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# DETROIT SEVENTH ANNUAL AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Returning this year is ABI's Seventh Annual Detroit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, a day-long program designed especially for Michigan consumer bankruptcy practitioners. This year's program will again address the topics that consumer practitioners need: the latest from the Supreme Court and the lower courts and what's left of good faith in bankruptcy, as well as an extensive series of breakout sessions on exemptions, lien-stripping, tax issues, means testing, asset cases, claims against creditors, objections to claims, legal writing and oral argument, and mortgage-modification news. The program will close with a panel of eight judges representing the Eastern and Western districts, as well as a reception. The conference is a must-attend for every Michigan consumer bankruptcy practitioner!

## SEVENTH ANNUAL DETROIT CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, November 11

**7:30-8:30 a.m.**  
Continental Breakfast  
and Registration

**8:30-8:45 a.m.**  
Welcome and Introductions  
**Hon. Steven W. Rhodes**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Mich.); Detroit*  
**James T. Markus**  
*Markus Williams Young & Zimmerman, LLC*  
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**8:45-10:00 a.m.**  
The Latest and Greatest:  
Supreme Court and Lower  
Court Case Law Update  
**Thomas D. DeCarlo, Moderator**  
*Chapter 13 Trustee Office; Southfield, Mich.*  
**Hon. James D. Gregg**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Mich.)*  
*Grand Rapids*  
**Hon. Mary Ann Whipple**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (N.D. Ohio); Toledo*

**10:00-10:45 a.m.**  
The Means Test, Yet Again  
**Krispen S. Carroll, Moderator**  
*Office of the U.S. Trustee; Detroit*  
**Melissa A. Caouette**  
*Charles J. Schneider, PC; Livonia, Mich.*  
**Karen E. Evangelista**  
*Karen E. Evangelista, PC; Rochester, Mich.*  
**Hon. Daniel S. Opperman**  
*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Mich.); Bay City*

**10:45-11:00 a.m.**  
Coffee Break

**11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**  
Concurrent Sessions (3)

The New Bankruptcy Rules  
and Claims Forms  
**Lisa Mullen, Moderator**  
*Chapter 13 Trustee Office; Southfield, Mich.*  
**Kim M. Rattet**  
*Trott & Trott, PC; Farmington Hills, Mich.*  
**Hon. Philip J. Shefferly**  
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**Ethics (Including §§ 526-528; Asset Disclosure and Valuation; Fee Apps)**

**Stuart A. Gold, Moderator**

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**Hon. Thomas J. Tucker**

*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Mich.); Detroit*

**David W. Van Zyl**

*Chapter 13 Trustee Office; Kalamazoo, Mich.*

**Real Property Issues: Judicial Foreclosure, Sales During the Redemption Period, MERS Issues**

**Wendy Turner Lewis, Moderator**

*Law Offices of Wendy Turner Lewis PLLC; Detroit*

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**12:00-1:20 p.m.**

**Luncheon**

**1:20-2:30 p.m.**

**Concurrent Sessions (3)**

**Surrender of Property in Chapter 13**

**Karen L. Rowse-Oberle, Moderator**

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**Hon. Jeffrey R. Hughes**

*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (W.D. Mich.)*

*Grand Rapids*

**Christopher W. Jones**

*Acclaim Legal Services P.L.L.C.; Southfield, Mich.*

**Appeals: The Nuts & Bolts**

**Daniela Dimovski, Moderator**

*Daniela Dimovski Attorney At Law, PC*

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**Cindy Beach**

*U. S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Mich.); Detroit*

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**Advanced Chapter 7 Track: Part 1 (Tax Refunds and Returns; Legal and Equitable Issues in Property Ownership; Fraudulent-Transfer Issues; Insider Preferences; Life Insurance Exemption Issues)**

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**2:30-2:40 p.m.**

**Break**

**2:40-3:40 p.m.**

**Concurrent Sessions (4)**

**Married Debtors in Chapter 13 Cases**

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**Individual Chapter 11 Cases:**

**A "How To" Guide**

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*U.S. Bankruptcy Court (E.D. Mich.); Detroit*

**Wallace H. Tuttle**

*Wallace H. Tuttle & Associates, PC*

*Traverse City, Mich.*

**3:40-4:00 p.m.**

**Refreshment Break**

**4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Judges' Panel**

**Hon. Philip J. Shefferly, Moderator**

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**5:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

**5:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Reception**

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Authors: Alane A. Becket and William A. McNeal

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