

# THE 30TH ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE



April 24, 2026  
The Hartville Kitchen  
1015 Edison Street NW, Hartville, OH 44632

6.75 CLEs applied for (5.75 General Hrs. & 1 Professional Conduct Hr.)



7:45 A.M. **REGISTRATION WITH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:10 A.M. **WELCOME**  
Anthony J. DeGirolamo, Esq., Chair, Bankruptcy Committee, Stark County Bar Association  
Michael Steel, Esq., Chair, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section, Akron Bar Association

8:15 A.M. **NEW CHAPTER 13 FORMS**  
James Galehouse, Esq., *Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee*  
Joe Ferrise, Esq., *Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee*

8:45 A.M. **REBUILDING CLIENT CREDIT**  
Beth Ann Schenz, Esq., *Senior VP, Huntington National Bank*

9:15 A.M. **CASE LAW UPDATE**  
The Hon. John P. Gustafson, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio  
Thomas D. DeCarlo, Esq., *Osipov Bigel, P.C.*

10:30 A.M. **BREAK**

10:45 A.M. **ECONOMIC AND FILING TRENDS UPDATE**  
Dr. William Rule, Sr., *Economist, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C.*

11:45 A.M. **BEST PRACTICES - POTENTIAL AI PROBLEMS**  
Marc Dann, Esq., *The Dann Law Firm*

12:15 P.M. **LUNCH - Gary Rosen/Peter Tsarnas tribute to Marc Gertz**

1:15 P.M. **DIGITAL CURRENCY AND NON-TRADITIONAL BANKING**  
Matt Bodnar, Esq., *Roderick Linton Belfance LLP*

2:15 P.M. **OHIO TAX PANEL**  
Allison Archer, Esq., *Ohio Attorney General's Office*  
Cory Steinmetz, Esq., *Ohio Attorney General's Office*  
Katherine Zucca, Esq., *Ohio Attorney General's Office*

3:15 P.M. **PIE BREAK** Sponsored by Vance P. Trueman, Esq. & Nicole Metzger

3:30 P.M. **LIES, DECEIT AND THE ETHICAL RULES, CAN ATTORNEYS PRACTICE DECEPTION?**  
Phil Bogdanoff, Esq.

4:30 P.M. **CLOSING REMARKS**  
Drawing for the Dean Wyman Scholarship

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 - THE 30TH ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

Register online at [www.akronbar.org/events](http://www.akronbar.org/events). Register by phone Akron Bar Association **330-436-0112**, OR Register online and choose "Payment at Later Time," then mail this form with your check to: Akron Bar Association, 57 S. Broadway St., Akron, OH 44308.

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(must provide in order to receive registration confirmation/receipt/link to materials)

**OHIO REG. #** \_\_\_\_\_

### LUNCH CHOICE:

**Baked Boneless Chicken**  **OR** **Baked Fish**  **OR** **Vegetarian Pasta**  **No Lunch**

<b>SEMINAR FEE</b> (includes continental breakfast, lunch and electronic materials)		<b>GENERAL SEMINAR INFORMATION:</b>
Stark County Bar Members, Advance Registration (Early Bird)	\$249.00	<b>MATERIALS:</b> Handouts for this program will be provided to all attendees in electronic, rather than hard copy format. When you register, be sure to include your email address so that we can notify you when the electronic materials are available. <b>WI-FI access may be interrupted at the Hartville Kitchen; Attendees are encouraged to download the handouts to their devices and ensure that the device is fully charged before arriving at the seminar or print materials prior to the seminar.</b> The materials will be available at <a href="http://www.akronbar.org">www.akronbar.org</a> (under CLE heading, click on "Seminar Materials").
Stark County Bar Members, At the Door Registration	\$274.00	
Associate Members/Associate Guests Advance Registration (Early bird)	\$149.00	
Associate Members/ Associate Guests At the Door Registration	\$174.00	
A+kron Members	\$70.00	<b>CANCELLATION POLICY:</b> Cancellations must be submitted in writing via email: <a href="mailto:cle@akronbar.org">cle@akronbar.org</a> . Refunds will be made with the following charge: a \$45.00 cancellation fee. If no cancellation is received PRIOR to 12:00 p.m. the day before the seminar, no refund will be issued. The Akron Bar Association reserves the right to change or cancel the program if circumstances warrant.
Akron Classic Members, Advance Registration (Early Bird)	\$249.00	
Akron Classic Members, At the Door Registration	\$274.00	
Attorney Guests (Early Bird)	\$399.00	<b>ACCREDITATION:</b> The Akron Bar Association is an approved sponsor of Continuing Legal Education seminars. Under Rule X (Ohio CLE) we will request credit for this program.
Attorney Guests, At Door Registration	\$414.00	
Judiciary & Law Clerk will attend for free		
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	\$ _____	<b>SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:</b> If special arrangements are required for individuals to attend this seminar, please contact the CLE Department at 330-436-0112 at least one week prior to the seminar.
<b>Registration Options:</b>		<b>DIRECTIONS TO HARTVILLE KITCHEN:</b>
Online: <a href="http://www.akronbar.org">www.akronbar.org</a> with credit card payment		<b>FROM AKRON:</b> Take I-77 S to OH-241 Exit (Exit #118) toward OH 619/Massillon. Turn LEFT on Massillon Rd/OH-241. Turn RIGHT on E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd./OH-619. Follow OH-619 past Cleveland Ave. The Hartville Kitchen is on the left side of the street.
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Registration Info: Registration fee includes CLE electronic materials, continental breakfast & lunch. Registration received after 4/16/2026 will ensure an additional \$25 fee.		