

30TH ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN



JULY 26 – 28, 2018

The Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan invites you to attend this year's educational seminar at Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, Michigan, featuring:

- plenary and breakout sessions covering hot topics and recent developments in bankruptcy law
- expert consumer and commercial insolvency professionals, including 19 sitting and retired judges
- networking opportunities at one of Northern Michigan's most exciting destinations

THURSDAY, JULY 26

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Inaugural Trial Advocacy Skills Workshop (ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Park Place Hotel

Traverse City, Michigan

Faculty:

Hon. Robert J. Jonker

U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich

Hon. Gordon J. Quist

U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Paul L. Maloney

U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Ellen S. Carmody

U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Phillip J. Green

U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Christopher P. Yates

Kent County Circuit Court



THURSDAY, JULY 26

- 4:00 – 6:00 pm** **Registration**
Park Place Hotel
Traverse City, Michigan
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm** **First Timers Mixer with FBA Steering Committee Members and Judges** (INVITATION ONLY)
Hagerty Center
Northwestern Michigan College (TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED)
- 6:00 – 10:00 pm** **6th Annual Dennis Chamberlain Friending Reception** (ALL INVITED)
Hagerty Center
Northwestern Michigan College (TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED)
Cocktails and *Hors d'oeuvres*

FRIDAY, JULY 27

- 7:00 – 7:50 am** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 9:00 am** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- Session A: *Creditors Strike Back***
- Presenters:** Hon. Daniel S. Opperman (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.
- Perry G. Pastula
Dunn, Schouten & Snoap, P.C.
- Andrew C. Shier
McShane & Bowie P.L.C.
- Jonathan R. Moothart
Moothart & Sarafa, PLC



FRIDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

Session B: *Chapter 13 Potpourri*

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

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

James M. McArdle
Kilpatrick & Associates, P.C.

Greg J. Ekdahl
Keller & Almassian, PLC

Session C: *Limited Liability Companies & Fiduciary Duties: For Better or For Worse, In Sickness & In Health*

Presenters: Hon. Jeffrey R. Hughes (Ret.) (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.

John T. Piggins
Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey, P.L.C.

Dean E. Rietberg
Office of the United States Trustee

Anthony J. Kochis
Wolfson Bolton PLLC

Session D: *If You Were the Judge, What Would You Do?*

Presenters: David A. Lerner
Plunkett Cooney, P.C.

Steven L. Rayman
Rayman & Knight



FRIDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

9:05 – 10:05 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session E: *Creative Solutions to a Disastrous Chapter 11*

Presenters: Hon. Steven W. Rhodes (Ret.) (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.

Allison R. Bach
Dickinson Wright PLLC

Brendan G. Best
Varnum LLP

James R. Oppenhuizen
Oppenhuizen Law Firm, PLC

Session F: *Post-Petition Income in Chapter 13: Mine! Mine! Mine!*

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

Kurt A. Steinke
Office of Barbara P. Foley, Chapter 13 Trustee

April A. Hulst
Chase Bylenga Hulst, PLLC

Kimberly S. Young
Apple Street Law Office, PLC



FRIDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

Session G: *What Goes Up Must Come Down – Construction Liens, Builder's Trust Fund Claims & Other Construction Issues*

Presenters: Hon. Thomas J. Tucker (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.

Frederick R. Bimber
Frederick R. Bimber, P.C.

Susan Jill Rice
Alward Fisher Rice Rowe & Graf, PLC

Brian P. Lick
Clark Hill PLC

Session H: *Assume? Reject? Assign? Ride Through? Jump Around?*

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

Elisabeth Von Eitzen
Warner Norcross & Judd, LLP

Norman C. Witte
Witte Law Offices, PLLC

Paul R. Hage
Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss

10:05 – 10:25 am Coffee Break



FRIDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

10:25 – 11:25 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session I: *Shadow Banking, Fulcrum Security, Claims Trading and the End Game*

Presenters: Hon. Scott H. Yun (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – C.D. California

Nancy A. Peterman
Greenberg Traurig LLP

Patrick M. O'Keefe
O'Keefe & Associates Consulting, LLC

Stephen Lerner
Squire Patton Boggs

Session J: *The End of the Show: Wrapping Up a Chapter 13 Case*

Presenters: Hon. Maria L. Oxholm (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.

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

Robert J. Shefferly
Trott Law, P.C.

Christopher W. Jones
Acclaim Legal Services, PLLC



FRIDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

Session K: *The Government Is Not My Friend (Or Is It?)*

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

Michael L. Shiparski
U.S. Attorney's Office – W.D. Mich.

Steven B. Flancher
Dept. of Attorney General – State of Mich.

Peter A. Teholiz, PLLC
Rabo AgriFinance

Session L: *The Thorny Intersection of Probate, Death and Bankruptcy*

Presenters: Hon. James W. Boyd (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.

Kelly M. Hagan
Chapter 7 Trustee

Scott A. Chernich
Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC

George Bearup
Greenleaf Trust

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Title 11 Is Difficult, Complex and Boring, But Not for Bankruptcy Nerds

Bill Rochelle, Editor-at-Large
American Bankruptcy Institute



FRIDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

- 12:30 pm** **Annual Meeting of Debtors Bar of West Michigan** (INVITATION ONLY)
- 1:00 pm** **Golf Tournament**
The Bear
Grand Traverse Resort and Spa
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm** **Speaker & Sponsor Reception** (INVITATION ONLY)
Park Place Hotel
Traverse City, Michigan
- 6:30 pm** **Dinner** (RESERVATIONS AT AREA RESTAURANTS)
For information contact: A. Todd Almassian
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SATURDAY, JULY 28

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

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. Alan C. Stout
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Kentucky

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

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

Hon. Scott H. Yun
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Central District of California



SATURDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

9:00 – 10:00 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session M: *Prepetition Workouts: Lenders on Steroids, Debtors on the Run*

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

Daniel F. Gosch
Dickinson Wright PLLC

Stephen B. Grow
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Hon. Christopher P. Yates
Kent County Circuit Court

Session N: *Property of the Estate in Chapter 7: It's Complicated*

Presenters: Hon. James D. Gregg (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.

A. Todd Almassian
Keller & Almassian PLC

Jeff A. Moyer
Chapter 7 Trustee

Matthew L. Boyd
Kuhn Rogers PLC



SATURDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

Session O: *If You Were The Judge, What Would You Do?* (REPEAT)

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

Session P: *Assume? Reject? Assign? Ride Through? Jump Around?* (REPEAT)

Presenters: Hon. John T. Gregg (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.
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Paul R. Hage
Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss



SATURDAY, JULY 28 (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

PLENARY SESSION: A Steady Dose of Ethics

Presenters: Hon. Alan C. Stout
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Kentucky
Michael V. Maggio
U.S. Trustee's Office
Thomas A. Bruinsma
Chapter 7 Trustee
Steve Bylenga
Chase Bylenga Hulst, PLLC



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