

Continuing Legal Education for Wisconsin

# 33rd Annual Debtor-Creditor Law Conference

Featuring a distinguished panel of bankruptcy professionals

Friday, February 15, 2013

Sheraton Madison Hotel Madison, Wisconsin

Continuing Legal Education for Wisconsin (CLEW) refers to the continuing education activities of the University of Wisconsin Law School and University of Wisconsin Extension.

### **Debtor-Creditor Law Conference** *A Tradition of Excellence in Bankruptcy Education for Thirty Three 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 presentation by the faculty is structured around a problem. Each problem 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 the chief 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. Judge Martin is the author of *Bankruptcy: Annotated Forms* (Prentice Hall, 2d ed., 1989), the bankruptcy chapter co-author of *Construction Law* (Matthew Bender, 1986), and a contributing author of *Norton Bankruptcy and Practice* and *Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor* (both Callaghan).

**Gerald F. Munitz** - Mr. Munitz practices in Chicago with the law firm of Neal Wolf & Associates, LLC. His practice focuses 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). He was named one of the 12 foremost bankruptcy practitioners in the United States by *The Wall Street Journal* (1991). Chambers USA describes Mr. Munitz as the Chicago Bankruptcy Bar's "Senior Statesman."

**William J. Rameker** - Mr. Rameker is a member of Murphy Desmond S.C. having joined the firm in 1981. He has over 35 years of experience representing clients in corporate restructuring and reorganization. His expertise includes representation of secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 11 proceedings and restructuring troubled companies both inside and outside of Chapter 11 and representing banks. Mr. Rameker has acted as attorney for the Creditors' Committee and for the Debtor in numerous business bankruptcies in a variety of industries. He has also acted as the State Court Receiver, Bankruptcy Trustee for the past 35 years and attorney for the Trustee in the liquidation of numerous businesses.

**Thomas L. Shriner, Jr.** - Tom Shriner is a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP, in its Milwaukee office, and a member of the 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 and regularly speaks on creditor-debtor law subjects. He is a graduate of Indiana University and its law school in Bloomington.

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 senior counsel at Fox Rothschild LLP in Philadelphia. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Named as one of the leading bankruptcy and restructuring attorneys in Pennsylvania by *Chambers USA*, Mr. Temin has extensive experience representing 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.

Mr. Temin has participated in many CLE programs on bankruptcy and on ethics and has served as an expert witness in both disciplines. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he teaches a course on Chapter 11. He is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is a contributing author to: *Collier on Bankruptcy, Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide*, and *Bankruptcy Litigation Manual*.

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

In 1996, Mr. Williamson was appointed by the President of the United States to chair the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, which submitted its 1,300-page report to Congress, the Chief Justice and the President on October 20, 1997. He is a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference, whose membership is limited to 60 academics, judges, and practitioners with a focus on bankruptcy law. He is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the American College of Bankruptcy.

In 2009, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York appointed Mr. Williamson an examiner in the General Motors reorganization cases. He now serves as counsel to the Fee Committee in the Lehman Brothers Chapter 11 proceedings.

Jane F. (Ginger) Zimmerman - Ms. Zimmerman is a shareholder in the Madison law firm of Murphy Desmond, S.C. Her practice combines her experience in business, real estate, municipal law, bankruptcy, secured transactions, agricultural and commercial transactions, and litigation. She represents creditors, debtors, receivers and trustees in bankruptcies, collections, reorganizations, liquidations, and Wisconsin Chapter 128 proceedings. Ms. Zimmerman also represents purchasers, sellers, landlords and tenants of commercial and agricultural real estate. Her practice includes consultation and representation related to the joint ownership of real estate.

Ms. Zimmerman currently serves as chair of the firm's Creditors' Rights, Business Bankruptcy and Commercial Litigation Practice Group, and she serves on the firm's Board of Directors. Recently, she was honored by Wisconsin Law Journal as a recipient of the "<u>Women in the Law</u>" award.

#### **Program Agenda and Topics**

Registration: 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Instruction: 9:00 a.m. to 12:15; 1:30 to 3:45 p.m.

**Program Moderator: Hon. Robert D. Martin** 

Issue 1: For Better, For Worse, In Sickness and In Health, 'Til Bankruptcy Do Us Part: Issues with the Non-Filing Spouse

> William Rameker Ginger Zimmerman

Issue 2: Discharges, Releases, Injunctions, and Exculpations in Chapter 11 Plans

Michael Temin

Issue 3: The New Congress: Statutory Changes Ahead? And a Few (More) Words on Legal Fees

Brady Williamson

Issue 4: Should Bankruptcy Code Sections 365(d)(4)(A), 503(b)(9), and 1121(d)(2) be Revised? Gerald Munitz

**Issue 5:** Chapter 15: Insolvency in a Global Economy

Thomas Shriner, Jr.

## **Registration Information**

Date: Friday, February 15, 2013.

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. -12:15 p.m. and from 1:30 - 3:45 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 11, 2013.

**Continuing Education Credit:** Up to **6.0** hours of Wisconsin CLE credit may be earned through attendance at this program. 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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