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Federal Bar Association - Eastern District of Michigan Chapter - 50 years of service to our Federal Bench and Bar

State of the Court Luncheon, Tuesday, September 11th

The Chapter's popular Luncheon Series will return from summer hiatus on Tuesday, September 11, with the annual State of the Court Address, as Judge Gerald E. Rosen will "pinch hit" for Chief Judge Bernard A. Friedman. The reception will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch starting at 12:00 p.m. at the International Center at the Atheneum Hotel. The Court also will honor attorneys who have accepted pro bono assignments in the past year. Tickets are \$25 for Chapter members, \$30 for non-members, and \$20 for judicial law clerks. Law firm sponsorships are still available for the State of the Court luncheon and the three future luncheons. To register online, visit the Chapter's website at www.fbamich.org and click Events and Activities. For more information about this luncheon or the luncheon series, contact Program Chair Michael Riordan at 313-226-9602.

Rakow Scholarship Awards/ Historical Society Luncheon, Tuesday, November 13th

Once again, the Chapter looks forward to co-hosting our annual Rakow Awards luncheon with the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court at the International Center at the Atheneum Hotel in Greektown. Continuing another proud tradition, our Chapter will present scholarships financed by our Foundation to one deserving law student from each of our six Michigan law schools. Rakow scholarships are given annually in honor of one of our energetic

Chapter founders, Ed Rakow.

The Historical Society has planned yet another compelling program as it recalls the trials and appeals following the murder of Vincent Chin which occurred twenty-five years ago. This pivotal event spurred a turning point in the

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President's Column

Mark A. Goldsmith

At our annual officers' planning meeting earlier this summer, we spent several hours mapping out a programming strategy that would build on the

excellent array of programs the Chapter already offers. To that end, the officers adopted five new initiatives that will make our Chapter's programming even more robust. These innovative initiatives will provide added appeal for our current membership and attract others to our organization, as well.

Careers in Justice Social justice is one of the core values enshrined in our mission statement. In fulfillment of that goal, we will arrange for representatives from the various professions within the administration of justice to speak at area high schools in disadvantaged neighborhoods. By explaining their work routines and career paths, participating lawyers, judges, U.S. marshals and probation officers will offer inspiring role models to young people who may not be aware of the opportunities available to them. Interested in participating? Contact one of the Social Justice Committee Co-Chairs: Miriam Siefer (313-961-4150, miriam_siefer@fd.org); Michael K. Lee (248-350-5900, mlee@leeandclark.com).

Mentoring The best way for a young litigator to learn his or her craft is to be exposed to seasoned practitioners who can teach practical skills with a real-world perspective. The mentoring program will consist of

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several sessions at which younger lawyers will be teamed up with experienced lawyers and judges as they analyze different aspects of the litigation process. If you would like more information or want to sign up, contact one of the Newer Lawyers Committee Co-Chairs: Dennis Levasseur (313-393-7596, dlevasseur@bodmanllp.com); Kelly Walters (248-619-2500, kwalters@lange-cholack.com).

Book Club Want to take a break from the hectic pace of your demanding practice and consider some of the broader questions that the law presents to us? The Book Club will be an intimate meeting ground for lawyers and judges to discuss books addressing the fundamental meaning of law in our society. For more information, contact the Book Club Chair Andrew Doctoroff (313-465-7360, adoctoroff@honigman.com).

Writing Competition Reaching out to law students has been a long-standing tradition of our Chapter. Since 1970, we have donated over \$143,000 in scholarship money to Michigan's law students. A new way to connect with law students will be through a writing competition, in which entrants will write on a legal issue selected by our Law Students Initiative Co-Chairs Kevin Fanning and Kelly Walters. The winners -- selected by a committee with representatives from the Court, attorney ranks and academia -- will be awarded a monetary prize and accorded recognition at our annual McCree Luncheon.

Mini Bench/Bar Historically, the bench-bar conference has included an overnight weekend stay, which many lawyers found to be in conflict with vital family time. Our new approach will be to conduct a bench-bar conference on a single weekday, making for a much more user-friendly conference. To assist on this project, please contact Jeff Sadowski (248-645-1483, jsadowski@howardandhoward.com), who will be co-chairing this event along with Magistrate Judge Mona K. Majzoub.

I hope you are as excited as I am by these new opportunities to make our Chapter's programming fresh, appealing and meaningful. Please help make these programs a success by participating and inviting your colleagues to join in, as well. I look forward to a very dynamic year at the FBA!

