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Passing of the Gavel to New Chief Judge Denise Page Hood

By Ann Malayang Daley and Charlene R. Gill*



Chief Judge
Denise Page Hood

On January 1, 2016, Denise Page Hood became Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She originally was appointed by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the Senate in 1994.

The "Passing of the Gavel" ceremony was held on January 28. Circuit Judge Damon J. Keith, with whom Judge Hood interned when he was Chief Judge of the Court, administered the oath of office. The ceremony was witnessed by over 700 individuals in the ceremonial and several

overflow courtrooms. Chief Judge Hood's guests included her family, church members, friends, classmates from her high school and college, current and former staff members, the Court family, attorneys, elected officials, and federal and state judges. This was a tribute to Chief Judge Hood's nature of being inclusive and welcoming to all.

Chief Judge Hood's belief in inclusiveness and access to the courts by all is reflected in her work within the legal

system, including the Court's Pro Bono and Ad Hoc Jury committees, Michigan State Planning Body for Legal Services, and the State Bar's Pro Bono Initiatives Committee. She also serves on the Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee for the Sixth Circuit and the Criminal Rules Advisory Committee of the

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President's Column

Kimberly G. Altman

As I write my third President's Column, spring is mostly in the air. We have sprung forward with the time change, and spring break is on many people's minds. Reflecting on the renewal that spring brings, a portion of the

Chapter's mission statement comes to mind:

Provide service to the federal bench and bar.

Enhance public understanding of the importance of the rule of law, and the roles of lawyers and the federal judiciary in promoting a just society.

I have been ruminating over the idea of the service our Chapter provides to the bench, bar, and community at large. King George VI is credited as saying "[t]he highest of distinctions is service to others." I could not agree more. Our Chapter certainly exemplifies this.

At the McCree Luncheon in March, we had the opportunity again to remember and honor a great public servant, Wade Hampton McCree, Jr. His lifelong commitment to social justice still inspires. Also, for the first (and perhaps not last) time in Chapter history, our keynote speaker and McCree Award recipient were one and the same—our beloved U.S. Senator Carl M. Levin. Senator Levin's decades of public service on behalf of the people of Michigan and the United States are a shining example of social justice at its very best. It was truly an honor for our Chapter to show our appreciation of him and his legacy.

Also in March, through the efforts of our Diversity Committee, our Chapter welcomed several law school students for a day at the Courthouse. Many thanks to the judges who took time to speak to the students and for the Chapter members who participated in a panel

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discussion. These small moments in a law student's education have a lasting impact.

For events on the horizon, our Law Day celebration on May 2 will be even more special thanks to a generous grant from the FBA Foundation. This grant, secured by our Civic Outreach Committee, was given by the Foundation to "support community service or outreach projects that involve FBA chapter participation." The funds will be used to cover transportation costs to bring Detroit area students to the Courthouse for Law Day celebrations. These students will have the opportunity to enjoy all of our Law Day events and gain a greater understanding of the role of the courts and lawyers in our system of justice. Who knows, it may just inspire a student or two to pursue a career in law.

Finally, and by no means least, we strive to provide valuable service to our members. To this end, I am very excited to announce the launch of the Chapter's Law Clerk Directory. The directory is a searchable database of former law clerks who clerked for judges in this district. The directory contains the name of the former law clerk and the judge(s) for whom they clerked and years of clerking. It will be accessible to all former law clerks and Chapter members. The directory was developed through the financial support of FBA National and is the first of its kind in the FBA. We hope that our members find it a useful tool in their practice and that it serves as a model for chapters across the country.

I am very proud of our Chapter's commitment to service in words and deeds. Our Committees and members work hard to provide service and enhance public understanding of the legal system. Let us continue the mission.

Passing of the Gavel (from page 1)

U.S. Courts and this Court's Local Rules and Criminal Rules committees.

