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Federal Bar Association to Explore Issues Related to Student Debt

Cleveland, Ohio (Nov. 5, 2015) – The Federal Bar Association – Northern District of Ohio Chapter will explore issues related to the student loan debt crisis as seen through the eyes of judges, lawyers and debtors. The program will be held from 2-4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, in the seventh floor auditorium of the Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse in downtown Cleveland.

Topics and speakers include:

- Economic and societal implications, presented by Dr. Daniel R. Carroll, Dr. Joel Elvery and Dr. Stephan D. Whitaker, economists with the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland;
- Legal problems of student loan debt, presented by Chief Judge Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio; Robert D. Barr of Dettelbach, Sicherman & Baumgart, LPA; and Mary K. Whitmer of Kohrman Jackson & Krantz LLP;
- “Any way out of this mess we’re in?” presented by Judge Alan M. Koschik, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio; Frederick S. Coombs, III of Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell Ltd., and Phyllis A. Ulrich of Carlisle, McNellie, Rini, Kramer & Ulrich Co. LPA.

“Virtually every student starting his or her education faces the problem of debt and the problem is ultimately a matter for bankruptcy law and bankruptcy courts,” said Dennis Terez, immediate past president of the FBA Chapter and convener of this event. “This program will look at the legal tools and remedies, to the extent they exist, addressing this growing debt problem in our country. We hope to begin a dialogue with our community on the legal and social issues of this enormous \$1.2 trillion economic bubble, and challenge all of us to look around the corner for other solutions we as a society may wish to consider in dealing with this issue in the future.”

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Continuing Legal Education credits are available for attorneys who attend the program. Cost to attend is \$35. Registration information is available on the Chapter website: www.fba-ndohio.org.

The Federal Bar Association – Northern District of Ohio is a professional organization for attorneys and members of the judiciary who practice in the federal system or have an interest in federal law. The FBA is committed to strengthening the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and needs of the federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal judiciary and the public they serve. The Northern District of Ohio Chapter has more than 400 members. More information is available at fba-ndohio.org.

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