Rakow Luncheon (from page 1)

civil rights movement when it shed light on the need to protect Asian Americans from hate crimes.

Set against a familiar backdrop of economic hardship in the auto industry, Vincent Chin was attacked and murdered by Ronald Ebens, an auto worker, and his stepson, Michael Nitz, a laid-off auto worker. The men mistakenly believed Mr. Chin to be Japanese. Chin, who was in fact Chinese, died four days after the attack and just five days before he was to be married. The subsequent trials tested Asian Americans' faith in our justice system. The perpetrators negotiated pleas of no contest and manslaughter in State court receiving only probation and assessment of \$3700 in fines. An enraged Asian American community then mobilized to expose such hate crimes to the nation. The Department of Justice responded by charging Ebens and Nitz with conspiracy and criminal violation of Chin's civil rights. Nitz was acquitted, but Ebens was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in this Court. A successful appeal followed, and a new trial in another venue resulted in acquittal of both defendants. Members of both the prosecution and defense teams will participate in a panel discussion.

Registration will begin at 11:30 and the luncheon will take place at noon. Additional details are available on the Chapter website, www.fbamich.org, where you can also register in advance. Questions may be directed to Program Chair Michael Riordan at 313-226-9602.



From Court Administrator Dave Weaver Electronic Case Filing: Potential Pitfalls for Practitioners

The Case Management / Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system is now being used in all but one or two federal district and bankruptcy courts in the United States. With virtually all case activity being carried out electronically, it is interesting to see just how much has changed for the Court and the Bar as evidenced by the following news story and Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

In a recent article at PCWorld.com, Robert McMillan reported on a Colorado law firm that was having great difficulty controlling SPAM email messages. The IT Administrator at the firm increased the SPAM settings on the firm's network which inadvertently began blocking email messages from the CM/ECF system from the District of Colorado. The result was a missed court date

in which the judge ordered the party the firm represents to pay attorney fees and expenses of the lawyers who showed up. See the article at www.pcworld.com/printable/article/id,134460/printable.com.

On August 10, 2007, the Sixth Circuit issued a decision in *Kuhn, et al v. Sulzer Orthopedics, Inc, et al*, affirming the judgment of the Northern District of Ohio denying the plaintiff/appellant's motion to reopen the time to file their appeal. The Court held that "the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying the Kuhn's motion where their counsel opted not to register his email address with the Court's CM/ECF system and then failed to monitor the electronic docket." See the opinion at www.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/07a0306p-06.pdf

The Court recently posted a number of revisions to its CM/ECF Policies and Procedures. Please be sure to visit the Court's website regularly to obtain information on all current updates.

The Court's redesigned Internet site was launched on August 20, 2007. If you would like to comment on the site, please email me at the address below.

Remember, if you have any questions or comments, please send them to me at mie_fba@mied.uscourts.gov



Judge Battani

Spotlight on Judge Marianne O. Battani

By Jeffrey T. Rogg*

As she completes her seventh year on the U. S. District Court, Judge Marianne O. Battani celebrates her twenty-sixth year on the bench. Here is her remarkable story.

Born in Detroit, Judge Battani attended Dominican High School and the University of Detroit. Her father was a tool-and-die maker who insisted that his four daughters study hard and do well in school. She worked for IBM as a systems engineer while attending the Detroit College of Law. She was in private practice from 1972 until 1981, most of the time as a sole practitioner.

In 1981, Governor William G. Milliken appointed her to a vacancy on the then Common Pleas Court which became the 36th District Court later that year. Michigan Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams administered the oath of office to her. Governor Milliken appointed her to a vacancy on the Wayne County Circuit Court in 1982. She was re-elected repeatedly until her appointment to the Federal bench in 2000. While on the Circuit Court, she served on the faculty of the National Judicial College and the Michigan Judicial Institute.

On August 5, 1999, President Clinton nominated her to the seat which had become vacant when Chief Judge Anna

Diggs Taylor took senior status on January 1, 1999. Judge Battani was confirmed by the Senate on May 24, 2000 and received her commission on June 2, 2000. When asked what she likes particularly about being a Federal judge, she said more independence, more complex legal issues and no elections. "I love being a judge. I wouldn't give it up for more money in the private sector." When asked how she would like to be remembered, she said: "As a fair and impartial jurist."