Chief Judge Hood's legal experience began as an assistant corporation counsel with the City of Detroit and then as a judge with 36th District Court, Recorder's Court, and Wayne County Circuit Court. She served as president of the Detroit Bar Association and the Association of Black Judges of Michigan. Chief Judge Hood brings different perspectives from her activities outside the legal community -- as a member of the Olivet College Board of Trustees, the Harper-Hutzel Hospital Board of Trustees, the InsideOut Literary Arts Project Board, and other literary and service clubs in Detroit.

Because of their support throughout her career, it was important to



Chief Judge Gerald E. Rosen (right) passes the gavel to Chief Judge Denise Page Hood

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Chief Judge Hood that her church members from Plymouth United Church of Christ attended the ceremony. Her husband, Rev. Nicholas Hood, III, is the senior minister of PUCC. Chief Judge Hood is active at PUCC as a member of the Board of Christian Education, the Intergenerational Women's Dialogue Committee, Bible Study and Summer Sunday School teacher.

She served on the UCC national church sitting as Moderator and Chair of the Executive Committee, and as General Synod Parliamentarian. With her local church, she has traveled on medical and church missions to South Africa and Ethiopia, and on a bible study tour following the steps of the Apostle Paul through Greece and Italy. As part of the national UCC delegations, Chief Judge Hood participated in anniversary celebrations of partner churches in Zimbabwe and Ghana.

In 1993, she traveled with a UCC delegation to Hawaii to make a formal public apology to the Native Hawaiian people for the church's role and complicity in overthrowing the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893. Chief Judge Hood and her husband were invited to Silliman University, a UCC-related college, in the Philippines, where she presented at the Law School and her husband at the Divinity School.

Chief Judge Hood has received numerous honors throughout her career. The more recent awards include the 2016 Damon J. Keith Soul

and Spirit Humanitarian Award and the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association's 2014 Trailblazer Award. She is honored and humbled to be the fourth African American and third woman Chief Judge of this Court.

As she acknowledged at the ceremony, Chief Judge Hood would not be who and where she is without her family from Columbus, Ohio. They supported her when she was enrolled at the Columbus School for Girls and as she attended Yale University and Columbia Law School. Her family's support continued when she moved to Detroit where she was welcomed with open arms by her husband's family, the church, and community.

Chief Judge Hood continues daily to make her family and supporters proud in the work she performs within and without the Courthouse walls. In her robe in the courtroom, Chief Judge Hood treats each litigant with dignity and respect. As Chief Judge, she continues and will continue to treat with respect all that come before her—litigants, attorneys, court employees, colleagues and members of the public.

**Ann Malayang Daley has served as Chief Judge Hood's Career Law Clerk for more than 20 years, since she came to the Court in 1994. Daley received her law degree from the Detroit College of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. Charlene R. Gill has served as Chief Judge Hood's judicial assistant for even longer, working for then-Wayne County Circuit Judge Hood and following Judge Hood to the Court.*



Circuit Judge Damon J. Keith and Chief Judge Denise Page Hood at her Passing of the Gavel ceremony.

Dean Lyon has defended more than 30 potential capital cases at the trial level and has taken 19 through the penalty phase – winning all 19. In 1990, she founded the Illinois Capital Resource Center and served as its director. In 1995 she joined the University of Michigan Law School as an assistant clinical professor. Since then she has worked for other academic and legal endeavors.

Dean Lyon has authored or co-authored numerous publications, book chapters, and articles, including *Angel of Death Row: My Life as a Death Penalty Defense Lawyer* (2010), *Team Defense* (2014), and *The Death Penalty: What's Keeping it Alive* (2015).

Dean Lyon has received extensive recognition for her work, including the national Legal Aid and Defender Association's Reginald Heber Smith Award for best advocate for the poor in the country, and Operation PUSH's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Lyndon B. Johnson Dream-Makers Award.

The recipient of the Gilman Award will be honored at the luncheon. This year's recipient is Gerald K. Evelyn. The Gilman Award is given annually to an outstanding practitioner of criminal law who exemplifies the excellence, professionalism, and commitment to public service of Len Gilman, who was the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern

District of Michigan at the time of his death in 1985. The selection is made by prior recipients of the Award, many of whom served with and knew Len.

