



**NEW LAWYERS' SEMINAR AND FEDERAL COURT SWEARING-IN
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 8 AND 9, 2015
SPECIAL EARLY BIRD RATE**

Congratulations on passing the February Michigan Bar Examination!

We hope that you will be able to join us at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, on December 8 and 9, 2015, for the annual **Seminar for New Lawyers**, a “nuts and bolts” how-to-do-it approach to practice in federal and state courts which is co-sponsored by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and the Eastern District of Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

The seminar is designed to assist recent law graduates in understanding the fundamental procedures followed in local courts. It is not a prerequisite for an individual to be admitted to practice in the courts, but rather is a voluntary educational program which law school graduates are encouraged to attend. Experienced attorneys wishing to attend the seminar are welcome.

The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. on December 8, 2015, with registration and presentations on federal courts. The program continues on December 9th with state court practice. In prior years, the well-qualified Seminar faculty has been composed of practicing attorneys, court personnel and numerous judges, each of them knowledgeable in the areas upon which they speak. This year will be no different. A copy of last year's agenda are attached as a sample of our programming.

We've been able to hold the seminar price to only \$100.00 for both days with your first year of **Chapter** membership as a complimentary bonus. Admission also includes a luncheon on December 9th (usually addressed by the Chief Judge or the Chief Judge Pro Tem of the Wayne County Circuit Court; but, on occasion, by Justice Mary Beth Kelly of the Michigan Supreme Court - an NLS graduate). You also receive a word-searchable CD with form pleadings and

memoranda expanding on the speakers' topics. If you register before August 15, we'll guarantee the price even if it gets raised for the July bar passers and later registrants!

Reservation checks should be made payable to the FBA E.D. Mich., and mailed to New Lawyers Seminar c/o FBA Executive Director, PO Box 20759, Ferndale MI 48220. If you have any questions, email the FBA at fbamich@fbamich.org or call Brian Figot at (248) 594-5950.

There also will be a ceremony admitting attorneys to practice in federal court coordinated with this program on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at approximately 3:45 p.m. in the U.S. Courthouse for all those who have been admitted to the state bar and meet requirements for admission to the bar of the District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. This is a separate ceremony which is processed by the United States District Court Clerk's Office (313-234-5005) with a separate admission fee of \$226.00 payable to the Clerk, United States District Court. Watch <http://www.mied.uscourts.gov/News/index.cfm> for news about registration for the swearing-in. (If you can't wait, instructions for getting sworn in **apart** from the once-a-year mass swearing-in are at:

<http://www.mied.uscourts.gov/index.cfm?pageFunction=Information%20For%20AttorneysFAQList&FAQGroup=Information%20For%20Attorneys>)

**REGISTRATION FOR FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION AND
U.S. DISTRICT COURT NEW LAWYERS SEMINAR**

WHEN: December 8 & 9, 2015

TIME: Registration 8:30 a.m.
Seminar: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Seminar and All Purpose Assembly Room First Floor
(Fort Street Side)
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse
231 W. Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Make Check Payable to: **Federal Bar Association**

Mail Check to: **Federal Bar Association
PO BOX 20759
FERNDALE MI 48220**

OR

REGISTER ON-LINE AT <https://fbamich.org/featured-events/>.

Registration Fee: \$100.00 -- Includes: Two-Day Seminar, CD Rom with Seminar outlines and other materials, luncheon and one-year local Chapter membership

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ P _____ (if available)

Firm/Agency: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Requests for reasonable special accommodations should be made by Dec 1 and specify the accommodation(s) that are needed. Contact the FBA Executive Director at the above mailing address, by email to fbamich@fbamich.org or by phone to 248.594.5950.

[] I would like a vegetarian plate at the Wednesday luncheon

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____



FEDERAL LAW PROGRAM
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Theodore Levin Courthouse, Room 115