In an interview, Judge Battani expressed particular admiration for Judges Cornelia Kennedy and Patricia Boyle for leading the way as women judges.

She served on the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan from 1978-1984 and has been a member of the Michigan State Bar Foundation since 1984. She was the founding chairperson of the Senior Justice Committee.

A member of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan since her admission to the bar in 1972, she served as President in 1976.

She has been honored by her law school, now the Michigan State University College of Law, by election as a Trustee Emeritus and as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

In her time away from the bench, Judge Battani plays the piano for her own enjoyment, reads widely and enjoys attending musicals with her daughter.

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New Lawyers Seminar December 4th and 5th

The nationally acclaimed (and copied) annual New Lawyers Seminar will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5, 2005, starting in the Seminar Room at the Levin Courthouse in downtown Detroit.

The Seminar, now in its 31st year, utilizes a "nuts and bolts" how-to-do-it approach which is designed to assist recent graduates in understanding certain areas of substantive practice and the fundamental procedures followed in the Court and also in the State courts in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, featuring a faculty of judges, court personnel and practicing attorneys.

The first day of the Seminar, December 4th, is "Federal Day," with intensive focus on the practicalities of federal practice, followed by a swearing-in ceremony which will be coordinated by the Clerk's Office. (Separate registration with, and payment to, the Clerk's Office is required for the swearing-in). For information regarding the swearing-in ceremony click on: www.mied.uscourts.gov/index.html.

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New Lawyers Seminar *(from page 3)*

The second day, December 5th, is “State Day” and leads the uninitiated through the vagaries of the tri-county court systems, with a luncheon at the Hotel Pontchartrain, usually addressed by the Chief Judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Additionally, for each subject covered, there is an accompanying outline and/or substantive article, conveniently formatted for word searching on a CD-ROM.

Over the years, this Seminar has been copied, first nationally by other FBA Chapters and more recently by local bar associations and law firms. However, it remains unparalleled both in content and in pricing. The two-day Seminar, reception, luncheon and Seminar materials are all provided for only \$65.00 to FBA members; \$95.00 to non-members. A special price of \$140.00 includes the seminar plus one year of membership in both the national Federal Bar Association and the Chapter.

Co-chairs for the seminar are attorneys Brian Akkashian, Christine Dowhan-Bailey, Brian Figot, Grant Gilezan, Geneva Halliday and Cathrine Wenger.

Reservation checks should be made payable to the Federal Bar Association, and mailed to New Lawyers Seminar, 30100 Telegraph, Ste. 428, Bingham Farms MI 48025-4564.

Online registration with secure payment by credit card is available at www.fbamich.org.

If you have any questions, email the FBA at fbamich@fbamich.org or call Brian Figot at (248) 593-5928.

Summer Associate Program A Success

On August 10, 2007, the Chapter sponsored its fifth annual summer associate program in Room 115 of the Courthouse. Once again, the program was a success. This free-of-charge event was open to all summer associates and interns in the Detroit Metropolitan area. The program provided insights on areas of importance to soon-to-be lawyers. Judge Victoria Roberts began the program with a discussion of motion practice. Magistrate Judge Mona K. Majzoub spoke on the role of the magistrate judge in the federal system. Finally, Chapter President Judge Mark Goldsmith spoke on the importance of becoming involved in organizations such as the Federal Bar Association. Attendees were also encouraged to become members of the Chapter.

Special thanks to Committee Chair Dennis Levasseur for organizing the event, and to Judge Roberts, Magistrate Judge Majzoub, and Judge Goldsmith for their participation. Thanks also to Court Administrator David Weaver and his office for invaluable assistance with the logistics of this event.

Plans to Celebrate Golden Anniversary Take Shape

A Special Newsletter Edition:

Remembering When.

A Gala Celebration on December 4th:

Remembering Now.

The next issue of the FBA Newsletter will be both memorable and commemorative, as we continue the celebration of our chapter’s 50th Year of service to the Bench and Bar of the Eastern District of Michigan. The Editors and the Newsletter Committee are hard at work, collecting old newspaper clippings, chapter newsletters (which have been printed since 1987) and your memories, in order to compile a very special edition for release in late November.

Please add your reminiscences (anonymity granted upon reasonable request), whether it has to do with the founding of the chapter in 1957, or some fond recollection of an FBA event, activity or member at any time since then. Responses with attribution will be entered in a drawing, to be held at the 50th Anniversary Gala Reception on December 4, 2007, at the Detroit Club. The deadline for submission of entries is November 1, but even if you don’t send an entry bring yourself to the party on December 4. The 50th Anniversary Party is being planned by Tom Cranmer – so you know, even if you don’t have any memorable moments to share, this will become one.

