Join Us For A Conversation
About Economic Development

David Anderson, Executive Director of the
Lake County Ohio Port & Economic Development Authority

ABOUT THE PORT
The Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority was created in February 2007 to promote projects that will provide for the creation of jobs and employment opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the people residing in Lake County. The Port Authority is also authorized by state law to enhance, foster, aid, provide or promote transportation, economic development, housing, recreation, governmental operations, culture, research, and education. In pursuit of this mission, the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority is unique in the services it provides for the economic welfare of our community. Our services can assist would-be entrepreneurs to large corporations, small non-profits to large institutions and communities.

AND

Keri Zipay, Director of Business Development with Team NEO

Sydney Martis, Manager on the Research Team with Team NEO

ABOUT US
Team NEO is a business and economic development organization focused on accelerating economic growth and job creation throughout the 18 counties of Northeast Ohio.
We do this by building partnerships among local organizations, businesses and government and marketing the region as a whole. Drawing on the combined strength of our 18 counties, we represent:
- A $200+ billion economy
- A regional workforce of 2 million
- More than 25 higher education institutions

THIS VIRTUAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11:00 AM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020
COST IS $10 PER PERSON
Please RSVP by 11/2/20. The link for this meeting will be emailed to everyone who is registered a few days prior to the event.
Ageism In The Workplace.
It’s Time to End the Last Acceptable Bias

(the below was taken from the January/February 2020 AARP Bulletin – written by Joe Kita)

About 35 percent of the U.S. population is now age 50 or older. Yet in 2018, the EEOC – the nation’s workforce watchdog-issued a damning special report on age discrimination against older Americans. It concluded that even though 50 years has passed since Congress outlawed the practice, “age discrimination remains a significant and costly problem for workers, their families and our economy.” Victoria Lipnic, the EEOC’s acting chair at the time, went so far as to compare it to harassment. “Everyone knows it happens every day to workers in all kinds of jobs,” she said, “but few speak up. It’s an open secret.” That same year, an AARP survey found that:

- About 3 in 5 older workers have seen or experienced age discrimination in the workplace.
- 76 percent of these workers see age discrimination as a hurdle to finding a new job. Another report found that more than half of older workers are prematurely pushed out of jobs, and 90 percent never earn as much again.

Join us as we hear from:

Richard Selby heads the Commercial Litigation Department. He has extensive trial experience with Dworken & Bernstein in both state and federal court. In addition to his litigation experience, Ric regularly consults with clients on employment related issues and is called in to assist at trial with the Class Action department when those matters go to trial. He has been recognized as a Super Lawyer Rising Star and was selected to be included in the 2019 edition of Best Lawyers in America. In addition, he is a Contributing Editor to Attorney At Law Magazine featuring articles on Employment Law.

Ric joined Dworken & Bernstein in 2000 becoming a partner in 2011.

Tim Lybarger currently serves as President & CEO of Encore NEO which he founded in 2014. Encore NEO is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit dedicated to helping inspired men and women, age 50 and older, craft meaningful careers for the second halves of their lives.

To learn more about Encore NEO visit www.encoreneo.org

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Time: 8:30 am to 10:00 am
Cost: $10 per person

Webinar meeting – a link to the meeting will be sent to everyone on our guest list a few days prior. Please be sure to register on our website www.easternlakecountychamber.org to receive log in information.
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**Thursday, November 5, 2020**  
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For a complete listing of available office space please call the City of Painesville, Economic Development Office.
INTRODUCTION

Personal bankruptcy enables filers to wipe their financial slates clean when they are overwhelmed by debt and unable to pay their bills.

For consumers struggling with debt, filing for bankruptcy can prevent creditors from foreclosing on or repossessing property, garnishing wages, or shutting off utility services.

For small business owners, bankruptcy can discharge business debt to allow entrepreneurs the ability to move on, opening a new business, or getting a job without having to be subject to creditor collection.

For these people, Chapter 7 can get rid of much of the individual debt. Also, the bankruptcy court can approve a Chapter 13 plan pay off some or all of the person’s debts gradually over a long period of time, and thereafter, the court can discharge those debts entirely. Although an individual can file a Chapter 11, it’s typically inapplicable to small businesses and consumer filings.

