman & Knight P.C.  
Kalamazoo, MI

Michelle M. Wilson, Esq.  
Trial Attorney, Office of the U.S. Trustee  
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Western District Michigan

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Judge-Designate, U. S. Bankruptcy Court  
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Rhoades McKee  
Grand Rapids, MI

Susan Jill Rice, Esq.  
Alward Fisher Rice Rowe & Graf PLC  
Traverse City, MI

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Sara E. D. Fazio, Esq.  
Kreis Enderle Hudgins & Borsos PC  
Grand Rapids, MI

### **MISCELLANEOUS TITLE 11 ISSUES**

Make it Fit—pick the right chapter (7, 11, 12 or 13)

**Presenters:**

Michael V. Maggio, Esq  
Attorney-Advisor, Office of the U. S. Trustee  
Grand Rapids, MI

Martin L. Rogalski, Esq.  
President, Martin L. Rogalski PC  
Jenison, MI

Robert F. Wardrop, II, Esq.  
Wardrop & Wardrop PC  
Grand Rapids, MI

**SESSION III** 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

### **BACK TO BASICS TRACK**

“Yes, Virginia, there is a U.S. Trustee”

11 USC 707(a), 707(b) Presumption of Abuse, Debtor Audit issues.

**Presenters:**

Hon. Daniel S. Opperman  
U. S. Bankruptcy Judge  
Eastern District Michigan

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

Darrell R. Dettmann, Esq., Chapter 7 Trustee  
President, Swanson & Dettmann PC  
Marquette, MI

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Witte Law Offices, PLLC  
Lansing, MI

### **LITIGATION TRACK**

“It’s not over, even when you think it’s over.” After Acquired Property and Asset Valuation.

**Presenters:**

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

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

Brandon Scott Dornbusch, Esq.  
Stowe Legal Group PLC  
Traverse City, MI

Kelly M. Hagan, Esq., Chapter 7 Trustee  
Hagan Law Offices PLC  
Traverse City, MI

David L. Stowe, Esq.  
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Dean E. Rietberg Esq.  
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Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC  
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**SESSION IV** 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

**BACK TO BASICS TRACK**

“To reaffirm or not to reaffirm, that is the question” -  
Reaffirmations/Attorney’s role/pitfalls

**Presenters:**

The Hon. Scott W. Dales  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge,  
Western District Michigan

Kimberly Sue Young, Esq.  
McPhillips, Young & Baker  
Hastings, MI

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**LITIGATION TRACK**

“Maybe a Different Judge will see it your way?”-  
Bankruptcy appeals processes and pointers.

**Presenters:**

Nicholas J. Daly, Esq.  
Lewis Reed & Allen PC  
Kalamazoo, MI

Jeff A. Moyer, Esq., Chapter 7 Trustee  
The Bankruptcy Group Inc.  
Wyoming, MI

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12:00 p.m.

Debtors’ Bar of West Michigan Annual Meeting  
(Members Only)

1:00 p.m. (approx.)

Golfing at Boyne Highlands (details below)

6:00 p.m.

Dinner on site

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

### **Breakfast Buffet**

**JUDGES’ ROUND TABLE: BREAKFAST WITH JUDGES** - All Present Bankruptcy Judges breakfast with the Bar.

**Moderator:**

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“Bringing Clarity to the Chaos or Really - the chapter 13 trustee is not trying to make your life more difficult.”

**Presenters:**

Elizabeth Clark, Esq.  
Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Trustee Brett N. Rodgers  
Grand Rapids, MI

Courtney Roberts, Esq.  
Staff Attorney, Chapter 13 Trustee Barbara Foley  
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Kurt Steinke, Esq.  
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11:00 a.m. – 12:00

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Professor John Pottow, Esq.**, University of Michigan School of Law. In January, 2014, Professor Pottow argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the trustee in *EBIA v. Arkison*, a case involving the effectiveness of consent under 28 U.S.C. § 157(c), and other questions remaining or raised after *Stern v. Marshall*. He is an internationally recognized expert in the field of bankruptcy and commercial law. His award-winning scholarship concentrates on the issues involved in the regulation of cross-border insolvencies as well as consumer financial distress. He has published in prominent legal journals in the United States and Canada and testified before Congress. He has presented his works at academic conferences around the world and frequently provides commentary for national and international media outlets such as NPR, CNBC, CNN, C-SPAN and the BBC. Professor Pottow, holds an A. B. in psychology, summa cum laude, from Harvard College and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

**12:00 noon - FBA BUSINESS MEETING:** *Pro Bono* Update, Civility Award, Education Award, Concluding Remarks.



## **RESERVATIONS and EVENTS**

On-Line reservations: [http://www.westmichiganfederalbar.org/Michigan\\_Bankruptcy/index.php](http://www.westmichiganfederalbar.org/Michigan_Bankruptcy/index.php)

Rooms are held at Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs, Michigan starting at \$124.00 plus tax per night. The reservation link is found on the website above. **Cut off for conference rate rooms is July 1, 2014.**

Please note that after the cut-off date of July 1, 2014 you will have to call Central Reservations at (800) 462-6963 and press 6 and ask for the Federal Bar Association - Bankruptcy Section to book your room, based on availability. Rooms will be held until JULY 1, 2014.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY JULY 1, 2014 DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL.**

**GOLF EVENT** This is an optional event. The FBA has a limited number of tee times reserved for Friday afternoon, with tee times starting approximately 1:00 at Boyne Highlands Course. The cost is \$75.00 for the course, including green fees, carts, gifts and prizes. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!** Any tee time not reserved before July 6, 2014 will be released.

Golf reservations are made by completing and returning the Conference Registration form. We are unable to refund any golf fees after July 6, 2014. If you have any questions regarding golf, please contact Bob Wolford at (616) 831-1726.

**SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES** We are pleased to announce **NO INCREASE** in seminar fees. The conference fee is **\$295.00 for attorneys and \$245.00 for all others.** A \$50.00 late fee will be charged to all reservations received after June 29, 2014. The conference fee is waived for judicial law clerks, judges, and conference speakers.

**SEMINAR CANCELLATION POLICY** Notice of cancellation received on or before June 29, 2014, will result in a full seminar registration refund; cancellations received on June 30, 2014 through July 6, 2014, will result in a full refund less \$120.00 and you will receive the seminar materials. For cancellations received after July 6, 2014, no refund will be made and you will receive the seminar materials.

**SEMINAR MATERIALS, ONLY** If you are unable to attend the seminar, the seminar materials are available for order, **prior to the seminar**, while supplies last. The fee for materials is \$120.00, which can be paid by check made payable to "Federal Bar Association". Materials will be mailed after the seminar. Please direct your written request for materials and \$120 check to Federal Bar Association, c/o Barbara Foley, 425 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

**CONFERENCE ATTIRE:** Casual

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