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## The Basics of Filing Chapter 7 and Chapter 13

7 CLE Credits

Program dates start February 11, 2026

## Beyond the Basics of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13

8 CLE Credits

Program dates start March 23, 2026



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# The Basics of Filing Chapter 7 and Chapter 13

— *and* —

# Beyond the Basics of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13



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# Bankruptcy—The Basics and Beyond

Endorsed by the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Wisconsin

## The Basics of Filing Chapter 7 and Chapter 13

Economic uncertainty is in the news and on many Americans' minds right now. And if your clients are facing job loss, medical debt, divorce, or accumulating debt, they may be wondering if bankruptcy is an option for relief. ***The Basics of Filing Chapter 7 and Chapter 13*** examines the core components of consumer bankruptcy law, with a clear, practice-oriented introduction to how these cases are built, evaluated, and filed.

### How you'll benefit

- Feel prepared to take on bankruptcy matters with confidence
- Understand how the means test functions and how state and federal exemptions differ
- Develop the foundational knowledge needed to file a straightforward Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 case successfully
- Approach intake and early case decisions with a structured framework for advising clients
- Reduce uncertainty by strengthening your command of core filing requirements

## Beyond the Basics of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13

What begins as a straightforward bankruptcy filing can take a more complex turn when divorce, repeat filings, contested matters, or discharge litigation enters the picture. ***Beyond the Basics of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13*** builds on the foundational knowledge of *The Basics of Filing Chapter 7 and Chapter 13* with a deeper analysis of advanced consumer bankruptcy issues.

### How you'll benefit

- Anticipate and manage pre-bankruptcy planning pitfalls that affect eligibility, asset protection, and discharge
- Handle family law complications in bankruptcy cases with greater clarity and confidence
- Respond more effectively to procedural challenges such as serial filings, proofs of claim, and venue disputes
- Build a strategic framework to help analyze and litigate discharge, dischargeability, and avoidance actions
- Confidently approach contested Chapter 13 matters, including objections, settlements, and motions to dismiss
- Strengthen your overall litigation posture in complex consumer bankruptcy cases

Register now!

## TUITION\*

	IN-PERSON	WEBCAST
State Bar Member	\$259	\$289
Nonmember	\$339	\$369
YLD Member**	\$239	\$269
Ultimate Pass Gold/Silver	\$0	\$0
Ultimate Pass Bronze	\$259	\$0
Passbook Certificate	1 Certificate	1 Certificate

\*Tuition shown above is for **each** full-day program.

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# The Basics of Filing Chapter 7 and Chapter 13

## SCHEDULE

**8:00 AM Registration**

**8:30 AM Setting the Stage**

- The creditor toolbox
- Non-bankruptcy debt-relief options  
*James V. Block*

**9:20 AM Getting Started: The Initial Consultation and Gathering of Information**

- Attorneys as debt-relief agencies
- What to cover at the initial consultation
- 527 notices
- The fee agreement  
*J. David Krekeler*

**10:10 AM Break**

**10:25 AM Preparing Bankruptcy Schedules**

- Practical session that will review what is needed on the bankruptcy schedules  
*Jeremy Geisel*

**11:15 AM Means Test**

- What income to report and how
- What deductions to take
- What the United States Trustee won't tell you  
*Jeremy Geisel*

**12:05 PM Lunch (on your own)**

**1:05 PM Chapter 13 Plans**

- Model plan
- Secured claims
- Unsecured claims
- Trustee math aka feasibility  
*Rebecca J. Quiroz*

**1:55 PM Break**

**2:10 PM Discharge Issues and Fraudulent Charges**

*J. David Krekeler, Craig E. Stevenson*

**3:00 PM Cases to Know**

*All Faculty*

**3:50 PM Program Concludes**

*Following start time, schedule may vary slightly from above. All times are Central Time Zone.*

## FACULTY

### PROGRAM PRESENTERS

**James V. Block**, Krautkramer & Block LLC, Wausau

**Jeremy Geisel**, Debt Advisors, S.C., Milwaukee

**J. David Krekeler**, Krekeler Law, Madison

**Rebecca J. Quiroz**, Chapter 13 Trustee, Oshkosh

**Craig E. Stevenson**, Swanson Sweet LLP, Madison

## DATES & LOCATION

### IN-PERSON SEMINAR — MADISON

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**State Bar Center**

5302 Eastpark Blvd.

Madison, WI

### LIVE WEBCAST

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

### WEBCAST REPLAYS

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Friday, February 27, 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Monday, March 9, 2026

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Friday, April 10, 2026

Monday, April 20, 2026

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

## CREDITS

This program will be submitted to the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners for **7 CLE credits**. It does not qualify for EPR credit.

# Beyond the Basics of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13

## SCHEDULE

**8:00 AM Registration**

**8:30 AM Pre-Bankruptcy Planning**

- What it is and why it should be done
  - Pitfalls and penalties
- James V. Block*

**9:20 AM Marriage, Divorce, and Bankruptcy**

- Community property and the bankruptcy estate
  - Community property and the bankruptcy discharge
  - Bankruptcy strategies for married couples
  - Bankruptcy strategies for divorcing couples
- J. David Krekeler*

**10:10 AM Break**

**10:25 AM Serial Filings, Proof of Claim, Venue**

*Jeremy Geisel*

**11:15 AM Discharge and Dischargeability, Preference, Fraudulent Transfer**

*James V. Block, J. David Krekeler, Craig E. Stevenson*

**12:05 PM Lunch (on your own)**

**1:05 PM Contested Matters, Prosecuting and Defending, Chapter 13 — Defending Motions to Dismiss**

- Adversary proceedings
- What to include in your objection
- Settlement

*James V. Block, Jeremy Geisel, Rebecca J. Quiroz, Craig E. Stevenson*

**2:20 PM Break**

**2:30 PM Advanced Means Test**

- Income issues
- Expense issues

*Jeremy Geisel, Rebecca J. Quiroz, Craig E. Stevenson*

**3:20 PM Break**

**3:30 PM Potpourri – Including Chapter 13, Lien Avoidance and Objections to Claims**

*All Faculty*

**4:45 PM Program Concludes**

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Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Friday, April 24, 2026

Monday, April 27, 2026

Monday, May 4, 2026

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026

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### Annual Debtor-Creditor Bankruptcy Update 2025 — Eastern and Western Districts

Stay current on evolving bankruptcy issues, from Small Business Administration-related debt concerns and Chapter 13 mortgage questions to means test adjustments and discovery rules. Gain timely insight from the bench, the clerk's office, and seasoned attorneys on emerging case law and filing requirements.



**Credits:** 7.5 CLE | **CLE OnDemand™ Eastern District:** CA3812D | **Western District:** CA3813D



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