IS THE PANDEMIC CAUSING MORE PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY FILINGS?

It is likely that we will see an increase in personal bankruptcy cases in the near future. Just how large this increase will be remains uncertain. But that isn’t happening yet.

As of the beginning of May, 2020, personal bankruptcy cases had not yet increased. In fact, there “were 47% fewer consumer bankruptcies in April 2020, compared to April 2019, according to statistics released Tuesday by the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) . . . [which is] a professional association for lawyers and judges involved in the bankruptcy process.” As you’ve probably read, unemployment claims are at all time highs; but for now, unemployment checks allow people to pay their monthly bills without having to file bankruptcy. As such bankruptcy filings, year over year, are still down in 2020, compared to 2019.

In addition, some current consumer protections might stave off personal bankruptcy cases. Many homeowners will not be penalized for missing payments on federally backed mortgages right now, for example. Some states have stopped companies from collecting debts, and they have stopped landlords from evicting tenants. The federal government has stopped requiring people to make student loan payments to mitigate the financial impact of the pandemic. While these measures are still in place, an influx of personal bankruptcy claims is unlikely.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or the CARES Act, provided each American a single stimulus payment to be used for expenses. That money, while helpful, can legally be seized by a creditor from a bank account in a collection action. Without a personal bankruptcy filing in process, those funds are vulnerable to being garnished from wages and bank accounts by overzealous creditors.

ONCE THE NEW PROTECTIONS ARE GONE, WILL MORE PEOPLE FILE BANKRUPTCY?

Once creditors are permitted to pursue people that must somehow catch up on missed payments, people will likely be looking for help, but before filing a bankruptcy petition, people will generally look take several steps. For example, people will often:

- Deplete their savings accounts;
- Borrow more money from creditors, often using security, jeopardizing the collateral they use to secure the loan;
- Borrow money from their retirement plan, an asset exempt from bankruptcy;
- Borrow money from employers;
- Borrow money from (and sometimes repay) friends;
- Borrow money from (and sometimes repay) family; and/or
- Stop making payments to certain creditors.

ARE THESE STEPS A GOOD IDEA?

Although these steps may make sense for some, it’s a good idea to talk to a bankruptcy attorney before taking them, because more times than not, they’ll regret many of these actions..

Many assets that would have been untouchable in bankruptcy, such as homes and retirement plans are better left untouched if a bankruptcy is later necessary. Resources such these would often be better utilized after the bankruptcy is complete. And when considering which creditors to pay, and which not to pay, it’s important choose wisely. Lastly, most Most attorneys will often a free consultation to allow a discussion about whether the moves contemplated by the client are appropriate.

WILL BANKRUPTCIES EVENTUALLY INCREASE?

It is very likely that bankruptcies will spike at some point.

Most of these government protections are temporary; typically deferrals. Ultimately, people that owe money to creditors will owe more, and will often be in worse shape. This will likely result in a surge in personal bankruptcy claims later on.

ARE THERE NEW PROTECTIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC?
The CARES Act added some protections for consumers in personal bankruptcy cases, but these are limited. The biggest change was to extend the amount of time consumers have to pay off their Chapter 13 plans from five years to seven years, but this change only applies to those that can show “hardship”, which can be tough to prove, and only it only applies to current bankruptcy filings. Legislators could have made more significant changes, such as setting a maximum amount that debtors can be required to pay.

**CONCLUSION**

While bankruptcy filings have not yet spiked as a result of the pandemic, they will likely do so at some point in the future. This is because recent legislation and creditor behavior has allowed more time to make payments. Additionally, people often take actions like spending down savings, borrowing money or liquidating assets, prior to considering filing bankruptcy. When doing so, it is very important to consult an attorney to make sure that those actions are prudent.

Managing Partner, Howard Rabb concentrates on estate, general business and bankruptcy matters. He regularly advises clients on business, estate and debt strategies. A lifelong Clevelander, Howard has a “Superb” AVVO rating and is a winner of the prestigious Super Lawyers Award.

**Estate Planning:** Howard’s practice involves an analysis of the goals of the client, an understanding of all relevant family relationships, and a comprehensive list of all of the clients assets. After obtaining this information, Howard will advise his clients as to whether a living trust or testamentary trust makes sense in order to address probate, distribution, or tax concerns. Typically, the estate planning will include wills, health-care power of attorney, living wills, and general powers of attorney.

