

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

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF  
REVISED LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES  
AND ECF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

On January 5, 2016, the Court entered two separate administrative orders. Administrative Order No. 16-01 adopts revised Local Bankruptcy Rules. Administrative Order No. 16-02 adopts revised ECF Administrative Procedures. A copy of each administrative order is being sent out along with this notice. Both the revised Local Bankruptcy Rules and the revised ECF Administrative Procedures will become effective on February 1, 2016. There are extensive revisions, intended to reflect and incorporate changes in the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, case law and practice that have occurred since the last time that the Court conducted a comprehensive review of the Local Bankruptcy Rules and ECF Administrative Procedures in 2008. I encourage you to review all of the revised Local Bankruptcy Rules and ECF Administrative Procedures. The Court has posted on its website a clean copy and a redlined version to show the changes that have been made to the current Local Bankruptcy Rules and the current ECF Administrative Procedures.

Also, to assist you in gaining familiarity with the revisions, the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan are presenting a seminar on January 13, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Room 115 of the United States District Court, 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit,

Michigan 48226. The seminar will provide an overview of all the changes with discussion by bankruptcy court judges and bankruptcy practitioners. With this notice is a copy of the registration form for the seminar. To ensure that you reserve a spot, please email Judy Calton at [jcalton@honigman.com](mailto:jcalton@honigman.com). Space is limited, so I encourage you to make your reservation as soon as possible.

The adoption of the revised Local Bankruptcy Rules and revised ECF Administrative Procedures is the culmination of over a year and a half of hard work by bench and bar. All of the comments and suggestions that were made along the way were greatly appreciated and were thoroughly discussed and considered. I wish to especially thank all of the individuals who volunteered to serve on the Rules Advisory Committee for the Bankruptcy Court and its various subcommittees, who performed an exhaustive review of our current Local Bankruptcy Rules and ECF Administrative Procedures and participated in the preparation of the April 27, 2015 written report from the Rules Advisory Committee to the Bankruptcy Court.

**PHILLIP J. SHEFFERLY**  
**Chief Bankruptcy Judge**

**Dated: January 6, 2016**

**KEEP UP TO DATE ON RULES CHANGES  
WITH A SEMINAR ON JANUARY 13, 2016  
FROM 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**



Amendments to the Local Rules of the Eastern District of Michigan Bankruptcy Court are coming, expected to become effective on February 1, 2016. In addition, certain amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will become effective on December 1, 2015.

The Bench of the Eastern District of Michigan Bankruptcy Court and the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar will present a seminar on the rules amendments on January 13, 2016 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm., with the seminar benefitting Access to Bankruptcy Court. A networking reception will follow the seminar.

The Speakers will include all the Judges of the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and members of the Rules Committee which drafted the proposed revised Local Rules.



**More information and the reservation form are attached.**

## SEMINAR INFORMATION

**DATE:** January 13, 2016

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(seminar begins promptly starting at 4:00 p.m., so arrive by 3:30 p.m. to go through security and register; seminar is followed by a networking reception with food)

**LOCATION:** Room 115  
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse  
231 W. Lafayette Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48226  
(allow sufficient time to be able to go through security)

**COST:** \$25.00

**PAYMENT:** Checks should be made payable to Access to Bankruptcy Court\*

**RESERVATIONS:** Fill out the attached form and deliver the form and check to:

Judy B. Calton  
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP  
660 Woodward Avenue, Suite 2290  
Detroit, MI 48226

**SEMINAR MATERIALS:** **The seminar materials will only be available electronically.**  
No hard copy of the seminar materials will be available at the seminar.



***Space will be limited so make your reservation and payment as early as possible.***

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\* All seminar proceeds in excess of costs will be a donation to Access to Bankruptcy Court. \$15.00 of the payment will constitute a charitable deduction to Access to Bankruptcy Court.

**RESERVATION FORM FOR  
JANUARY 13, 2016  
RULES AMENDMENTS SEMINAR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Agenda for Rules Seminar on January 13, 2016:**

**Moderator:** Judy B. Calton

1. **Changes in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure** that will be applicable in bankruptcy and corresponding local rules changes, with an emphasis on pretrial conferences, scheduling.

Honorable Walter Shapero, Judith Greenstone Miller and Charles Bullock

2. **Local Rules Changes**

- A. **Chapter 7 Cases**

Honorable Mark A. Randon, Stuart Gold and Michael Stevenson

- B. **Chapter 11 Cases**

Honorable Thomas J. Tucker, Robert Weisberg and Brendan Best

- C. **Chapter 13 Cases**

Honorable Marci B. McIvor, David Ruskin, Krispin Carroll and Charles Schneider

- D. **General**

Honorable Daniel S. Opperman, Michael Baum, Paul Randel, and Brian Trumbauer

3. **Bankruptcy Forms**

Honorable Phillip J. Shefferly (Chief Judge), Marcy Ford, Roseanne Giunta and Member of the Clerk's Office

4. **ECF Changes**

Honorable Phillip J. Shefferly (Chief Judge), Clerk of the Court Katherine B. Gullo, Debra Pevos, Jason Bank and Rich Collins