

## **MIDDLE DISTRICT BANKRUPTCY BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Dear Colleagues:

Please accept this correspondence as a message of gratitude for having been elected President of the Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association for the coming year. I thank you for the vote of confidence and for the continuing messages of support.

In the last year, the MDBBA was able to complete upgrades to the wireless service in Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport and another successful conference was held in June. The MDBBA was also able to continue its tradition of sponsoring holiday parties for all that wish to attend. As always, the MDBBA continued its ongoing dialogue with the Judges on issues of concern to the bar. In addition, the MDBBA will be working with the Judges in the Middle District to start a recurring Breakfast Club in 2017. This will be an opportunity for practitioners to gather prior to hearings on select dates for some comradery and an opportunity to earn CLE credits.

This coming year will be a year of transition with the retirement of Judge France in early 2017. The MDBBA has commissioned a portrait of Judge France that will be presented at a retirement party on a date to be determined (likely sometime in May, 2017 – additional details will be forthcoming). The MDBBA wants to thank Judge France for all of her years of service – service that was always done with grace and unfaltering professionalism. Toward that end, we have raised approximately \$3,000.00 of the \$5,000.00 needed to complete the portrait and I thank all of those who have contributed to date. We are asking all of those who have not yet to consider doing so. Even the most nominal of donations would be appreciated and will allow us to show Judge France how much her time on the bench meant to all past and present bankruptcy practitioners.

Enclosed herein is the renewal form for the 2017 Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association. Included on the form is an opportunity to make a donation to the portrait fund for Judge France.

The MDBBA strives to act as a voice for its members with the Middle District Judges while also providing continuing legal education opportunities that are affordable. In order to continue doing that work, we need your support. Please renew your membership to the MDBBA today by completing the attached form and returning it as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Warmly,

*Ann E. Swartz, Esquire*

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**2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*New Membership*       *Renewing Membership*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Firm \_\_\_\_\_  update

Address \_\_\_\_\_  update

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  update

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  update Fax \_\_\_\_\_  update

Attorney ID \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  update *Necessary for the ListServ*

*Please note: The ListServ is the MDBBA's primary means of notification to its members. Must be a member to benefit.*

Dues are \$105.00 per attorney if paid by February 15, 2017,  
\$125.00 if paid after February 15, 2017.

Membership Year runs from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Would you like to be added to our Website?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to our Website as a *(check all that apply)*

Creditors Attorney     Debtor's Attorney    or     Both

Dues Paid by February 15, 2017      \$105.00

Dues Paid After February 15, 2017      \$125.00

Donation to the Judge Mary D. France's Retirement Fund *(optional)*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form(s) & your check to: **MDBBA, Inc.**  
**c/o Mollie Oleyar**  
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*For multiple memberships in the same firm, please submit a membership form for each attorney.  
You may submit one check for the firm.*

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