Mail your memories to the Chapter Office or send an email to fbamich@fbamich.org. Bring yourself and a friend to the party.

Supreme Court Review & Preview

By M Bryan Schneider*

The Supreme Court’s October 2006 Term resulted in the Court’s lowest number ever of decisions in argued cases. Nevertheless, the term offered a number of cases of interest to federal practitioners. In criminal law, the Court’s most significant decisions continue to be explications of its sentencing decisions in *Blakely v. Washington* and *United States v. Booker*. In *Rita v. United States* (127 S. Ct. 2456), the Court held that federal courts of appeals may, but are not required to, apply a presumption that a trial court sentence within the advisory range established by the Guidelines is reasonable.

The Court also held, in *Whorton v. Bockting* (127 S. Ct. 1173), that its decision in *Crawford v. Washington* (prohibiting the introduction of testimonial hearsay without a prior opportunity for cross-examination) does not apply to cases on collateral review. In the Fourth Amendment

arena, the Court unanimously held that when a police officer stops a car, any passenger in the car is “seized” for Fourth Amendment purposes (*Brendlin v. California*, 127 S. Ct. 2400), and that a police officer’s attempt to terminate a high speed chase which threatens the lives of bystanders does not violate the Fourth Amendment even if it places the fleeing motorist at risk of serious injury (*Scott v. Harris*, 127 S. Ct. 1769).

On the civil side, the Court issued a number of significant decisions regarding procedure and jurisdiction, perhaps none more so than *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly* (127 S. Ct. 1955). As discussed in the previous edition of this Newsletter, *Twombly* has arguably erected a significant pleading standard that must be met to survive a motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6). The Court also held that where a properly removed case is remanded “upon a ground that is colorably characterized as subject matter jurisdiction, appellate review is barred” by 28 U.S.C. § 1447(d). (*Powerex Corp. v. Reliant Energy Services*, 127 S. Ct. 2411), and that a court may consider a party’s forum non conveniens argument without first addressing whether the court has subject-matter or personal jurisdiction (*Sinochem International v. Malaysia International Shipping*, 127 S. Ct. 1184).

The Court also issued a number of significant rulings in several topical areas of law. In immigration law, the Court held that conduct which is a felony under state law but only a misdemeanor under federal law does not constitute an aggravated felony disqualifying an alien for cancellation of removal (*Lopez v. Gonzales*, 127 S. Ct. 625). The Court also held that aiding and abetting a theft offense constitutes a “theft offense” for purposes of removal under 8 U.S.C. § 1227 (*Gonzales v. Duenas-Alvarez*, 127 S. Ct. 815). In antitrust, the Court held that an antitrust claim relating to conditions placed on the sale of new securities was precluded by the securities laws (*Credit Suisse Securities v. Billing*, 127 S. Ct. 2383), that vertical price restraints are not per se illegal, but are to be judged under the rule of reason (*Leegin Creative Leather Products v. PSKS, Inc.*, 127 S. Ct. 2705), and that the test for claims of predatory pricing established in *Brooke Group v. Brown & Williamson Tobacco* also applied to claims of predatory bidding (*Weyerhaeuser Co. v. Ross-Simmons Hardwood Lumber*, 127 S. Ct. 1069). In patents, also as discussed in the previous edition of this Newsletter, the Court broadened the obviousness inquiry under 35 U.S.C. § 103, holding that obviousness does not require that the precise teachings of prior patents be directed at the specific subject matter of the challenged claim, and that a “court can take account of the inferences and creative steps that a person of ordinary skill in the art would employ.” (*KSR International v. Teleflex*, 127 S. Ct. 1727). The Court also held that a patent licensee need not terminate or breach the license agreement before filing a declaratory judgment action seeking to have the underlying patent declared invalid (*Medimmune v. Gene-*

tech, 127 S. Ct. 764).