Tickets are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. For more information and to register for the luncheon, visit the Chapter website at www.fbamich.org.

National Death Penalty Expert to Address Gilman Luncheon

This year's Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon will be held on Monday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel. The keynote speaker will be Andrea D. Lyon, Dean of the Valparaiso Law School and a national expert on the death penalty.

Dean Lyon was appointed Professor and Dean of Valparaiso University Law School in July 2014. Previously, she was a clinical professor of law, Associate Dean of Clinical Programs, and the director of the Center for Justice in Capital Cases at DePaul College of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and her law degree from Antioch School of Law.



Dave Weaver, Clerk of Court/Court Administrator

As I have reported in an earlier article, the Court is in the process of implementing eVoucher, an automated CJA processing and payment system. eVoucher is being implemented nationally and is based on a system originally developed in the District of Nevada.

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Following a few delays, we will be going live with eVoucher on July 1, 2016. The implementation has required a tremendous amount of effort from Court staff who have worked with an ad hoc committee of judges to ensure a smooth transition. Included in the implementation was a fairly comprehensive update to the Court's CJA Plan to account for and allow the use of eVoucher. Court staff and Federal Defender staff will be undergoing training in the new system soon, and panel attorneys will be trained throughout June 2016.

The Flint water problems are being monitored closely by Chief Judge Hood and the Court overall. The General Services Administration (GSA), which actually owns the Flint Courthouse, has been providing bottled water to everyone working in the Flint Courthouse and for visitors including members of the Bar, litigants, and the public. GSA is in the process of installing water filters at all water sources in the building. This project is almost complete and has been delayed by the high demand for these filters, which are specifically designed to remove lead contamination.

GSA has also been performing regular water testing at all sources in the Flint Courthouse. The testing results are made available to all staff and copies are kept in the Clerk's Office for anyone interested in seeing them. The Court has also hired an independent testing lab to provide additional reporting. We want to keep all of our staff and visitors to the building as informed as possible regarding this problem.

Pulitzer prize-winning author David Maraniss joined the Court staff, FBA members and guests for lunch on February 25th and discussed his newest bestseller *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story*. Mr. Maraniss captivated the audience with insights into his research on Detroit in the 1960s, the early days of Motown, the auto industry, the growth of the unions, and the development of the civil rights movement, highlighted by his recollections of interviews he did with family members and friends of some of important figures from that era. Copies

of Mr. Maraniss's book were available for purchase, which he signed for attendees after his presentation.

Remember, if you have any comments, questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at: david_weaver@med.uscourts.gov

Michael K. Lee Celebrating Our Diverse Bar

On March 10, the Chapter joined with the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and the Wolverine Bar Association to host the Michael K. Lee Celebrating Our Diverse Bar mixer. A record 34 affinity bar associations joined in to co-host this seventh annual event. The mixer formally recognizes the importance of diversity in our profession, and gives attorneys and judges an opportunity to network and encourage each other in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

Formerly known as "Celebrating Our Diverse Bar," the mixer was renamed this year to honor our beloved former Chapter President, Michael K. Lee. Lee was a member of the event's planning committee as well as the Chapter's Diversity Committee, and he was devoted to the cause of improving the diversity of our legal community.

The mixer sold out again this year. Wolverine Bar Association Board

Member Jerome Crawford welcomed attendees. State Bar of Michigan President Lori Buiteweg shared brief remarks concerning the State Bar's diversity efforts and upcoming events.

The Traffic Jam and Snug was this year's venue. Participants enjoyed a Detroit favorite while getting a look at a developing block in the city that includes neighbors such as Shinola, Willy's Detroit, Third Man Records, and The Jolly Pumpkin Pizzeria and Brewery.



Chapter President Kimberly Altman, Elisa Angeli Palizzi, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association President Frank Ortiz, Gregory Conyers with the State Bar of Michigan (SBM), SBM President Lori A. Buiteweg, Oakland County Bar Association President David Carl Anderson, Association of Black Judges of Michigan President Wayne County 36th District Court Judge Demetria Brue, Hispanic Bar Association of Michigan President Mayra Rodriguez, and South Asian Bar Association President Satyam Talati.

