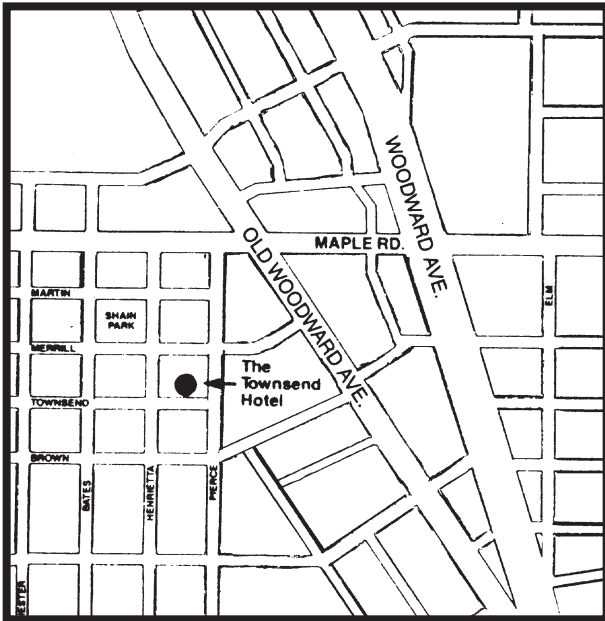


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*8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

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# SEMINAR AGENDA

<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject/Speaker(s)</b>
<b>8:15-9:00</b>	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>9:00-9:05</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction of Program</b>
<b>9:05-10:05</b>	<b>The Intersection of Divorce and Bankruptcy: Solutions for the Unique Challenges of Today's Economy</b> <i>A case study presentation by a leading bankruptcy expert regarding the timing of filing for bankruptcy, joining in a spouse's bankruptcy, stay and discovery related issues, protecting your client against a spouse's post-judgment bankruptcy, navigating "domestic support obligations"</i> Moderated by: <b>Joseph Aviv</b> Presented by: <b>Charles Taunt</b>
<b>10:05-10:25</b>	<b>Hot-Tips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short sales of the marital home - <b>Monika Sacks</b></li><li>• Defined benefit plans and the PBGC - <b>Michael Quinn</b></li><li>• Recent development regarding Qualified Domestic Relations Orders - <b>Kurt Schnelz</b></li></ul>
<b>10:25-10:35</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:35-11:50</b>	<b>Hot-Tips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Separate property update: a look at the most recent separate property cases - <b>Anne Cole Pierce</b></li><li>• The interaction between tort claims and divorces cases - <b>Jay Cunningham</b></li><li>• Merged vs. not merged: How should the Settlement Agreement be incorporated in the Judgment of Divorce - <b>Robert Feldstein</b></li><li>• Asserting and collecting attorney liens - <b>William Lynch</b></li><li>• Interaction of abuse/neglect cases and custody cases - <b>Lori Buiteweg</b></li><li>• Current issues with the Michigan Child Support Formula Manual, and Friend of the Court update - <b>Betty Lowenthal</b></li><li>• Navigating your way through MiSDU - <b>Denise Alexander</b></li><li>• Sequestration of witnesses - <b>Timothy Fryhoff</b></li><li>• Case law update re: K-1 distributions and support calculations - <b>Kenneth Prather</b></li><li>• Effective use of video depositions in the courtroom - <b>David Mendelson &amp; Anne Cole Pierce</b></li></ul>
<b>12:00-1:30</b>	<b>Luncheon</b> Welcome: <b>James P. Cunningham</b> Speaker: <b>Marilyn J. Kelly, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court</b>
<b>1:30-2:30</b>	<b>Circuit Court Judges Panel</b> <i>A panel discussion relative with Family Court judges from around the state relative to current family law issues that have been dominating the discussions and debates in the trial courts in recent months</i> Moderated by: <b>John F. Schaefer</b> Presented by: <b>Honorable Linda S. Hallmark, Honorable David J. Newblatt, and Honorable Kathleen A. Feeney</b>
<b>2:30-3:00</b>	<b>Hot-Tips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making the argument for contempt and sanctions - <b>Henry Gornbein</b></li><li>• The pros and cons of joint appraisals - <b>John Mills &amp; Margaret Nichols</b></li><li>• Dependency exemption revocation; estimated tax payments on spousal support; split auto-deposits on joint tax refunds - <b>Richard Roane</b></li><li>• Examining the financial considerations regarding dependency exemptions - <b>Jack Keiser</b></li><li>• Social Security benefits and divorce - <b>William Brukoff</b></li></ul>
<b>3:00-3:10</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:10-3:30</b>	<b>Hot-Tips</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing the case - <b>Richard Victor</b></li><li>• Court of Appeals update - <b>Scott Bassett</b></li><li>• Recent Developments Re: Finality of Judgements of Divorce and Arbitration Post-Bonner and Rivard - <b>Michael A. Robbins</b></li></ul>
<b>3:30-4:30</b>	<b>Court of Appeal Judges Panel</b> <i>A frank discussion with Court of Appeals judges relative to the hottest family law legal issues in the appellate courts</i> Moderated by: <b>Scott G. Bassett</b> Presented by: <b>Honorable Christopher J. Murray, Honorable Kurtis T. Wilder, and Honorable Elizabeth L. Gleicher</b>

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