

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE SURVEYS

The Bankruptcy Judges of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan have asked the Federal Judicial Center (FJC) to survey attorneys who have practiced in the district to assess the performance of each of the Bankruptcy Judges. The surveys are a part of the Court's ongoing commitment to provide the highest level of public service possible. The FJC is the research and education organization for the federal courts located in Washington, D.C. (www.fjc.gov), and has assisted other districts around the country with similar efforts.

To avoid overburdening the bar, the start-date of the surveys will be staggered over the next 7 weeks according to the following schedule.

Bankruptcy Judge	Survey Start Date	Survey Due Date
Hon. Phillip J. Shefferly	Monday, April 11, 2011	Friday, April 29, 2011
Hon. Marci B. McIvor	Monday, April 11, 2011	Friday, April 29, 2011
Hon. Daniel S. Opperman	Monday, April 25, 2011	Friday, May 13, 2011
Hon. Steven W. Rhodes	Monday, April 25, 2011	Friday, May 13, 2011
Hon. Walter Shapero	Monday, May 9, 2011	Friday, May 27, 2011
Hon. Thomas J. Tucker	Monday, May 9, 2011	Friday, May 27, 2011

On the start date for each survey, the FJC will send an email to attorneys who have practiced before the particular Bankruptcy Judge. The email will explain how to access and complete an online questionnaire.

For each survey, research staff at the FJC will compile and analyze the survey responses, and will provide each judge a report, including a statistical summary and a compilation of the comments that are received. FJC staff will not provide the judges with the identity of people who responded, if that information becomes known to them. The results are exclusively for the judge's use in improving his or her performance; they will not be provided to anyone other than the judge and will not be used in either the reappointment or recall process.

If you do not receive an email from the FJC and want to participate, please contact Ms. Beth Wiggins of the FJC by phone at 410-308-3751 or 202-502-4076 or by email at fjc_survey@fjc.gov.

If you have questions about the survey or encounter any technical difficulties, please also contact Ms. Wiggins. If you would prefer to complete a paper version of the questionnaire, she can provide you with a copy and instructions for returning it to the FJC.

April 7, 2011

Phillip J. Shefferly
Chief Bankruptcy Judge