



# Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

## **BANKRUPTCY LAW: A Selective Research Guide**

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### Overview:

This is a selective research guide to bankruptcy, foreclosure, debtor and creditor, consumer credit, and commercial law materials in the Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Law Libraries. The purpose of this guide is to lead the patron to current materials found in the Cooley libraries and to act as a starting point for locating additional resources and relevant information. Federal Bankruptcy Law has recently been amended by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005. At this time, many of the print resources listed here, with the exception of loose-leaf and multi-volume sets, have not yet been updated to reflect the new Bankruptcy Law. However, to assist the user in finding relevant summaries, redlines and blacklines of the new bankruptcy law prepared by attorneys in the field, various computer databases and internet resources are listed here.

### **Library Catalog Search: Michigan**

Subject: Bankruptcy – Michigan  
Commercial Law - Michigan  
Commercial Law - Michigan - Forms  
Commercial Law - Michigan - Periodicals  
Consumer Credit – Law and Legislation – Michigan  
Debtor and Creditor – Michigan  
Repossession - Michigan  
Foreclosure – Michigan

## **I. MICHIGAN MATERIALS**

### **Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Issues in Michigan by John F. Brennan**

**Location: KFM 4421 .A75 A384 2004**

Softbound monograph prepared by Michigan practitioner's. Includes text of Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 and an overview of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Also covers chapter 7, 13 and tax issues.

### **Advanced Real Estate Law in Michigan by Beth S. Gotthelf**

**Location: KFM 4312 .Z9 A38 2003**

A 350 page softbound monograph that ends with a chapter on Liens and Credit Issues in Bankruptcy.



**Bankruptcy Law and Practice in Michigan by Patrick E. Mears**

**Location: KFM 4421 .M437**

A practice oriented publication by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Typical of most ICLE titles, this is looseleaf and well tabbed with an index.

Focuses on Federal Bankruptcy Law as practiced in the federal bankruptcy courts in Michigan.

**Breakthrough Mortgage Foreclosure Techniques in Michigan by Randall S. Miller**

**Location: KFM 4330.5 .F6 M54 2004**

The intent of this book is to simplify foreclosure procedures. It provides a discussion of chapter 13 procedures and forms are included.

**Debt Collection From Start to Finish in Michigan by Micheal R. Stillman**

**Location: KFM 4367 C6 S74 2003**

Another National Business Institute (NBI) publication prepared by Michigan practitioners. There are 246 pages of text and forms dedicated to debt collection issues in Michigan.

**Effective Mortgage Foreclosure Techniques in Michigan by Lawrence M. Dudek**

**Location: KFM 4330.5 .F6 D8 2004**

A 78 page book on how to protect your interests in a foreclosure. Explains creditor rights in bankruptcy matters.

**Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law and Procedure in Michigan by Lori L. Purkey**

**Location: KFM 4421 .Z9 P87 2004**

Prepared by Michigan attorneys. Begins with an introduction to the Bankruptcy code and rules. Continues with practical explanations of the Chapter 11 and chapter 13 process, and concludes with a look at issues involving creditor's.

**Handling Deeds in Lieu of Foreclosure in Michigan by Robert S. Bolton**

**Location: KFM 4330.5 .F6 B595 2003**

Discusses alternatives to foreclosing and explains the bankruptcy issues of foreclosure. There are 78 pages of text, forms and an appendix.

**How to Get Results In Collection of Delinquent Debts in Michigan by Daniel E. Best**

**Location: KFM 4367 .C6 B472 2004**

This 139 page book from NBI discusses strategies for preventing collection, prelitigation, going to court, and post judgment collection. Taken from the creditor's perspective of how to get your money after judgment.

**The Impact of Bankruptcy on Dissolution of Marriage in Michigan by David C. Andersen**

**Location: KFM 4300 .Z9 A58 2004**

Bankruptcy for the family law practioner. Overview of estate and family law principles for the Michigan bankruptcy attorney.



**Legal Issues Relating to Consumer Credit and Debt Collection in Michigan by Charles D. Bullock**

**Location: KFM 4371 .Z9 B84 2004**

Although only 62 pages, this NBI title is geared toward protecting the consumer. Included are articles on the Fair Credit Reporting Act, consumer credit reports, consumer protection, bankruptcy and debt collection.

**Michigan Business Form Book by ICLE**

**Location: KFM 4352 .A65 M532**

Now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, this 2 volume looseleaf by ICLE contains a useful Chapter on Debt Collections and Bankruptcy Issues. As with most ICLE publications, this is looseleaf and various forms are included.

**Michigan Collection Law: Start to Finish by Jason W. Bank**

**Location: KFM 4367 .C6 B36 2004**

Provides strategies to consider before the suit. Goes over filing the lawsuit, collecting the judgment, and all the Bankruptcy concerns of collection.