He also runs the firms probate practice, advising family members as to the appropriate course of action in order to retitle assets during a very difficult time in their lives. This representation may be inside or outside of Probate Court.

**Bankruptcy:** Howard’s bankruptcy practice focuses on assisting individuals who have found themselves too far in debt as a result of business issues, employment issues, domestic relations disputes, and medical bills. In this regard, he advises clients as to whether the bankruptcy process will help them and how it will help them and ultimately, whether a bankruptcy petition is the right thing for them to do. Those discussions will always include advice relating to whether they should file Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 bankruptcy petitions.

He is also highly experienced in advising clients regarding business strategies to address excessive business debt as well as strategies as to how to continue or redefine that struggling business. Again, that advice may involve a Chapter 7 or Chapter 11 business filing or it may involve non-bankruptcy alternatives.

**Business:** Howard represents a several businesses in the greater Cleveland area, regularly advising them with regard to day-to-day and long-term legal issues. He also creates the documents which arise from those business issues.
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We offer Lake Health Chamber Network plans through a non-gatekeeper HMO, designed to reduce the total cost of care while improving health outcomes and increasing patient satisfaction. Selecting a primary care physician is requested since preventive care and regular health management can result in better health and help save you money. The Lake Health Chamber Network allows you to access affordable, high-quality providers within Lake Health’s clinically integrated network.

**Network Overview**
The Lake Health Chamber Network comprises over 375 practitioners, including more than 100 primary care physicians and 275 specialists at Lake Health. In addition, Lake Health has 11 state-of-the-art facilities, including TriPoint Medical Center, West Medical Center, Beachwood Medical Center and three urgent care locations. The product also provides access to University Hospitals and Rainbow Babies & Children’s for tertiary care or services not available at Lake Health subject to prior authorization.

**Benefits Overview**
The Lake Health Chamber Network offers comprehensive healthcare services in Lake County, parts of Cuyahoga and Geauga counties and access to University Hospitals and Rainbow Babies & Children’s for tertiary care or services that Lake Health cannot provide. If you or one of your family members requires specialized care not available at Lake Health, your doctor will need to submit a prior authorization request to access University Hospitals or Rainbow Babies & Children’s. Pediatric care at Rainbow Babies & Children’s may be used, with authorization, up to age 20. Any care or services received at University Hospitals without prior authorization or at other non-network providers will not be covered, unless there is a waiver due to medical necessity.

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  - Mentor
- Madison Campus and 24/7 ER
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- Chardon Campus
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- Perrico Health Campus
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- Continuing Care Campus
  - Concord Township
**Emergency Services**
Emergencies requiring immediate medical attention are always covered at any hospital regardless of network status. However, there is no coverage for non-emergency use of the emergency room in the Lake Health Chamber Network product.

**Pharmacy Benefits**
The pharmacy benefits include member savings through generic and preferred brand name prescription drug programs and a comprehensive pharmacy network.

**Specialty Insurance**
Life, dental and vision insurance are also available through Medical Mutual. These specialty insurance products can be easily integrated with your medical plan making them easier to manage.

**Added-Value Services**
Outside of benefits, Lake Health offers added-value services including:

**Online Quick Care**
Members can access Lake Health providers for non-emergency services seven days a week, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., through Online Quick Care. This service allows you to receive a diagnosis and treatment plan for a discounted cost of $35 from their mobile device, tablet or computer, with prescriptions sent directly to your preferred pharmacy.

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**Find a Provider**
To find a provider in the Lake Health Chamber Network, go to MedMutual.com and scroll down to the Find a Doctor section. On the next screen, select the plan year under Just Looking Around and follow the on-screen prompts.

**For more information about member benefits in the Lake Health Chamber Network, please contact your Human Resources department. If you are an enrolled member, please contact Medical Mutual’s Customer Care team at the phone number on your ID card.**
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CompManagement is the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce’s workers’ compensation program administrator and represents over 25,000 Ohio employers in virtually every industry classification from large corporations to small family-owned businesses.