Photo by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal News Publishing LLC.

All proceeds were donated to this year's designated charities: Freedom House Detroit and the Autism Alliance of Michigan. Thanks to all for another wonderful event.

Senator Levin Keynotes McCree Luncheon and Receives McCree Award

On March 9, the Chapter awarded its 24th Wade H. McCree, Jr. Award for the Advancement of Social Justice. Judge Wade H. McCree, Jr., a tireless advocate for social justice, was the first black U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the 6th Circuit and the second black Solicitor General of the United States. A list of Judge McCree's accomplishments and prior winners of the award bearing his name can be found at www.fbamich.org/about-fba/awards.

In her first Chapter Luncheon appearance as Chief, Chief Judge Denise Page Hood provided some remarks about Judge McCree. She noted the importance of celebrating his legacy of public service. Chief Judge Hood was followed by two of the co-chairs of the Social Justice Committee, Cynthia Haffey and Saima Mohsin, who reminded the crowd that nominations for the award are accepted year-round and can be for an individual or an organization.

Judge Paul D. Borman took the podium to introduce this year's recipient and keynote speaker, former Senator Carl M. Levin. As Michigan's longest serving Senator, Senator Levin spoke on behalf of many of the judges of the bench of the Eastern District during their confirmations, including Judge Borman. Judge Borman noted that Senator Levin's "strong vision of government" will be passed on through the newly established Levin Center at Wayne State University Law School. The Levin Center began offering courses in Fall 2015 with a goal of teaching lawyers, legislators, and community leaders how effective legislative oversight can lead to significant and meaningful changes in public policy. In addition to serving as Chairman of the Levin Center, Senator Levin co-teaches a number of courses.

Senator Levin took the stage to a standing ovation. He acknowledged the influence that Judge McCree's civility, decency, and intellect had on him. Senator Levin noted that in the midst of a presidential campaign season marked with negativity, it is important to be reminded of the good in public service. His remarks focused on an exchange with the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

After passage of the Detainee Treatment Act in 2006 precluding detainees at Guantanamo Bay from using habeas corpus, the United States Supreme Court was required to rule on whether the Act deprived it of jurisdiction over a pending habeas case from a detainee. *See Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 548 U.S. 557 (2006). The Court held it retained jurisdiction, and Justice Scalia wrote a dissent. In particular, Justice Scalia criticized the Court's reliance on legislative history in determining whether the Act affected pending cases. Having spoken out on the record in the legislative history, Senator Levin took exception to Justice Scalia's criticisms and wrote him a letter.

True to his character, Justice Scalia responded, even citing the dictionary to support his comments. While Justice Scalia and Senator Levin may have agreed to disagree on the issue, Senator Levin respected Justice Scalia's

"directness." Senator Levin closed by reiterating the importance of Supreme Court justices, who are, after all, public servants, and the impact they have on society.



Chief Judge Denise Page Hood with Senator Levin and Chapter President Kimberly Altman at the McCree Luncheon

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Diversity Committee Hosts "Day at the Court"

On March 1, the Chapter's Diversity Committee hosted a "Day at the Court," an opportunity for law students to see what they had been learning in school put into practice. The turnout was excellent: more than 30 students from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Wayne State University Law School, and Western Michigan University Cooley Law School attended. And for good reason: the students were treated to talks by federal judges, a lunchtime panel of experienced

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Day at the Court *(from page 5)*

practitioners and judges, and the opportunity to view live court proceedings.

The day kicked off with an educational tour of the Levin Courthouse led by Barbara Radke with her 40 years of experience at the Court. Three judges then spoke with the diverse group of law students. Executive Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen explained the role of magistrate judges in the federal system, including the important task of deciding whether to grant a warrant. District Judge Laurie J. Michelson talked with the law students about a range of topics, including the types of cases that appear in federal court and tips for obtaining a federal clerkship. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford stressed to the students the importance of developing their research and writing skills and even provided the students with some brief-writing do's and don'ts.

