

31ST ANNUAL BANKRUPTCY SECTION SEMINAR

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN



JULY 26 – 28, 2019

The Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan invites you to attend this year's educational seminar at the Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, 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

FRIDAY, JULY 26

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

2nd Annual Trial Advocacy Skills Workshop (ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Crystal Mountain Resort
Thompsonville, Michigan

Faculty: Hon. Robert J. Jonker
U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich

Hon. Paul L. Maloney
U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Phillip J. Green
U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Maarten Vermaat
U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Christopher P. Yates
Kent County Circuit Court

Michelle M. Wilson
Office of the United States Trustee



FRIDAY, JULY 26

- 4:00 – 6:00 pm** **Registration**
Crystal Mountain Resort
Thompsonville, Michigan
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm** **First Timers Mixer with FBA Steering Committee Members and Judges** (INVITATION ONLY)
Crystal Mountain Resort
Thompsonville, Michigan
- 6:00 – 10:00 pm** **7th Annual Dennis Chamberlain Friending Reception** (ALL INVITED)
Crystal Mountain
Thompsonville, Michigan
Cocktails and *Hors d'oeuvres*

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- 7:00 – 7:50 am** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 9:00 am** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- Session A: *Avoidance and Recovery – Yours, Mine, Ours***
Presenters: Hon. Deborah L. Thorne (Moderator)
 U.S. Bankruptcy Court – N.D. Illinois
- Andrew J. Gerdes
 Capital Bankruptcy
- Lisa A. Hall
 Plunkett Cooney, P.C.
- Kevin M. Smith
 Beadle Smith PLC



SATURDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

Session B: *Pre-Confirmation Chapter 13 Issues – So Close, Yet So Far*

Presenters: Hon. John P. Gustafson (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – N.D. Ohio
Elizabeth T. Clark
Office of Brett N. Rodgers, Chapter 13 Trustee
April A. Hulst
Chase Bylenga Hulst, PLLC
Paul Bare
Bare & Clough, PC

Session C: *LLC Interests – Wait, Why Is the Trustee Trying to Sell My Company?*

Presenters: Hon. Christopher P. Yates (Moderator)
Kent County Circuit Court
A. Todd Almassian
Keller & Almassian, PLC
David E. Bevins
Rhoades McKee, PC
Patricia J. Scott
Foster Swift Collins & Smith, PC

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

(All are welcome; however, this hour is focused on issues of interest to *consumer* practitioners.
The 9:05 -10:05 am panel will focus on issues of interest to commercial practitioners.)

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



SATURDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

9:05 – 10:05 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session E: *Post-Judgment Collections – What to Do and Where to Go*

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

Andrew C. Shier
McShane & Bowie P.L.C.

Brendan G. Best
Varnum LLP

Robert F. Wardrop, II
Wardrop & Wardrop PC

Session F: *Enigmatic Exemptions Explained*

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

Samuel C. Crocker (Ret.)
Office of the United States Trustee

Paul R. Hage
Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss



SATURDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

Session G: *If You Were the Judge, What Would You Do?* (REPEAT)

(All are welcome; however, this hour is focused on issues of interest to *commercial* practitioners.
The 8:00-9:00 am panel will focus on issues of interest to consumer practitioners.)

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

Steven L. Rayman
Rayman & Knight

10:05 – 10:25 am Coffee Break

10:25 – 11:25 am BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session H: *RSAs and Liquidating Trust Agreements – Plans of Mice and Men*

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

Jennifer C. Hagle
Sidley Austin LLP

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

David A. Hall
Miller Johnson



SATURDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

Session I: *Marijuana – Up in Smoke*

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

Laura J. Genovich
Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC

Jeremy J. Nastoff
Nastoff and Bergman, PC

Ronald A. Spinner
Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC

Session J: *Student Loans – Forgive Me Please!*

Presenters: Hon. John E. Hoffman, Jr. (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – S.D. Ohio

Edward M. King
Frost Brown Todd LLC

Nicholas S. Laue
Keller & Almassian PC

Nicole L. Mazzocco
U.S. Attorney's Office – W.D. Mich.



SATURDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

Session K: *Don't Bungle Unbundling and Other Retention Dilemmas*

Presenters: Michelle M. Wilson (Moderator)
Office of the United States Trustee
Ryan F. Beach
Law Offices of Ryan F. Beach, PLLC
James R. Oppenhuizen
Oppenhuizen Law Firm PLC
Martin L. Rogalski
Martin L. Rogalski, PC

11:30 am – 12:30 pm PLENARY SESSION: *Mock Auction – Going Once, Going Twice*

Presenters: Hon. Scott W. Dales
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.
Allison R. Bach
Dickinson Wright PLLC
Lisa S. Gretchko
Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC
Scott Miedema
Miedema Auctioneering & Appraisals, Inc.
Daniel J. Yeomans
Amicus Management



SATURDAY, JULY 27 (continued)

- 12:30 pm** **Annual Meeting of Debtors Bar of West Michigan** (INVITATION ONLY)
- 1:00 pm** **Golf Tournament**
Crystal Mountain Resort
Thompsonville, Michigan
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm** **Speaker & Sponsor Reception** (INVITATION ONLY)
Crystal Mountain Resort
Thompsonville, Michigan
- 6:30 pm** **Family Picnic Dinner**
For information contact: A. Todd Almassian
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SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:00 – 8:50 am BREAKFAST WITH THE JUDGES

Moderator: Jonathan R. Moothart
Moothart & Sarafa PLC

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

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

Hon. Steven W. Rhodes (Ret.)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Michigan

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

Hon. John P. Gustafson
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Ohio

Hon. Phillip J. Shefferly
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Michigan

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

Hon. John E. Hoffman, Jr.
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Ohio

Hon. Deborah L. Thorne
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

Hon. Catherine J. Furay
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Wisconsin

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

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

Hon. James D. Gregg (Ret.)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Michigan

Hon. Maria L. Oxholm
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Michigan

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



SUNDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

9:00 – 10:00 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session L: *Appeal Here, Appeal There*

Presenters: Hon. Robert J. Jonker
U.S. District Court – W.D. Mich.

Hon. Daniel S. Opperman
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – E.D. Mich.

Hon. Scott W. Dales
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Mich.

Session M: *Post-Confirmation Chapter 13 Issues – The End Is in Sight*

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

Elizabeth M. Abood-Carroll
Orlans PC

Michael P. Hanrahan
Chase Bylenga Hulst PLLC

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



SUNDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

Session N: *Automatic Stay and Discharge Injunction Issues – SOS*

Presenters: Hon. Andrew B. Altenburg, Jr. (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – D. New Jersey

Kelly M. Hagan
Hagan Law Offices PLC

Emily S. Rucker
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Matthew L. Boyd
Kuhn Rogers PLC

Session O: *Agricultural Insolvencies – Rain on the Scarecrow; Blood on the Plow*

Presenters: Hon. Catherine J. Furay (Moderator)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court – W.D. Wisconsin

Elisabeth Von Eitzen
Warner Norcross & Judd, LLP

Stephen Weber
O'Keefe & Associates

Paul G. Swanson
Steinhilber Swanson, LLP



SUNDAY, JULY 28 (continued)

10:05 – 10:55 am

PLENARY SESSION: A Steady Dose of Ethics

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

Joel D. Applebaum
Clark Hill

Rozanne M. Giunta
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Jonathan S. Green
Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC

11:00 – 12:00 pm

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



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