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Judge Kulm Ask Appointed to Eighth Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel

The Eighth Circuit Judicial Council has appointed Judge Kulm Ask as a member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Eighth Circuit for a seven-year term effective August 6, 2025.

State Bar Bankruptcy Seminar on September 5

The State Bar of South Dakota and the Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Dakota will host a continuing legal education (CLE) bankruptcy seminar on Friday, September 5, at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 201 East 8th Street in Sioux Falls. The seminar will cover a wide range of bankruptcy topics for seasoned bankruptcy attorneys, general litigators, young lawyers, certified paralegals, support staff, those who work in the financial services industry, and those just beginning to explore insolvency issues. The speakers will include debtors' attorneys, creditors' attorneys, government attorneys, trustees, and judges. Click on the link below for more information and to register for the seminar.

[Bankruptcy Law in Practice: Tools for Every Practitioner](#)

New Term Law Clerk for Judge Kulm Ask

On Monday, August 11, Judge Kulm Ask welcomed a new term law clerk, Katelyn Heley (katelyn_heley@sdb.uscourts.gov), to her Chambers staff. Katelyn graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law this spring and was recognized as the 2025 Eighth Circuit Distinguished Bankruptcy Law Student by the American College of Bankruptcy.

LKA Decision

Use the link in the "Links" section below to view this decision:

United States Trustee v. Shafer (In re Shafer)

Issue: Whether the plaintiff was entitled to summary judgment concerning its complaint to revoke the debtor's discharge under 11 U.S.C. §727(d)(1) and (2) because of the debtor's alleged failure to disclose his interest in numerous vehicles on the petition date?

Ruling: No, the Court denied the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. Genuine issues of material fact existed as to the debtor's ownership of, acquisition of, or entitlement to the property underpinning the plaintiff's Section 727(d) claims.

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