

MIDDLE DISTRICT BANKRUPTCY BAR ASSOCIATION

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November 28, 2017

RE Letter from the President
 Membership Renewal

Dear Colleagues:

It is my great honor to serve as President of the Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association. In 2017, I was the first President voted into office at the Annual Conference, as the Annual Meeting has been eliminated. My current focus is on membership.

Over the past year, under President Ann E. Swartz, Esquire, the focus of the MDBBA shifted to the Annual Conference, expanding continued education opportunities, and working with the judiciary and clerks' offices. The Annual Conference included more than the typical courses and included seminars for non-attorneys and a trivia game based on bankruptcy law. There are now regular breakfast clubs before certain hearing dates which focus on a particular aspect of bankruptcy or related law. A rules committee assisted in addressing the new rules and forms that will be in force on December 1, 2017. Wireless service was upgraded and continues to be provided in the courtrooms.

All this was accomplished amid a decrease in bankruptcy filings that has seen membership in the MDBBA decline with that decrease in bankruptcy filings. Having practiced for twenty years, this seems to be a normal cycle that occurs when a national or regional financial crisis causes filings to spike, followed by a lull. I predict that the decline in filings will soon reverse itself.

Membership in the Middle District Bankruptcy Bar Association may be more beneficial than it has been in the past. Access to the e-mail list service is essential for the regular practitioner, but also helpful for those moving back into bankruptcy as filings increase. The continuing legal education opportunities and Annual Conference are ideal for learning about the new rules and how they will be implemented.

I encourage all of you to renew your membership for 2018, or become a member for the first time. Our 2018 Membership Form accompanies this letter. It can be used for new or renewing members. Please send in your completed Membership Form today.

Sincerely,

J. Zac Christman, Esquire

Enclosure

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2018 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, 2018,
\$125.00 if paid after February 15, 2018.

Membership Year runs from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

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, 2018 \$105.00

Dues Paid After February 15, 2018 \$125.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send this completed form(s) & your check to: **MDBBA, Inc.
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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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