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# **36th Annual Debtor-Creditor Law Conference**

*Featuring a distinguished panel of  
bankruptcy lawyers and judges*

**Friday, February 12, 2016**

**Sheraton Madison Hotel  
Madison, Wisconsin**

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## **Debtor-Creditor Law Conference**

### *A Tradition of Excellence in Bankruptcy Education for Thirty Six Years*

The practices of nearly all lawyers are regularly and significantly affected by problems arising from the creation and nonpayment of debts. All lawyers need a greater understanding of the problems of borrowers and lenders to provide adequate counsel to clients both inside and outside the commercial field.

This program annually provides practice-oriented instruction that is valuable to all attorneys — not simply those attorneys whose practice is devoted exclusively to handling consumer and business bankruptcies. The speaker's panel, selected by the law school, has identified issues for this year's conference which examine issues at the forefront of bankruptcy practice.

If you have never attended the **Debtor-Creditor Law Conference** in the past, you should be aware of two special features which have become the hallmark of this program and which prior participants have found extremely interesting and educational. The **first feature** of the conference is its use of the problem approach to present the material. Each topic was selected for its current importance in debtor-creditor law and its potential interest for the practitioners in attendance. Both general practitioners and specialists will benefit from the opportunity to consider these problems with the outstanding faculty. Problems will be discussed from both creditor and debtor viewpoints.

The **second feature** of the program is the format of the presentations, which involves a primary speaker with substantial comment from the entire faculty. In addition, comments and questions from the lawyers in attendance are encouraged. The result of this exchange of views, strategies, comments, and anecdotes is an interesting program that is practice oriented and useful to all persons attending the program.

## Faculty of Distinguished Bankruptcy Professionals

**Hon. Robert D. Martin** - Judge Martin is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin. He has served as president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. He also has been named to the National Bankruptcy Conference and is a charter fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

**Hon. Catherine J. Furay** - Judge Furay is the chief United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin. Prior to her appointment, she practiced bankruptcy, commercial law, and business litigation in Madison, Wisconsin. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, Judge Furay has been a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy, commercial law, ethics, marital property, and litigation skills. She is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Wisconsin Law School where she teaches lawyering skills. She has also served as an instructor in the General Practice Course. In addition to being co-author of Wisconsin Business Advisors Series: Collections & Bankruptcy Vol. 4, Pinnacle Books, Judge Furay co-authored the Wisconsin Civil Litigation Forms Manual, Pinnacle Books. She is also the author of several articles on various bankruptcy, collection, marital property, and litigation topics.

**Hon. G. Michael Halfenger** - Judge Halfenger was appointed to serve as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in 2013. He was previously co-chair of Appellate Practice at Foley & Lardner where he also litigated a wide spectrum of complex commercial matters in both federal and state courts. He has served on the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Appointment Selection Committee, the Eastern District of Wisconsin's Local Rules Committee, and on the Seventh Circuit's Advisory Committee on Circuit Rules. Judge Halfenger received his J.D. in 1991 from the University of Chicago Law School.

**Hon. Cynthia A. Norton** - Judge Norton received her law degree from the University of Kansas in 1984. She clerked for the Hon. John E. Rees of the Kansas Court of Appeals, and the Hon. James A. Pusateri, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, and was a partner at Lewis Rice & Fingersh in Kansas City, before establishing her own law firm in 1995. As a member of Grimes & Rebein, Judge Norton practiced in bankruptcy and related fields in Kansas and Missouri until being sworn in as a bankruptcy judge in the Western District of Missouri in 2013. She is the recipient of the Michael R. Roser Excellence in Bankruptcy Award, and the Robert L. Gernon Award for Outstanding Contribution to CLE, as well as a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy. Judge Norton has authored numerous articles and seminar papers, and spoken at conferences around the country.

**Bruce A. Lanser** - Mr. Lanser received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1978 and his law degree from Marquette University in 1982. He owns and operates Lanser Law Office in Waukesha, where his practice is devoted to the representation of individual and small business debtors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcies and in settlement negotiations and voluntary workouts. Mr. Lanser also serves as a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy practice and is a recipient of the Judge Dale E. Ihlenfeldt Bankruptcy Award.

**Gerald F. Munitz** - Mr. Munitz' practice in Chicago focused exclusively on commercial insolvency law, including the extensive representation of debtors, secured creditors, unsecured creditors, and special interests such as lessors and purchasers of property of the estate. Mr. Munitz was named a "Bankruptcy Legend" by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges for his significant contributions to the administration of bankruptcy law (2004).