**Michigan Foreclosure and Related Bankruptcy and Title Issues by Thomas G. King**

**Location: KFM 4330.5 .F6 K56 2003**

This 164 page softbound monograph highlights bankruptcy concerns that can arise in Michigan mortgage foreclosures. Forms are included.

**Michigan Foreclosure and Repossession by Robert S. Bolton**

**Location: KFM 4330.5 .F6 B62 2003**

Another monograph from NBI that is over 200 pages with forms. Each chapter is written by a Michigan practitioner. Bankruptcy and the Secured Creditor, and Repossession of Personal Property are covered here.

**Michigan Rules of Court – Federal. West Publishing (2005)**

**Location: KF 8816 .A196 (Reserve, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Contains the local rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan.

**Residential and Commercial Evictions in Michigan by Michael K. Lee**

**Location: KFM 4321 .Z9 L43 2003**

A quick and handy NBI text with 126 pages and forms. The author writes from the landlord's perspective in the chapter on Landlord's Remedies when an Eviction Hearing is Set and the Tenant Files a Petition in Bankruptcy.

**Successful Judgment Collections in Michigan by Timothy P. Elve**

**Location: KFM 4367 .C6 E585 2005**

Text and forms to assist in developing strategies for judgment collections, discovering assets, and collecting the judgment.



## Library Catalog Search: Federal / National

Subject: Bankruptcy - United States (and date aft 1999)  
Bankruptcy - United States - Cases  
Bankruptcy - United States - Digests  
Bankruptcy - United States - Forms  
Bankruptcy - United States – Periodicals

## II. FEDERAL/NATIONAL MATERIALS

### **The ABC's of the UCC. Related Insolvency Law by Fred H. Miller**

**Location: KF 1526 .M55 2002**

Provides overview of bankruptcy insolvency law. General coverage of the bankruptcy code with emphasis given to articles 9, 2, 2A, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 7, and 8. Identifies instances where the UCC and Bankruptcy Code intersect. 146 pages with bibliographic references.

### **Asset Protection: legal planning, strategies and forms by Peter Spero**

**Location: KF 9025 .S672 Sixty Plus**

This two volume loose-leaf with forms offers planning and strategy for protecting assets.

### **Bankruptcy and Related Law in a Nutshell by David G. Epstein**

**Location: KF 1501 .Z9 E67 2002**

This 6<sup>th</sup> edition revises Bankruptcy and other debtor-creditor laws in a nutshell. Summarizes bankruptcy and state debtor-creditor law.

### **Bankruptcy Code Rules and Official forms**

**Location: KF 1510.99 .B383**

Contains federal bankruptcy code, the federal rules of bankruptcy procedure, forms, and other related materials. Published annually by West Publishing.

### **Bankruptcy code: including text and legislative history of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 and the Bankruptcy Tax Act of 1980 : with accompanying practice aids**

**Location: KF 1524 .B46**

An annual publication issued in parts; pt. 1 Bankruptcy Code, Pt. 2 Bankruptcy Rules with explanatory comments. Has separate pamphlet with full text of the code and rules.

### **Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights : Cases and Materials by James .J White**

**Location: KF 1501 .A7 W48 1985**

A student textbook from the American Casebook series. Has six chapters dedicated to state creditors rights and bankruptcy remedies.

### **Bankruptcy Law and Practice by Daniel R. Cowans**

**Location: KF 1524 .C64 1998**

6 volume set. 7<sup>th</sup> edition. Revised edition of Cowans Bankruptcy Law and Practice. Includes an index volume with tables and appendixes that is updated annually. Volumes 1-5 updated with pocket parts.



**Bankruptcy by David G. Epstein et. al.**

**Location:** KF 1524 .E67 1992

3 volume Practitioner's treatise.

**Bankruptcy by David G. Epstein**

**Location:** KF 1524 .E67 1993 Reserve

Student edition, Hornbook Series.

**Bankruptcy Evidence Manual by Barry Russell**

**Location:** KF 1530 .E87 B36

Published annually by West.

**Bankruptcy Deskbook by William C. Hillman**

**Location:** KF 1524 .L4352

A two volume loose-leaf with forms. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, revised.

**BNA's Bankruptcy Law Reporter**

**Location:** KF 1520 .B63

A multivolume hard bound set that's published weekly except July and December. Covers bankruptcy cases decided in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, US Districts Courts, US Courts of Appeals, and the US Supreme Court.

**Cases and Materials on Creditors' Remedies and Debtors' Protection by Stefan Albrecht Riesenfeld**

**Location:** KF 1501 .A7 R5 1987

A 4<sup>th</sup> edition American casebook series title in two parts. Part 1-Individual Collection Procedures and Part 2-liquidation and rehabilitation of insolvent estates.

**Cases and Materials on Bankruptcy by Peter A. Alces**

**Location:** KF 1501. A7 A43 1995

Bankruptcy teaching material from the West American Casebook series that combines everything that should be covered in a basic bankruptcy course; problems, cases, theory, consumer and business bankruptcies.

