



# Until Debt Do Us Part

**Program dates start September 29. Register today!** 



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## **Doubly difficult**

Couples going through a divorce can simultaneously face financial struggles. It can be overwhelming for divorcing clients to envision how to deal with their marital property and debt. That's where you come in.

At **Until Debt Do Us Part**, learn how to assist clients with their credit issues before, during, and after divorce. You'll review the basics of bankruptcy and find out how divorce will impact your client's property division and debts. You'll also pick up best practices to use when filing for bankruptcy, divorce, or both while avoiding potential ethical snags along the way.

#### How you'll benefit:

- Know how to assist your clients when bankruptcy and divorce intersect
- Determine if filing for divorce or bankruptcy first makes sense for your client
- Find strategies you can use to help financially distressed divorce clients
- Discover how divorce impacts debts and marital property
- Avoid ethical violations common to cases involving family law and bankruptcy

## Who should attend:

- Family law attorneys
- Bankruptcy lawyers
- General practitioners
- Attorneys seeking to add bankruptcy or family law to their practice

Be prepared to traverse the junction of family law and bankruptcy with confidence by attending *Until Debt Do Us Part*.

**Register now!** 

## Faculty

#### Presenters

Hon. Catherine J. Furay Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin Madison

Hon. Valerie Bailey Rihn Dane County Circuit Court Madison

**J. David Krekeler** Krekeler Strother, S.C. Madison

**Christopher S. Krimmer** Forward Legal Services Madison

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Megan A. Phillips Richter & Phillips LLP Madison

**Jennifer Schank** Fuhrman & Dodge, S.C. Madison

**Erin A. West** Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. Madison

## Credits

This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for 8 CLE credits including 1 Ethics and Professional Responsibility credit.

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## Schedule

#### 8:00 AM Registration

#### 8:30 AM Debt and Debt Collection

- Debt
- Secured and unsecured debt
- Contract and equity
- ► Tort
- Statute
- Doctrine of necessities
- Marital property law
- ► Divorce
- Debt collection methods
- Levy and execution
- Garnishment
- Receivership
- Judgment lien
- Divorce judgment enforcement
- Replevin and foreclosure, tax lien and levy, student loan collection, child support collection, car license suspension Hon. Valerie Bailey Rihn, Mark N. Mathias, Erin A. West

#### 9:15 AM Introduction to Marital Property

- Individual and marital assets
  - Marital property in a divorce Hon. Valerie Bailey Rihn, Mark N. Mathias

#### 9:55 AM Introduction to the Impact of Divorce on Debts

- Property settlement
- Debt allocation
- Maintenance

#### Hon. Valerie Bailey Rihn, Jennifer Schank 10:15 AM Introduction to Debt Relief Strategies

- Negotiation
- Workout
- Chapter 128
- Jennifer Schank, Erin A. West

#### 10:30 AM Break

#### 10:45 AM Introduction to Bankruptcy

- The bankruptcy estate the effect of marital property on the bankruptcy estate
- Exemptions and exemption planning
- Joint filings
- Automatic stay issues
- Discharge, non-dischargeable debts, and reaffirmations

- Chapters 7, 11, 12, and 13
- Means test and totality of the circumstances Mark N. Mathias, Jennifer Schank, Erin A. West

#### 11:45 AM Lunch (on your own)

#### 12:45 PM Marital Settlement Agreements and Marital Property Agreements

- Best practices
- What you need to include/exclude Christopher Krimmer, Helen Ludwig, Megan A. Phillips

#### 1:30 PM Bankruptcy Strategies

- In the context of marriage
- Joint filing
- Separate estates and distributions
- Single spouse filing
- Exemptions
- The phantom discharge
- The hypothetical discharge
- Making the decision to file joint or single case
- In the context of divorce
- Whether to file before or after divorce
- Joint or single?
- Drafting divorce decrees in contemplation of bankruptcy Hon. Catherine J. Furay, J. David Krekeler, Helen Ludwig

#### 2:30 рм Break

#### 2:45 PM Post-Divorce Bankruptcy Issues

- What to do when you get the Notice of Meeting of Creditors
- Domestic support obligations (DSO) and the impact on exemptions
- Marital settlement agreements (MSA) void as fraudulent conveyances?
- Dischargeability of debts
- State court vs. bankruptcy court where should you litigate?
- Modification of maintenance Hon. Catherine J. Furay, J. David Krekeler, Helen Ludwig

#### 4:00 PM Ethics: Representing Financially Distressed Couples

- In the context of marriage
- ► The joint or single filing decision
- Conflict and waiver
- In the context of divorce
  - Representing one spouse
  - Representing both spouses
     Communication
  - Commun
     Conflict
  - Informed consent and waiver
- Fees owed family lawyers and the ethical considerations in their collection when faced with bankruptcy
- J. David Krekeler, Megan A. Phillips

#### 4:50 PM Program Concludes

Following start time, schedule will vary slightly from above listed times.

## Dates Location

#### In-Person Seminar – Madison

Thursday, September 29, 2022 State Bar Center 5302 Eastpark Blvd., Madison, WI

#### **Live Webcast**

Thursday, September 29, 2022

#### Webcast Replay

Friday, October 7, 2022 Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Tuesday, October 18, 2022 Monday, October 31, 2022 Wednesday, November 9, 2022 Monday, November 21, 2022 Tuesday, November 29, 2022 Thursday, December 8, 2022

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#### Marital Property Law and Practice in Wisconsin

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