The October 2007 Term also appears at the outset to be one in which the Court will hear significantly fewer cases than it has in the past. Nevertheless, the Court has already granted review in a number of cases which may be of interest to federal practitioners. On the criminal side, the Court will consider two cases raising *Booker* sentencing issues. Specifically, the Court will consider whether a federal court of appeals considering the reasonableness of a district court sentence may require a district court to justify its departure from the advisory Guidelines (*Gall v. United States*, No. 06-7949), and whether a sentencing court may consider the impact of the 100:1 crack/powder cocaine ratio established by the Guidelines (*Kimbrough v. United States*, No. 06-6330). The Court will also consider several statutory construction issues, including whether, under the money laundering statute’s prohibition on the use of “proceeds” of unlawful activity, “proceeds” means the gross receipts from the unlawful activity or only the profits (*United States v. Santos*, No. 06-1005) and whether receipt of an unloaded firearm as payment for drugs constitutes “use” of the firearm in relation to a drug trafficking offense under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) (*Watson v. United States*, No. 06-571).

On the civil side, the Court will consider whether federal courts in employment discrimination cases must admit so-called “me too” evidence—testimony by nonparties that they were discriminated against by people who played no role in the employment decision affecting the plaintiff (*Sprint/United Management v. Mendelsohn*, No. 06-1221). The Court will also consider whether the Federal Arbitration Act precludes parties from contracting for more expansive judicial review of arbitration awards than that otherwise provided by the Act (*Hall Street Associates v. Mattel, Inc.*, No. 06-989). In *LaRue v. DeWolff, Boberg & Associates* (No. 06-856), the Court will address the circumstances in which a plan participant may bring a civil action against plan fiduciaries for a breach of fiduciary duties. Finally, the Court will also consider whether the Medical Device Amendments to the Food & Drug Act preempt state law damages claims with respect to medical devices that have received pre-market approval from the FDA (*Riegel v. Medtronic, Inc.*, No. 06-179).

In a policy implemented last term, the Court is releasing same-day on-line transcripts of oral arguments on afternoons of argument days. These transcripts are available at www.supremecourtus.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcripts.html. Those interested in following the Court in detail are recommended to visit the Scotusblog website at www.scotusblog.com.

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Focus on an FBA Member Michael J. Riordan

A new feature of the Newsletter will be the periodic profiling of a member of the FBA. This is the first of such profiles.

By Thomas D. Esordi*

Assistant U. S. Attorney, FBA Program Chair, Member of the State Bar Board of Commissioners, law school professor, past-president of the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and third-grade assistant football coach are just a few of the titles that Michael J. Riordan enjoys these days. Riordan, who has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office since 1998, is well known among members of the Bench and Bar for both his legal work and for his involvement with the FBA and other law-related groups.

While being kept quite busy with his duties at the U.S. Attorney's Office, where he has served in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions, and with his Bar activities, Riordan says the most important role he plays is as father to his three young children – Jeremiah Patrick, age eight; Mary Augusta, age seven; and Fiona Bridget, age three -- and as supportive spouse to attorney Meghan Kennedy Riordan.

The third of five children of Irish immigrants, who both hailed from County Kerry in the rural southwest part of Ireland, Riordan was born and raised in northwest Detroit. Mike is the product of twelve years of Catholic education in the City. He then went on to graduate in 1982 from Michigan State University with a high school teaching certificate. "My mom and dad expected that I would attend Notre Dame and perhaps become a priest, but I had other ideas," said Riordan.

After graduation, Riordan taught high school English and coached for three years at a Detroit Catholic high school. After his teaching stint, he went on to work as an immigration inspector in Detroit. In 1987, Mike, at his mother's urging, decided to attend the University of Detroit School of Law. "My father was dead set against the idea," Riordan fondly reminisced. "He worked for the street department at Michigan Consolidated Gas, and he thought I had it made for life in my secure civil service job at the border."

During law school, Riordan served as an Executive Editor of the Law Review. He graduated with honors in 1990 and then went on to clerk for the late Judge Robert E. DeMascio from 1990 through 1992. After completing his clerkship, he joined the Securities and Exchange Commission's Chicago Office where he became a Senior Attorney in the Enforcement Division. While with the

SEC, Riordan prosecuted securities fraud cases involving accounting improprieties, false public filings, ponzi schemes and the SEC's first case involving mutual fund fraud based on the undisclosed risks relating to collateralized mortgage obligations.

In 1996, he accepted a position as Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Milwaukee. There, he was responsible for offering legal advice to Northwestern's investment advisors, investment companies, registered representatives and its subsidiary, Robert W. Baird & Company. He also was one of the lead attorneys in the largest acquisition in the history of the 150-year-old Northwestern, the purchase of the Frank Russell Companies, which is internationally known for its mutual funds and its pension fund management business.