Moderator: Sarah Resnick Cohen
Assistant United States Attorney

MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 - 9:00 REGISTRATION
COFFEE AND DONUTS**
- 9:00 – 9:10 WELCOME TO THE SEMINAR**
Hon. Denise Page Hood, United States District Judge
- 9:10 - 9:30 ELECTRONIC FILING & THE PAPERLESS COURT**
Victoria Lung, Eastern District of Michigan, CM/ECF Internal Support
- E-Filing Benefits
 - E-Filing Requirements
 - PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records)
- 9:30 - 10:00 FUNDAMENTAL DO's AND DON'Ts --THE LAW CLERKS' LIST**
Linda S. Hylenski, Law Clerk to the Hon Gerald E. Rosen
Lauren Mandel, Law Clerk to the Hon Linda Parker
Eric Lee, Law Clerk to the Hon. Laurie Michelson
- Initiating your case
 - Preparing and submitting dispositive motions
 - Conducting and litigating discovery disputes
- 10:00 - 10:30 PRE-FILING PITFALLS, INITIAL DISCLOSURES & DISCOVERY**
Thomas G. McNeill, Esq., Dickinson Wright PLC
- The Six Pre-Complaint Pitfalls that Foretell Disaster
 - Proactive Discovery to Achieve Successful Results
 - Electronic Data: Today's Legal and Technical Cutting Edge
- 10:30 - 10:40 COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:40 - 11:10 CIVIL MOTION PRACTICE IN FEDERAL COURT**
Hon. David M. Lawson, United States District Judge
- Discussing dispositive motion practice including:
 - Substantive issues – Iqbal, Twombly, and other pleading standards;
 - Practical advice – where to stand, what Judges want to hear, motion practice pitfalls
- 11:10 - 11:30 REMOVAL FROM STATE TO FEDERAL COURT**
Robert M. Jackson, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, LLP
- Courts of limited jurisdiction – Federal Question and Diversity
 - Removal Jurisdiction – Required Procedures and Deadlines
 - Diversity Jurisdiction: Amount in Controversy and Citizenship of Parties

11:30 - 12:30 LUNCH (on your own)

AFTERNOON SESSION

12:30 - 1:00 BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE

Stan Bershad, Esq., Goldstein, Bershad & Fried, P.C.

- How to help a client decide whether to file any type of bankruptcy
- How to handle the interview of a prospective debtor
- What property can a debtor keep if they file any type of bankruptcy

1:00 - 1:30 PRO BONO PRACTICE - IN GENERAL

Fred K. Herrmann, Esq., Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC

- The Pro Bono Council: What it is and how you can participate
- Training, Mentoring, and Networking
- Other pro bono opportunities

1:30 - 2:00 WHITE COLLAR CRIME/GRAND JURY PRACTICE

David F. DuMouchel, Esq., Butzel Long

Hon. Laurie J. Michelson, United States District Judge

- Educating the Client: Difference Between Criminal and Civil Litigation
- Dealing With Client (and family) Expectations about life-changing decisions, e.g., cooperation, plea bargaining, felony conviction and collateral consequences
- Financial Considerations – fees, forfeiture, seizure of assets, third party payment of fees, etc.

2:00 - 2:30 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Mary Margaret L. O'Donnell, Esq., Blue Filament Law PLLC

- What is Intellectual Property
- Traditional IP (patents, trademarks, copyrights)
- Peripheral IP (right of publicity, trade secrets, etc.)

2:30 - 3:00 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Grant P. Gilezan, Esq., Dykema Gossett PLLC

- Overview of Regulators
- Managing Liability in the Deal
- Audits, Due Diligence, Due Care and Sustainability

3:00 - 3:30 AN OVERVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT LAW (STATE/FEDERAL)

Catherine F. Wenger, Esq., General Counsel, American Laser Skincare, LLC

- How to prepare the workplace - your workplace
- How to use the administrative process to assist your litigation strategy
- How to prepare for a plaintiff's deposition

3:45 SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

**In Courtrooms to be posted during afternoon session
Separate registration required.**

STATE LAW PROGRAM
Wednesday, December 9, 2014
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse, Room 115

MODERATOR: Brian Hartwell, Law Offices of Brian Hartwell

MORNING SESSION

8:00 - 8:15 COFFEE AND DONUTS

8:15 - 8:30 WELCOME

Hope Shovein, Esq., Chairperson of Young Lawyers Section

8:30 - 9:00 BASIC MICHIGAN CIVIL PRACTICE

Richard T. Hewlett, Esq., Varnum

9:00 - 9:30 THE HANDLING OF A MICHIGAN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE

Gary Parsons, Esq., Parsons, Bouwkamp & Buie, PC

9:30 - 10:00 ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INJURY PRACTICE

Albert J. Dib, Esq., Dib and Fagan, P.C.

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 - 10:45 BASIC MICHIGAN REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Robert Berg, Esq., Law Offices of Berg & Berg

10:45 - 11:15 CASE EVALUATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Timothy D. Wittlinger, Esq., Clark Hill, PLC

11:15 – 11:45 PRACTICING IN THE MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT AND FAMILY COURT

Lawrence S. Pepper, Esq., Law Offices of Lawrence S. Pepper

11:45 - 12:15 AN OVERVIEW OF A GRIEVANCE PROCEEDING

Alan M. Gershel, Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission
Grievance Administrator

12:15 - 1:45 LUNCH – DOUBLETREE FORT SHELBY HOTEL

Honorable Virgil Smith, Chief Judge, Civil Division, Wayne Circuit Court
PROCEDURES IN CIRCUIT COURT

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 – 2:15 THE HANDLING OF A CRIMINAL CASE IN STATE COURTS

Brian M. Legghio, Esq., Law Offices of Brian M. Legghio

2:15 – 2:45 THE HANDLING OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

Ann Tobin-Levigne, Esq., Ann M. Tobin, PC