

## The Fundamentals of a Bankruptcy Case

This series is designed for counsel representing debtors in bankruptcy. Each session will focus on an essential aspect of filing and handling a bankruptcy case on behalf of a debtor. The speakers will address case intake and practical points for serving as debtor's counsel; how to complete the chapter 7 means test and new legal developments; what the case trustee looks for in examining a debtor's bankruptcy case; and lastly, the procedures for seeking loss mitigation in the bankruptcy court. You may sign up for one or all three sessions.

The series is sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program, the US Armed Forces Legal Services Project and the US Bankruptcy Court.

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## Sessions

**October 10, 4:00 -5:30 pm**

### **Session I -**

#### **Debtor's Counsel Practice Points**

*1.0 credits + .5 ethics*

*How do you best prepare your case for court? The speakers will review the essential information you need to gather and offer practice pointers for preparing your best case. Topics to be discussed include: document collection, other claims pending, the effects of other litigation such as divorce or personal injury cases, and traps for the unwary.*

**November 7, 4:00 -5:30 pm**

### **Session II –**

#### **Chapter 7 Means Test and Trustee Practical Tips**

*1.5 credits*

*Some sections of the Chapter 7 Means Test can be tricky. At this session the panel will review the Means Test requirements. You will receive helpful tips from Trustees, who will clarify the process.*

**December 5, 4:00 -5:30 pm**

### **Session III –**

#### **RI Bankruptcy Court's Loss Mitigation Program**

*1.5 credits*

*The US Bankruptcy Court in Rhode Island has instituted a Loss Mitigation Program, which helps homeowners modify their home mortgages. The panelists will help you determine your client's eligibility and offer some successful practice tips from both debtor and creditor perspectives.*

## Speakers

### **Session I**

Lisa A. Geremia, Esq.  
*Geremia & DeMarco, Ltd.*

Russell D. Raskin, Esq.  
*Raskin & Berman*

### **Session II**

Sandra Nicholls, Esq.  
*Office of the US Trustee*

Lisa A. Geremia, Esq.  
*Geremia & DeMarco, Ltd.*

### **Session III**

Thomas D. Carlotto, Esq.  
*Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP*

Jeffrey T. Dana, Esq.  
*Family Law Center of Rhode Island*

Susan M. Thurston, Esq.  
*US Bankruptcy Court*

## Registration Form –VLP Series 2012

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You will receive an email confirmation of your registration.

I will attend:

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- Session II: Wednesday, November 7, 2012
- Session III: Wednesday, December 5, 2012

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## Registration Details

### DATE/ TIME/ PLACE

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Rhode Island Law Center  
115 Cedar St., Providence

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*Chapter 7 Means Test and Trustee  
Practical Tips*

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*RI Bankruptcy Court's Loss  
Mitigation Program*

### TO REGISTER

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### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

Please indicate on the registration form any special accommodation you may require or call the VLP office at 401-421-7758 (TTY 401-421-1666).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may call the Volunteer Lawyer Program at the Rhode Island Bar Association 401-421-7758, or contact: John Ellis [jellis@ribar.com](mailto:jellis@ribar.com); Elisa King [eking@ribar.com](mailto:eking@ribar.com)

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1.5 RICLE credits. Session One includes .5 ethics