



2018 BKY IVN

May 10, 2018

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All registrations must be received by May 10, 2018.

After that date, registrations are on-site only and based on availability.

PRESENTERS

THE HONORABLE, MICHAEL E. RIDGWAY, Judge of the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota

On May 20, 2013, Michael E. Ridgway, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was sworn in as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Minnesota. His colleagues are Chief Judge Kathleen Sanberg, Katherine Constantine, William Fisher, and Robert Kressel presiding in that district. Judge Ridgway's chambers are located in Minneapolis, although he travels to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, once a month, and maintains a regular calendar there. He has also presided over cases in the District of North Dakota. Judge Ridgway is a 1978 graduate of Yankton College (Yankton, S.D.) and a 1981 graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School. From 2006 until his appointment, he served as a Trial Attorney with the United States Trustee's Program in Minneapolis. In October 2011, he was among a group of seven United States Trustee Program attorneys who received the United States Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, the Department of Justice's second highest award for employee performance, for "Exceptional Work to Address Misconduct and Abusive Practices in the U.S. Bankruptcy System." From 1998 to 2006, he was an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of South Dakota. During his tenure there, he represented the interest of the federal government in both civil and criminal matters, including bankruptcy, asset forfeiture, and prosecutions of white collar fraud cases. Judge Ridgway also has extensive litigation experience having been in private practice for 17 years; he also served as an elected county prosecutor for over five years. He has prosecuted several bench and jury trials in both the state and federal courts. Judge Ridgway has taught a course in bankruptcy the last four years at the University of St. Thomas Law School.

ANITA MILLER, Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota

Anita Miller joined the Minnesota Bankruptcy Court in 1992 and has served as Deputy in Charge of the Duluth divisional office since 1996. In addition to her management and calendaring responsibilities in Duluth, she also manages Judge Ridgway's Fergus Falls calendar. She is the Chair of the Court's Quality Control Committee. She attended the University of Minnesota Duluth and completed the Federal Judicial Center's Federal Court Leadership Program in 2016. Prior to her tenure at the Bankruptcy Court, she worked as a bankruptcy paralegal with Clure, Eaton & Butler in Duluth from 1983 to 1992.

KATIE J. BERTSCH is an associate attorney at Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. A native of Rochert, Minnesota, Katie graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Bemidji State University. In 2011, she graduated with distinction from the University of North Dakota School of Law. Before joining Ohnstad Twichell, Katie first served as a law clerk for the judges of the Northwest Judicial District of North Dakota. She then clerked for the Honorable Shon Hastings of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of North Dakota and for the Honorable Kermit E. Bye of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Katie practices in Ohnstad Twichell's West Fargo office, primarily focusing on municipal law, municipal bonding, and bankruptcy/financial restructuring.

ROSS ESPESETH is a partner in Bormann, Myerchin & Espeseth, LLP. He graduated from North Dakota State University in 1978 and the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1982. He has practiced law in Bismarck for thirty-six years. He is a general practitioner with an emphasis in bankruptcy matters, mostly representing debtors. He is a member of the State Bar Association of North Dakota and the Big Muddy Bar Association. He is a native of Noonan, ND.

ROGER MINCH (program moderator) is a member of the Serkland Law Firm in Fargo, where he specializes in the areas of banking, loan documentation, commercial collections, workouts, bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and foreclosure. He is a graduate of NDSU and earned his law degree from the UND School of Law in 1978. Minch is a frequent lecturer in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial litigation. He is one of only two creditors' rights specialists in North Dakota, certified by the American Board of Certification, which is sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute, Commercial Law League of America, and the American Bar Association. Mr. Minch was inducted in March of 2018 as the first fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy from ND or SD.

MICHAEL P. SLY joined Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. in July 2017. He is a Fargo native and graduated from Concordia College (B.A. cum laude in German, Political Science), the University of St. Thomas School of Law (J.D. cum laude), and the University of Wuerzburg in Germany (LL.M. Eur.). Michael is licensed in North Dakota, Minnesota, and New York (under advisement). He previously worked for The Toro Company in Bloomington and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of North Dakota in Fargo. Michael will practice primarily in the areas of public finance and public-private partnerships. Michael's practice often involves matters of municipal law, water law, and real estate/land use. Recently, he became a founding attorney of the bankruptcy/restructuring group, which mainly represents debtors in North Dakota and Minnesota.

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The following topics will be covered:

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Supreme Court cases from the last year
Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and Eighth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel cases
Trustee issues and debtor and/or creditor issues
What is and is not happening and is and is not an issue for western ND &
the key takeaways, deadlines and dangers from the Notice of Case Commencement
Bankruptcy from 30,000 feet and cosmological bankruptcy