**Collier Bankruptcy Cases**

**Location:** KF 1515 .A2 C6

52 volume loose-leaf with semi-monthly updating. Complements Collier on Bankruptcy and includes current materials highlights. Contains the full-text of opinions from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court opinions, Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals and District Courts. Includes codex of reference guide, digests, citator, and a topical index.

**Collier Forms Manual**

**Location:** KF1521 .C64

A three volume loose-leaf set with bankruptcy practice forms. Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> revised edition.

**Collier Bankruptcy Manual by William Miller Collier. Edited by Lawrence P. King**

**Location:** KF 1524 .C562



3<sup>rd</sup> edition, revised. 3 volume loose-leaf. V.1 Bankruptcy Courts, Jurisdiction, Venue, Appeals, Bankruptcy Code. V.2 Bankruptcy Code V.3 Bankruptcy Code

**Collier on Bankruptcy edited by Lawrence P. King**

**Location: KF 1524 .C62**

Law and practice of Bankruptcy in the United States. 15<sup>th</sup> revised edition. 22 volume looseleaf set. Includes separately numbered appendix volumes and unnumbered index volume. Contains Local Bankruptcy Court Rules.

**Collier Bankruptcy Practice Guide. edited by Asa S. Herzog and Lawrence P. King.**

**Location: KF 1524 .C63 1981**

Volumes 1-6 in 11 volumes, looseleaf. To be used with 15<sup>th</sup> edition of Collier on Bankruptcy or Collier Bankruptcy Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

**Debtors and Creditors: Cases and Materials**

**Location: KF 1501 .A7 E65 1987**

Another American Casebook series title that provides a basis for teaching debtor-creditor law. Highlights state collection law, Article 9-U.C.C., and the bankruptcy code.

**Debtor Creditor Law by Theodore Eisenberg**

**Location: KF 1501 .D42 1982**

A 13 volume loose-leaf treatise from Lexis Publishing, divided into nine parts, from consumer credit to international insolvency. Each chapter provides adequate discussion, forms and an appendix with statutory references.

**Nichols Debtor Creditor Practice Forms by John Tingley**

**Location: KF 1501 .A65 T56 1993**

3 volume loose-leaf set.

Comprehensive set of forms for all aspects of a debtor creditor relationship. With footnotes, drafting aids and research checklists.

**Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice 2d by William L. Norton Jr. author and editor**

**Location: KF 1524 .N672**

12 volume looseleaf set. Includes interim index and tables to binders 4-6, and v. 7 contains indexes for volumes 1-6. Updated with loose-leaf releases, with separate pamphlets for the Bankruptcy Code, and Bankruptcy Rules.

**Shepard's Bankruptcy Citations**

**Location: KF 1515.5 .S55 1993**

Citations to reported bankruptcy cases. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition with supplements.

**Uniform Laws Annotated**

**Location: KF 165 .A5 1968**

Directory of uniform acts drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Volumes 1-15a are the Uniform Commercial Code with commentary. Kept up to date by pocket supplements, replacement volumes, and special pamphlets.

**West's Bankruptcy Reporter**



**Location: KF 1515 .A2 W47**

Multi-volume set that reports bankruptcy cases decided in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, US Districts Courts, US Courts of Appeals, and the US Supreme Court. Indexed in West's Bankruptcy Digest.

**West's Bankruptcy Digest**

**Location: KF 1515.3 .W48 1988**

Indexes bankruptcy cases by topic and provides citations with summaries.

**III. DATABASES**

Westlaw - Directory - Topical Practice Areas - Bankruptcy  
Cases, statutes, treatises, practice materials, forms, journals and newsletters.

Lexis - Area of Law by Topic – Bankruptcy  
Cases, statutes, treatises, Law Reviews, journals, and news.

**IV. INTERNET RESOURCES**

**Michigan**

**Statutes – Michigan Compiled Laws**

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/>

Cases

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan**

<http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov/>

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan**

<http://www.miwb.uscourts.gov/>

**Michigan Bankruptcy Law**

[www.michiganbankruptcy.com](http://www.michiganbankruptcy.com)

Explains federal bankruptcy process and common issues that pertain to Michigan residents.

**Federal**

**Statutes-US Code**

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>

Cases

**US Bankruptcy Courts**

<http://www.uscourts.gov/bankruptcycourts.html>



Highlights and explanations of the new Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005

**CRS summary highlighting the changes:**

<http://www.congress.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN00256:@@D&summ2=m&>

**Skadden Arps redline version on their website:**

[http://www.skadden.com/content/Publications/Publications1016\\_0.pdf](http://www.skadden.com/content/Publications/Publications1016_0.pdf)

**Various analyses of the new law. Look under "library" for analysis by Wedoff and Yerbich:**

<http://www.bankruptcyfinder.com/bankruptcyreformnews.html>

**Blackline version prepared by Polk and Wardell (the link is on the right hand side):**

<http://www.nacba.org/home.asp>