At lunch, students were treated to a panel discussion moderated by Wayne County Circuit Judge Patricia Fresard. Judge Marianne O. Battani spoke about what led her to serve as a federal judge and what she found rewarding about the position. Wayne County Circuit Judge David Allen told the students that he enjoyed the challenge of being a judge, including very busy motion days.

Students also learned about criminal practice in the federal courts from both sides of the courtroom: Rhonda Brazile spoke about the operations of the Federal Defender Office and Abed Hammoud about those at the U. S. Attorney's Office. Randal Brown informed the students about some of the legal issues handled by the Wayne County Corporation Counsel and what it is like to work there. Also, Adam Wenner, Career Law Clerk to Judge Nancy G. Edmunds, gave the students practical advice on how to obtain a federal clerkship.

In the afternoon, students were invited to view live proceedings. Some attended a suppression hearing before

Judge Paul D. Borman. The students were acknowledged by Judge Borman during the hearing and observed an Assistant U.S. Attorney conduct the direct examination of a police officer.

In all, the "Day at the Court" fulfilled its aims: it gave law students insight into what it is like to practice in federal court. The Chapter's Diversity Committee thanks the participating law schools and the many who made the day possible.

Patent Law Seminar For Judges, Law Clerks And Case Managers

On February 2, the Chapter's Intellectual Property

Committee hosted a seminar for judges, law clerks, and case managers that explained patent law principles and best practices for patent infringement cases. Speakers included well known patent law practitioners in the Eastern District, as well as Judge Avern Cohn and Judge Robert H. Cleland.

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Lewry of Brooks Kushman PC presented on basic patent law principles, including the layout and organization of a U.S. patent, the process by which patents get issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and legal concepts surrounding patent infringement and invalidity.

Christopher G. Darrow of Darrow Mustafa PC, who is frequently appointed a special master and mediator in patent cases, presented on managing a patent infringement case from a judicial perspective. He presented a set of model orders that a judge can use to manage a patent infringement case and discussed the use of a special master in patent cases.

Dean Amburn of Howard & Howard PLLC presented on claim construction hearings and legal principles for construing claims in patents. He presented statistics on claim construction reversal rates at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.



William G. Abbatt, John S. Artz, Christopher G. Darrow, Kimberly Altman, Judge Avern Cohn, Judge Robert H. Cleland, Thomas Lewry, and Dean W. Amburn were speakers and panelists on the patent law presentation for judges and law clerks.

A panel consisting of Judge Cleland, Judge Cohn, and John S. Artz of Dickinson Wright, PLLC, discussed various best practices for patent infringement cases, including topics such as (1) using separate technology tutorials as part of the claim construction process, (2) whether to use live testimony at a claim construction hearing, and (3) limiting the number of claims for trial.

New Bankruptcy Local Rules

On January 13, the bankruptcy community came together at a seminar sponsored by the Eastern District of Michigan Bankruptcy Judges and the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan to highlight the new local rules for the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District. The local rules were last updated in 2009, and the Court and Bar worked tirelessly to update and modernize the local rules, streamlining some of the rules, clarifying others, and conforming the rules to local and national practice. The program was extremely well attended—192 attendees, including speakers—an overflow crowd in Room 115 of the Levin Courthouse.

The new local rules went into effect February 1, 2016. In addition, new bankruptcy forms went into effect on December 1, 2015, and these new forms were similarly highlighted. Both the new national forms and the new local rules are now uploaded to the Bankruptcy Court website with easy fillable forms.

The seminar was also a financial success with the excess proceeds being dedicated to Access to Bankruptcy Court. Access to Bankruptcy Court is a section 501(c)(3) charitable organization spearheaded by the Bankruptcy Court to provide bankruptcy counsel to assist individuals who are unable to afford a bankruptcy attorney. Access to Bankruptcy Court is an innovative program that has assisted numerous individuals, helping them navigate and process their bankruptcy case in a cost effective, professional manner, and has helped the Court and the Trustees in efficiently administering bankruptcy cases.

