

Continuing Legal Education for Wisconsin

# 35th Annual Debtor-Creditor Law Conference

Featuring a distinguished panel of bankruptcy lawyers and judges

Friday, February 20, 2015

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 Five 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. Judge Furay has served on various committees of the State Bar of Wisconsin, including its Executive Committee. She has also served on numerous ABI, ABA, and CLLA Committees.

**Hon. Janet S. Baer** - Judge Baer is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, appointed on March 5, 2012. Previously, she was a restructuring lawyer for more than 25 years. The majority of her practice focused on the representation of large, publicly-held debtors in both restructuring and chapter 11 matters. She also represented companies in commercial litigation matters, including lender liability, fraud, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty. Prior to forming her own firm in 2009, Judge Baer was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Winston & Strawn; and Schwartz, Cooper, Greenberger & Krauss. Judge Baer received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed her J.D. at DePaul University. Her memberships include: Chicago Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Reorganization Committee; American Bankruptcy Institute; Turnaround Management Association; and International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation.

**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 cochair 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.

**Richard S. Lauter** - Mr. Lauter is a partner in the Chicago office of Freeborn & Peters LLP. He is leader of the firm's bankruptcy and financial restructuring practice group. Mr. Lauter has over 30 years of experience representing and advising financial institutions, real estate firms, corporations, and bankruptcy trustees in all aspects of creditors' rights and insolvency matters, including the reorganization of financially distressed companies in the United States. He has served as counsel in multiple airline bankruptcy cases, counseled chapter 7 trustees in liquidation cases and represented and chaired numerous chapter 11 creditors' committees. Mr. Lauter is a member of the Advisory Board for the American Bankruptcy Institute ("ABI") Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, Program Chairman for the ABI Commercial Fraud Committee and a frequent speaker at ABI events. He is also a contributing author of the ABI's recently published Commercial Fraud Manual. He graduated from Northern Illinois College of Law.

**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 senior counsel at Fox Rothschild LLP in Philadelphia. He 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.

**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. He is a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the American College of Bankruptcy.

**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.

**Katherine Stadler** - Katherine Stadler is a shareholder in the Litigation and Business Finance, Bankruptcy & Restructuring Practice Groups in the Madison office of Godfrey & Kahn S.C. Her practice emphasizes bankruptcy and insolvency-related litigation and appellate work. Most recently, she has represented the Fee Examiner in the General Motors bankruptcy and the Fee Committee in the Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. matter. Katherine Stadler was named a 2013 Woman in the Law by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*.

**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: Credit Bidding After *RadLAX* 

Michael L. Temin

Issue 2: Hiring of Creditor Committee Counsel: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

> Hon. Janet S. Baer Richard S. Lauter

Issue 3: *Stern, Executive Benefits*, and *Wellness* - The Next Shoe to Drop

Brady C. Williamson Katherine Stadler Erin A. West

Issue 4: Happy 35th Birthday to Adequate Protection Gerald F. Munitz

- Issue 5: Getting Paid for Litigating in Bankruptcy Thomas L. Shriner, Jr. Rachel M. Blise
- Issue 6: The Honest but Forgetful Debtor: Section 523(a)3 and the Effects of Failing to List a Debt

Hon. G. Michael Halfenger

# **Registration Information**

Date: Friday, February 20, 2015.

**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 16, 2015.

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

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