**Thomas L. Shriner, Jr.** - Tom Shriner is a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP, in its Milwaukee office, and a member of the firm's Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Appellate, and Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations Practices. He concentrates his practice in commercial and public law litigation and has an extensive appellate practice in both state and federal courts. He also has substantial experience in the bankruptcy courts. Mr. Shriner is an adjunct professor of law at Marquette University Law School and a member of the Wisconsin Judicial Council.

**Michael L. Temin** - Mr. Temin is a Senior Counsel at Fox Rothschild LLP. Named as one of the leading bankruptcy and restructuring attorneys in Pennsylvania by *Chambers USA*, Mr. Temin's bankruptcy practice focuses on both litigation and transactional matters. He represents debtors, creditors' committees and others involved in the restructuring or liquidation of insolvent businesses, in the purchase of assets from insolvent businesses and in structuring transactions with businesses in financial distress. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He was Chairman of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference; Chair of the Rules Subcommittee and Vice-Chair of the Chapter 11 Subcommittee of the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association; Chairman of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Philadelphia Bar Association; Chairman of the Section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law of the Philadelphia Bar Association and a member of its Board of Governors. Mr. Temin has taught at the University of Pennsylvania since 1982.

**Brady C. Williamson** - Brady Williamson is a member of Godfrey & Kahn S.C.'s Business Finance, Bankruptcy & Restructuring Practice and Media Law Groups. He is a constitutional and corporate litigator who has taught periodically at the University of Wisconsin Law School for more than 25 years. He has successfully represented clients in the U.S. Supreme Court, and he often appears in the federal and state appellate courts on constitutional issues.

**Rachel M. Blise** - Rachel Blise is an associate with the Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice of Foley & Lardner LLP. She represents lenders in foreclosure actions and secured and unsecured creditors in bankruptcy and other insolvency proceedings.

**Erin A. West** - Erin West is an associate in the Litigation Practice Group in the Madison office of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. The primary focus of her practice is bankruptcy and insolvency-related litigation work. Her bankruptcy litigation experience includes the representation of individual and business debtors as well as secured and unsecured creditors including creditors' committees and trusts. Her practice also includes representation in commercial litigation matters as well as complex state and federal litigation and appeals.

# Program Agenda and Topics

Registration: 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Instruction: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00; 1:15 to 4:00 p.m.

*Program Moderators: Hon. Catherine J. Furay & Hon. Robert D. Martin*

**Issue 1: Review of Secured Lenders' Response to American  
Bankruptcy Institute's Chapter 11 Proposals**

*Gerald Munitz*

**Issue 2: Ethical Issues for Bankruptcy Practitioners**

*Hon. Cynthia A. Norton*

**Issue 3: Equitable Mootness Revisited**

*Michael Temin  
Brady Williamson  
Erin West*

**Issue 4: A Couple of Dischargeability Issues That Are Splitting  
the Circuits**

*Thomas Shriner & Rachel M. Blise*

**Issue 5: Latent Claims in Bankruptcy**

*Bruce Lanser*

**Issue 6: Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Bankruptcy Claims**

*Hon. Michael Halfenger*

# Registration Information

**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2016.

**Location:** Sheraton Madison Hotel, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53713.  
Phone: 608-251-2300; toll-free 800-325-3535.

**Schedule:** Registration from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Instruction from 9:00 a.m. - Noon and from 1:15 - 4:00 p.m. There will be a 15-minute break during the morning and afternoon sessions. Lunch is not included in the program.

**Program Fee:** The \$199.00 fee per registrant includes a course outline and refreshment breaks. Please make checks payable to the UW Law School.

**Materials:** Materials for this program can be ordered separately for \$55.00 plus applicable sales tax. Please see the enrollment form for the amount due, including sales tax. Check the appropriate box on the enrollment form and include a check made payable to the UW Law School. **Materials will be sent out after the program.**

**Refund Policy:** Refunds will be paid in full if requested before February 8, 2016.

**Continuing Education Credit:** Up to **6.0** hours of Wisconsin CLE credit may be earned through attendance at this program of which one hour of EPR (Ethics and Professional Responsibility) credit has been applied for. Members of bars in other mandatory CLE states are requested to contact the CLEW office for information on obtaining credit in their states.

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**For More Information:** Please call 800-355-5573 or 608-262-3833 or fax 608-263-3472.

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**Online:** Register online by visiting the CLEW web site at [law.wisc.edu/clew/seminars](http://law.wisc.edu/clew/seminars)



**Phone:** For registration questions, please call: 800-355-5573 or 608-262-3833

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