Speed Mentoring

The Chapter's Master Lawyers and RISE Committees joined forces on January 27 to host the Chapter's inaugural Speed Mentoring event in Room 115 of the Levin Courthouse. Shamelessly borrowing from the concept of the extremely successful annual Speed Judging event, this unique opportunity fostered fellowship and conversation among Chapter members with 7 years or less of experience and established Eastern District attorneys. Two newer attorneys sat at a table with a master lawyer (all were chapter past presidents!) for a few minutes to ask prepared questions or to take the conversation in a different direction. The mentees then rotated to the next experienced practitioner until they had an opportunity to network with all of the participating senior lawyers.

Everyone enjoyed boxed lunches while RISE Committee Co-Chair Erin Behler greeted the newer lawyers and promoted the various aspects of FBA membership. Master Lawyer Committee Co-Chairs Edward Kronk, Michael Leibson, and Christine Dowhan-Bailey thanked Grant Gilezan, Thomas McNeill, Charles Rutherford, and Dennis Clark for volunteering their time to share expertise with these eager newer

lawyers. The Master Lawyers and the RISE Committee members thoroughly enjoyed this new partnership and look forward to future collaboration.



Michael Leibson, Edward Kronk, Christine Dowhan-Bailey, Thomas McNeill, Dennis Clark, Charles Rutherford, Erin Behler, and Grant Gilezan at the Speed Mentoring event.

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WHEN

Monday, May 2, 2016
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

WHERE

United States District Court
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse
231 W. Lafayette Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan

WHAT

Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Cookies
Courthouse Tours
“Ask the Lawyer” Pro Bono Program
Agency Displays & Handouts

For further information about this event, please contact the Court Administrator’s Office at (313) 234-5051. For information about Courthouse tours or to schedule a school visit, please contact Barbara Radke at (313) 234-5175.

Participating Agencies

- ◆ Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF)
- ◆ Coast Guard
- ◆ Consumer Bankruptcy Association
- ◆ Court Historical Society
- ◆ Customs & Border Patrol
- ◆ Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- ◆ Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- ◆ Federal Defender Office
- ◆ Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- ◆ Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- ◆ National Labor Relations Board
- ◆ Ralph M. Freeman Memorial Library
- ◆ Secret Service
- ◆ United States Attorney’s Office
- ◆ United States Bankruptcy Court
- ◆ United States District Court
- ◆ United States Marshals Service
- ◆ United States Pretrial Services Agency
- ◆ United States Probation Department
- ◆ Wayne County Sheriff’s Department



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Calendar of Events

April 18 Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon

Westin Book Cadillac Hotel
11:30 A.M. Reception
12:00 P.M. Luncheon

Speaker: Dean Andrea Lyon
Gilman Award honoree: Gerald K. Evelyn

May 2 Law Day 2016: “Miranda : Symbol of Freedom Under Law”

Welcoming your staff, clients and downtown neighbors to visit the Levin Courthouse and the Judges, between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Live demonstrations, such as bomb-sniffing dogs, and tours of the Courthouse; “Ask the Lawyer”; Hot Dogs. It’s becoming a tradition! Don’t miss it this year.

May 3 Veterans’ Treatment Courts Seminar

WMU Cooley Law School,
Auburn Hills Campus,
1:00 P.M.

The Chapter’s Federal Disability Benefits Committee invites you to attend a seminar on Veterans Treatment Courts (VTC). Seminar duration: approximately two hours

May 3 Sixth Circuit Appellate Practice: Tips From the Clerks

Levin Courthouse, Detroit Room,
12:00-1:30 P.M.

Panel comprised of current and former law clerks at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Presented jointly by the Chapter’s Law Clerk Committee and the FBA Appellate Practice Committee

\$25 members; \$35 non-members.
Lunch will be provided.

