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02.14.2007 | Culture and Society, Campus and Community, Law The judge handling the United Airlines bankruptcy case and a lawyer who helped create the test to determine bankruptcy qualifications will be at the University of Dayton School of Law Feb. 26-27 to discuss whether the recent changes to bankruptcy laws are economically prudent or a result of economic pressure.

Brady Williamson, whom Bill Clinton chose to chair the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, will deliver the keynote address during a panel discussion from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, that debates the successes of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act. Judge Eugene Wedoff, one of the nation's leading bankruptcy judges, also will be addressing these

issues.

The symposium, which is part of the UD School of Law's Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP Program in Law, Religion and Ethics, begins at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26. The first session tackles issues with the means test -- a calculation of a debtor's income and expenses. Mark Redmiles, an attorney from the U.S. Trustee Program who helped prepare the test, will be a panelist along with John Hoffman Jr., a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Panel discussions on credit counseling and attorney liability issues highlight the symposium's second day.

William Staler, a vice president with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, will discuss from 9:30 to 11 a.m. how credit counseling has affected the number of bankruptcy filings. U. S. Bankruptcy Judge Lawrence Walter, who authored one of the first decisions in the country about the credit counseling requirements under the new law, will join Staler.

Thomas Waldron, a U.S. bankruptcy judge for Ohio's southern district, and Catherine Vance, co-author of the leading text on the liability of bankruptcy attorneys, will talk from 1 to 2:30 p.m. about how the attorney-client relationship has been altered by the 2005 act.

The symposium is open to the public and free to anyone not seeking continuing legal education credit. Continuing legal education credit is \$100, \$50 for UD law school alumni. The price includes lunch between the sessions on Feb. 27. Lunch by itself is \$15. For more information or to register, call 937-229-3325.

The Dayton Marriott, 1414 South Patterson Blvd., is offering special rates for symposium attendees. Call 937-223-1000 for more information.

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