

Continuing Legal Education for Wisconsin

# 34th Annual Debtor-Creditor Law Conference

Featuring a distinguished panel of bankruptcy lawyers and judges

Friday, February 14, 2014

**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 Four 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.

**Hon.** Catherine Furay - Judge Furay is United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Hon. G. Michael Halfenger - Judge Halfenger is United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Prior to joining the court, he was a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP.

**Hon. Thomas M. Lynch** - Judge Lynch is United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. He is an adjunct professor at Northwestern University.

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).

**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.

**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.

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.

**Robert M. Fishman** - Mr. Fishman is co-chair of the Bankruptcy, Reorganization and Creditors Rights practice of Shaw Fishman. He is Chairman of the American Bankruptcy Institute Mediation Committee and past Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the American Bankruptcy Institute.

**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.

**Jennifer L. Vandermeuse** - Jennifer Vandermeuse is an associate in the Business Finance & Restructuring Practice Group in the Madison office of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. She served as law clerk to the Honorable Robert Martin.

### **Program Agenda and Topics**

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

Instruction: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00; 1:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Program Moderators: Hon. Catherine Furay & Hon. Robert Martin

Issue 1: Fraud After Bullock v. BankChampaign, N.A.: Featuring the

Real Housewives of Bankruptcy and Other

**Less Notorious Cases** 

William Rameker Ginger Zimmerman

**Issue 2: "Free and Clear"** 

Michael Temin

Issue 3: Stern v. Marshall and Other Curiosities

Brady Williamson Jennifer L. Vandermeuse

**Issue 4:** Recent Cases Involving Avoidance Actions,

**Executory Contracts, and Chapter 11 Confirmations** 

Gerald Munitz

Issue 5: Surcharging Exemptions?, and Other Wonders of Section 105

Thomas Shriner, Jr. Rachel M. Blise

**Issue 6:** SARE Cases and Debtors' Ability to Propose and Confirm a

Non-100% Plan: The Implications of *In re Castleton Plaza*, *LP* 

and In re B.R. Brookfield Commons No. 1, LLC

Hon. G. Michael Halfenger

**Issue 7:** Evidentiary Issues for Bankruptcy Practitioners

Hon. Thomas M. Lynch

Issue 8: "Why I Hate Section 546(e)"

Robert M. Fishman

## **Registration Information**

Date: Friday, February 14, 2014.

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 - 4:30 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 10, 2014.

**Continuing Education Credit:** Up to **7.0** 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 1-800-355-5573 or (608) 262-3833 or fax (608) 263-3472.

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