As a state funded employer, it is recommended that your organization annually review the alternative rating/premium discount programs available through the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC) and administered by CompManagement on behalf of the Eastern Lake County Chamber.

Through the expertise of CompManagement’s colleagues, your policy is reviewed to determine the programs that may garner the most savings while keeping in mind your organization’s risk tolerance. Enrollment for participating in alternative rating/premium discount programs occurs annually. Ensure that your organization is maximizing savings as well as meeting eligibility requirements and enrollment deadlines by contacting CompManagement today.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** What discounts are available to apply to my workers’ compensation premium rate?

CompManagement will provide information in order for your organization to see how participation in an alternative rating program will impact your costs as well as how these programs can be stacked together to achieve the maximum savings available for your organization. For example:

- **GROUP RATING** features discounts that typically range between 15 - 53%, which is the maximum discount allowed by the BWC.
- **GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING** refunds typically range between 25 - 50%; this program may be a good alternative discount program for companies that may not be eligible for Group Rating but have a focus on safety, emphasis on transitional duty and other cost containment strategies.
- **STACKING OPTIONS** include the Drug Free Safety Program (4 - 7%), Industry Specific Safety Program (3%), Transitional Work Bonus (up to 10%) and Safety Council performance rebate (2%) when participating in Group Rating. If participating in Group Retrospective Rating, add on Lapse Free (1%), Go Green (1%) and Safety Council participation rebate (2%).

**Q:** How can my organization participate in a program?

To see how much your company can save through an alternative rating program, simply complete the Temporary Authorization to Review Information (AC-3) form on the reverse side of this document. Please return the form to CompManagement at the address or toll-free fax number listed or email the form to: ohio.group@sedgwick.com.

CompManagement will then prepare a cost savings analysis for your review and consideration. Please contact CompManagement’s Customer Support Unit at (800) 825-6755, option 3 for any questions regarding your workers’ compensation coverage and program participation.

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*Other requirements needed*
Note: For this to be a valid letter, the self-insured department for self-insured employers, or the employer services department for all other employers, must stamp it. Being temporary in nature, BWC will not record via computer or retain this authorization.

Representative must possess a copy when requesting service relative to the authority granted therein.

This is to certify that **CompManagement LLC** including its agents or representatives identified to you by them, has been retained to review and perform studies on certain workers’ compensation matters on our behalf.

The limited letter of authority provides access to the following types of information relating to our account:
1. Risk files;
2. Claim files;
3. Merit-rated or non-merit-rated experiences;
4. Other associated data.

This authorization does not include the authority to:
1. Review protest letters;
2. File protest letters;
3. File form Application for Handicap Reimbursement (CHP-4);
4. Notice of Appeal (IC-12) or Application for Permanent Partial Reconsideration (IC-88);
5. File self-insurance applications;
6. Represent the employer at hearings;
7. Pursue other similar actions on behalf of the employer.

I understand this authorization is limited and temporary in nature and will expire on _________________________ or automatically nine months from the date received by the employer services or self-insured departments, whichever is appropriate. In either case, the length of authorization will not exceed nine months.

Completion of the temporary authorization provides a third-party administrator (TPA) limited authority to view an employer’s payroll and loss experience. By signing the AC-3, the employer grants permission to the BWC to release information to the employer’s authorized representative(s). The form allows a third-party representative to view an employer’s information regarding payroll, claims and experience modification.

**Attention group rating prospects:**
- Employers may complete the AC-3 for as many TPAs or group-rating sponsors they feel are necessary to obtain quotes for a group-rating program.
- Group sponsors must notify all current group members if they will not accept them for the next group-rating year. The deadline for this notification is prior to the last business day in October for private employers and prior to the last business day in April for public employers.
- All potential group-rating prospects must have:
  - Active BWC coverage status as of the application deadline;
  - Active coverage from the application deadline through the group rating year;
  - No outstanding balances;
  - Operations similar in nature to the other members of their group.
- Any changes to a group member’s policy will affect the group policy. Changes can result in either debits or credits to each of the members.

**Note:** For complete information on rules for group rating, see Rules 4123-17-61 through 4123-17-68 of the Ohio Administrative Code or your TPA. All group-rating applicants are subject to review by the BWC employer programs unit.
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