

Sixth Circuit NCBJ Mid-Year Meeting Report (August 2024)

This report on the recent activities of bankruptcy judges in the Sixth Circuit has been compiled for the August 2024 meeting of the NCBJ Board.

Kentucky - Eastern

Douglas L. Lutz was appointed a bankruptcy judge for KYEB on April 19, 2024, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Tracey N. Wise on March 30, 2024.

Gregory R. Schaaf and **Douglas L. Lutz** participated in the University of Kentucky Consumer Law Conference held on June 20-21, 2024.

Gregory R. Schaaf and **Douglas L. Lutz** will both speak at the upcoming Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar, sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute, scheduled for August 18-20, 2024, in Cincinnati, OH.

Gregory R. Schaaf is chair of the Education Committee for the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges held in September 2025.

Tracey N. Wise (ret.), upon the recommendation and endorsement of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, was appointed to lifetime membership in the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Kentucky - Western

Alan Stout, Joan Lloyd, and Charles R. Merrill participated in the University of Kentucky Consumer Law Conference held on June 20-21, 2024.

Charles R. Merrill was part of a panel discussion about the systemic importance of bankruptcy in the American economy for the Louisville chapter of the Inn of Court on April 23, 2024.

Michigan – Eastern

Judge Thomas J. Tucker continues his recall term through August 4, 2025.

Judge Joel D. Applebaum served as the Co-Judicial Chair for the ABI Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, which was held in Chicago from June 17-19, 2024. **Judge Lisa Gretchko**, Judge Applebaum, and **Judge Daniel Opperman** attended and spoke at the Workshop.

Lisa Gretchko, Tom Tucker and Daniel Opperman attended the FJC Workshop in Kansas City June 24-26.

Michigan – Western

There is nothing to report.

Ohio - Northern

There is nothing to report.

Ohio – Southern

There is nothing to report.

Tennessee – Eastern

Chief Judge Suzanne Bauknight is hosting four law student interns during the summer.

On May 1, Judge Bauknight was honored to receive the Law and Liberty Award from Knoxville Bar Association Barristers (article attached for more information).

During the summer, Judge Bauknight will be presenting at the annual seminar of the Federal Bar Association in the Western District of Michigan and at the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees in Nashville.

Judge Rachel Mancl recently concluded her term as president of the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Fellows.

Tennessee – Middle

There is nothing to report.

Tennessee – Western

There is nothing to report.