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# **32nd Annual Debtor-Creditor Law Conference**

*Featuring a distinguished panel of  
United States bankruptcy judges  
and lawyers*

**Friday, February 17, 2012**

**Sheraton Madison Hotel  
Madison, Wisconsin**

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## **Debtor-Creditor Law Conference**

### *A Tradition of Excellence in Bankruptcy Education for Thirty Two 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 of bankruptcy judges and experienced attorneys. 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).

**Hon. Barbara J. Houser** - Judge Houser is a United States bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of Texas. She is a contributing author of *Collier on Bankruptcy*, 15th ed., and *Collier Bankruptcy Manual*, 3d ed., and lectures frequently around the country on insolvency, bankruptcy, and debtor/creditor relationships. Judge Houser is a member of the prestigious National Bankruptcy Conference and is also a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, the American Bar Foundation, and the Texas Bar Foundation.

**Gerald F. Munitz** - Mr. Munitz is of counsel with the Chicago 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 shareholder in the Madison law firm of Murphy Desmond, S.C. He is a member of the Panel of Trustees for the Western District of Wisconsin. His expertise includes representation of secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 11 proceedings and restructuring troubled companies both inside and outside of Chapter 11. 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 trustee or attorney for the trustee in the liquidation of numerous businesses.

**Thomas L. Shriner, Jr.** - Mr. Shriner is a partner in the Milwaukee office of Foley & Lardner. He is a partner in Foley's General Commercial Litigation, 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.

**Michael L. Temin** - Mr. Temin is senior counsel at Fox Rothschild LLP. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

**Brady C. Williamson** - Mr. Williamson's practice in Madison and in Milwaukee with Godfrey & Kahn involves several disciplines and law firm teams including the Financial and Business Restructuring and Litigation Practice Groups. In 1996, the president of the United States appointed him to chair the National Bankruptcy Review Commission.

**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 and trustees in bankruptcies, collections, reorganizations, liquidations, and Chapter 128 proceedings.

*Joining the Faculty as a Panelist . . .*

**Professor Jonathan Lipson** - Professor Lipson is Foley & Lardner Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School. He teaches a variety of business law courses, including bankruptcy, contracts, commercial law, and an award-winning deal-based simulation. Professor Lipson is a member of the American Law Institute, the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers, and is active with the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, where he is a member of the Section Council. Prior to teaching, Professor Lipson practiced bankruptcy, corporate, and commercial law, and he has also served as an expert in complex reorganizations, including that of *Enron Corp.* Professor Lipson's principal research focus is business failure: how does--and should--the legal system respond when firms cannot pay their bills?

# 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: In a galaxy far, far away . . .  
Ethical Dilemmas in Representing Parties in Bankruptcy**

*William Rameker  
Ginger Zimmerman*

**Issue 2: Counting Votes on Chapter 11 Plans**

*Michael Temin*

**Issue 3: The Proposed U.S. Trustee Fee Guidelines – What and Why?**

*Brady Williamson*

**Issue 4: Seventh Circuit's Decision in *In The Matter of River Road Hotel Partners, LLC* - - The Conflict with *Philadelphia Newspaper***

*Gerald Munitz*

**Issue 5: Heading for the Exit – Gift Plans and Structured Dismissals**

*Hon. Barbara Houser*

**Issue 6: Potential Effect of *Stern v. Marshall* on Bankruptcy Judges' Authority**

*Thomas Shriner, Jr.*

# Registration Information

**Date:** Friday, February 17, 2012.

**Location:** Sheraton Madison Hotel, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53713.  
Phone: 608-251-2300.

**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 \$189.00 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 13, 2012.

**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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