



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Announces

**Bench-Bar Retreat 2011
Sawmill Creek Resort
Huron/Sandusky, Ohio
Friday, October 28, 2011
8:15 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

The United States Bankruptcy Court's sixth Bench-Bar Retreat continues the tradition started in 2000 to address common concerns shared by the court and practitioners who appear before the court. The 2011 retreat, whose theme is "Communication and Best Practices: Getting Everybody on the Same Page," is comprised of two breakout sessions and six plenary sessions, including sessions on ethics and professionalism. A panel discussion with the court's judges will conclude the program.

Registration is open to all attorneys with a login to the ECF system of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Registration Information:

Name (please print): _____

Attorney Registration #: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Two one-hour concurrent breakout sessions will be held during the program. An attempt will be made to assign participants based on the preferences selected below for each breakout session.

Breakout Sessions I (11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.) will cover the following three bankruptcy practice areas. Please rank your choices in order of preference (1, 2, and 3).

- Chapter 7 Practitioners _____
- Chapter 11 and Commercial Practice Practitioners _____
- Chapter 13 Practitioners _____

Breakout Sessions II (3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.) will cover the following three bankruptcy practice areas. Please rank your choices in order of preference (1, 2, and 3).

- Ethical Practices and Problems in the Electronic Filing Environment _____
- Ethics and the Scope of Representation of Consumer Debtors _____
- Business Practice: Ethics and the Lying Client _____

If you have any questions or comments for the judges' consideration during the Judges' Panel segment of the program, please email them to bill_kurtz@ohnb.uscourts.gov no later than October 14, 2011:

An agenda, room map, and discussion guides will be distributed to registrants on site. Additional material such as outlines, case law, and law review articles will be made available either in three-ring binders or online via the Court's website. If you would like to receive this additional material in a three-ring binder, please check this box:

- **The cost of the retreat is \$73.**
- **Registration will be capped at 350 participants.**
- **In order to facilitate room assignments, registrations must be received by September 30, 2011.**
- **Depending on space availability, registrations will be accepted after September 30th at a cost of \$100, but late registrants will be less likely to be assigned to the registrant's preferred breakout session.**
- **Registration on the day of the program will not be permitted.**

Make check payable to: Bench-Bar Retreat

Mail check and registration form to:

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Attn: Ken Hirz- Retreat
Metzenbaum Courthouse
201 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1235**

Retreat Location:

**Sawmill Creek Resort
400 Sawmill Creek Drive
Huron/Sandusky, Ohio 44839
(800) 729-6455**

- The Court is in the process of applying for accreditation for 6.75 hours of CLE credit from the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Continuing Legal Education, including 1.0 ethics hour and 1.0 professionalism hour.
- Cancellations must be received in writing by October 14, 2011, for a full refund. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after October 14th.
- Registrations are transferrable within a law firm if notice is provided to the Clerk's Office at (216) 615-4341 no later than October 21, 2011.
- Persons with disabilities needing special arrangements to attend this program should contact the Clerk's Office at (216) 615-4341 no later than October 21, 2011.
- Attire is business casual.
- Continental breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30AM. Cost includes continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, and CLE.
- Any special dietary needs must be communicated to the Clerk's Office at (216) 615-4341 by October 14, 2011.
- A no-host reception will be held immediately following the conclusion of the program until 6:30 P.M.
- Registrants may reserve a room at the Sawmill Creek Resort subject to availability for \$100/night, plus state and local taxes. Reservations should be made by calling (419) 433-3800 by September 28th.