

## **2009 Raeder Larson Public Service Award Announced**

At a ceremony on July 21, 2009 in the lobby of the Minneapolis courthouse, Chief Judge Nancy Dreher announced the recipients of the 2009 Raeder Larson Public Service Award. Duluth attorney Yvonne Novak was honored for her pro bono representation of debtors in the Duluth area and Tom Johnson, counsel to Chapter 13 Trustee Jasmine Keller, was honored for his steadfast commitment to the work of the pro bono committee. Among the attendees at the awards ceremony were Sue and Jim Larson, wife and son of Raeder Larson, in whose honor and memory the award is given, and MSBA President Leo Brisbois. See [photos](#) from ceremony on the court's website.

## **Twin Cities Bankruptcy Advice Clinic extended through December 2009**

The pilot Twin Cities Bankruptcy Advice Clinic, a collaborative effort of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota, the Bankruptcy Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Volunteer Lawyers Network, has been extended through December 2009. A decision will be made in September about continuing the clinic indefinitely.

The Clinic is a free service under which low income Minnesota residents contemplating bankruptcy, as well as pro se debtors and creditors already involved in pending bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings, can receive up to 15 minutes of basic information and bankruptcy-related advice from members of the bar. Attorneys who volunteer to participate in the Project are **not** undertaking to represent any individual beyond the brief advice given at the clinic.

The clinics are available on a bi-weekly basis in Minneapolis and St. Paul and are staffed with volunteer bankruptcy attorneys and law students. The eight fifteen-minute time slots available each week are allotted on a first come, first served basis only; no pre-scheduling is available. See a complete list of clinic dates and locations below (this information, along with directions, is also available on the Court's website). Please note that there will be no clinics held on Thursday, July 30, October 29, November 26, December 24, and December 31.

Attorneys interested in volunteering for the Bankruptcy Advice Clinic should contact Bill Fisher (Minneapolis clinics) at [william.fisher@gpmlaw.com](mailto:william.fisher@gpmlaw.com) or 612-632-3063 or Jeff Bruzek (St. Paul clinics) at [jeffrey@bruzeklaw.com](mailto:jeffrey@bruzeklaw.com) or 651-290-2338.

The clinic schedule is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location*</b>
<b>Thursday, July 30</b>	<b>No Clinic</b>	
Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, St. Paul
Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, St. Paul
Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, St. Paul
Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, St. Paul
Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, St. Paul
Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, St. Paul
<b>Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009</b>	<b>No Clinic</b>	
Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, St. Paul
Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
<b>Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009</b>	<b>No Clinic</b>	
Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, St. Paul
Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	U.S. Courthouse, Minneapolis
<b>Thursday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>No Clinic</b>	
<b>Thursday, Dec. 31</b>	<b>No Clinic</b>	