In 1998, Riordan accepted an invitation to return home and join the U.S. Attorney's Office. "My mom and dad were getting up in years so I thought it was important to live close to them. It also gave my wife the opportunity to open her immigration law practice in the place she wanted to be, Detroit," Riordan said. "An added bonus," he said, "was the opportunity to raise our family in a place that I love." As an Assistant U. S. Attorney, Riordan has prosecuted, among other things, health care fraud and violent crimes.

Mike and his family reside in Plymouth where he and his wife are active at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and School. Mike serves as an assistant coach for OLGC's third grade football team, coaches YMCA basketball and Little League baseball. In addition to being the FBA's Program Chair, he is an Adjunct Professor of Securities Regulation at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, he is one of

the Michigan Supreme Court's appointees to the State Bar's Board of Commissioners, serves on the State Bar's Judicial Qualifications and U.S. Courts Committees, is active in the Irish Lawyers, is a past-President of the Federalist Society's Michigan Lawyers Chapter, served on the Board of the Catholic Lawyers Society, is a member of the UDM Law Alumni Board of Directors, and serves on UDM's Titan Club Board of Directors. He also has written extensively on various legal issues and has been published in several law reviews and other legal periodicals.

Riordan said that the best career decision he ever made was to attend law school. "Not only did I meet my wife there, but I was given the opportunity to become part of an absolutely wonderful profession. The law has been fantastic to me."

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Michael J. Riordan

New Judicial Law Clerks

The FBA welcomes the following new law clerks for the Sixth Circuit and the Eastern District:

Judge Kennedy

Nicholas George – University of Michigan Law School
Allyson Miller – Wayne State University Law School

Judge Keith

Robert Boone – University of California, Berkeley
Boalt Hall School of Law
Lin Yee Chan – Stanford Law School
Rashad Hussain – Yale Law School

Judge Ryan

Margaret M. Smith – Ave Maria School of Law
Matthew S. Akers – Ave Maria School of Law

Judge Clay

Ian Millhiser – Duke University School of Law
Ngozi Ndulue – Yale Law School
Luke McLaurin – Washington University School of Law
Priscilla Ocen – UCLA School of Law

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Judge Feikens

Ryan B. Parker – University of Michigan Law School

Judge Cook

Brandon E. Miller – Harvard Law School

Judge Cohn

Adam Wiener – University of Michigan Law School

Judge Zatkoff

Jonathan Jorissen – Ave Maria School of Law

Judge Cleland

Christina Tzilos – Wayne State University Law School

Judge Edmunds

Ryan Powell – University of Michigan Law School

Judge Borman

Amanda Hickman – Wayne State University Law School

Judge Hood

Qasim S. Jami – Duke University School of Law

Judge Tarnow

Jacob Paul – University of Michigan Law School

Judge Roberts

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Calendar of Events

- Sept 11** State of the Court Luncheon
Speaker: Hon. Bernard A. Friedman
Atheneum Hotel, Greektown
11:30 a.m. Reception
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
- Oct 2** State of the Bankruptcy Court Luncheon
Speaker: Hon. Steven W. Rhodes
Cobo Center
11:30 a.m. Reception
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
- Oct 17** Third Annual Walter Shapero Bankruptcy Symposium
Speaker: Professor Scott Norberg
Topic: The National Empirical Study of the Consumer Bankruptcy System
Site and Time: TBD
- Nov 12** Annual Bankruptcy Seminar
Troy Marriott
A day-long conference designed especially for Michigan-area consumer practitioners, including the means test, dismissal for abuse, secured claims and options to deal with mortgage defaults.

- Nov 13** Rakow Scholarship Awards/Historical Society Luncheon
Topic: The Vincent Chin Murder Case
Atheneum Hotel, Greektown
11:30 a.m. Reception
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
- Dec 4-5** New Lawyers Seminar
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse
8:00 a.m. Registration
- Dec 4** Chapter Gala 50th Anniversary Holiday Reception
Detroit Club
4:30 p.m.
Hold the Date: Further Details to Follow
- Feb 26** Wade H. McCree Award Luncheon
Speaker: Bishop Thomas Gumbleton
Atheneum Hotel, Greektown
11:30 a.m. Reception
12:00 p.m. Luncheon

Online registration now available for most events.

**Updates and further developments at www.fbamich.org
See "Hot News" and "Events & Activities"**

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