Register Online, before April 26, 2016

May 16 2016 Bench Bar Social Golf & Tennis Outing and Dinner

Detroit Golf Club
17911 Hamilton Road, Detroit, MI
12:00 P.M. Golf (shotgun start)

Afternoon Tennis
5:30 P.M. Cocktails, dinner following
Contact George Donnini at (313) 225-7042 or Kevin Fanning at (248) 988-5875

May 17 Chapter Executive Board/ Committee Co-Chair Meeting

Detroit Room, Room 115
Levin Courthouse
12:00 P.M.

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Calendar of Events

May 17 **Walter J. Shapero Bankruptcy Law Symposium**

Speakers: Professor Melissa Jacoby of the University of North Carolina School of Law, 2016 ABI Scholar in Residence; and Professor John Pottow of the University of Michigan Law School

Topics: Puerto Rico's Supreme Court Challenge, Structured Dismissals, §523 Actual Fraud in *Ritz*, and more! Plus Q & A!

The Atheneum Suite Hotel,
1000 Brush St., Detroit MI

5:00 P.M. Cocktails, Dinner Program following
\$100 per person before May 10th
\$125 after May 10th

Sorry No E-Registration For This Event

May 19 **ABA/Chapter Joint Program on the New FRCP**

The Rules and Civil Practice and Appellate Advocacy Committees will partner with the American Bar Association to present an informative Seminar dealing with the New Federal Rules of Civil and Appellate Procedure. A reception with refreshments will follow. More information (with registration links) on the Chapter's website and on ABA website at <http://www.frcpamendments2015.org/detroit.html> To obtain discount code, Chapter Members contact Executive Director Brian Figot at fbamich@fbamich.org.

May 31 **ADR For Newer Lawyers and "Pro Bono Matters: An Introduction"**

June 4 **Diversity Committee's "Greening Of Detroit"**

Annual Tree Planting, Site and details available online www.fbamich.org

June 7 **Complex Litigation Committee Presents: "Judicial Roundtable on Civil and Ethics in Tandem"**

Levin Courthouse, Detroit Room,
12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Panelists for this discussion of the increasing lack of civility in litigation and how best to address it will be four United States District Judges for the Eastern District of Michigan: Hon. Bernard A. Friedman, Hon. Robert H. Cleland, Hon. Laurie J. Michelson and Hon. Matthew F. Leitman.
\$20 members; \$25 non-members.
A box lunch will be provided.

June 9 **Diversity Committee: "Shmooze Cruise"**

Law students working as summer associates or interns are invited to walk and talk--or schmooze and cruise--with judges, attorneys, and law clerks. The two-mile jaunt will take place along Detroit's beautiful RiverWalk, and will end at a nearby establishment for happy hour. The Schmooze Cruise is an excellent opportunity to pick the brains of experienced attorneys, judges, and clerks in an informal, endorphin-filled atmosphere.

June 16 **Ping Pong Social**

Drive, 645 Griswold, Ste. 144,
Detroit MI 48226
5:30-8:00 P.M.

Join the Chapter for a night of Ping Pong and networking with members of the legal community. All are welcome: Judges, law clerks, attorneys, summer associates, judicial staff, interns, and courthouse family.

HOSTED BY the Intellectual Property Committee, RISE Committee and the Law School Outreach Committee, with generous sponsorship from Darrow Mustafa PC.

June 23 **Rutter Group Seminar: "Federal Practice 2016"**

A must for practitioners who want a brief, in-depth and entertaining update on federal pretrial practice. Panelists: Judge Gerald E. Rosen, Judge David M. Lawson, and Thomas W. Cranmer of Miller Canfield PLC.
Registration: 1:30 P.M.
Program: 2:00 - 5:15 P.M.

June 23 **The 36th Annual Dinner, New Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel**

5:30 P.M. cocktails, dinner following

- Election and installation of Officers and Board Members
- The Eighth Annual Julian Abele Cook, Jr. - Bernard A. Friedman FBA Civility Award to be presented in recognition of a civil practitioner who is an outstanding example of professional excellence and civility.

**[Nominations for Civility Award
open until June 9]**

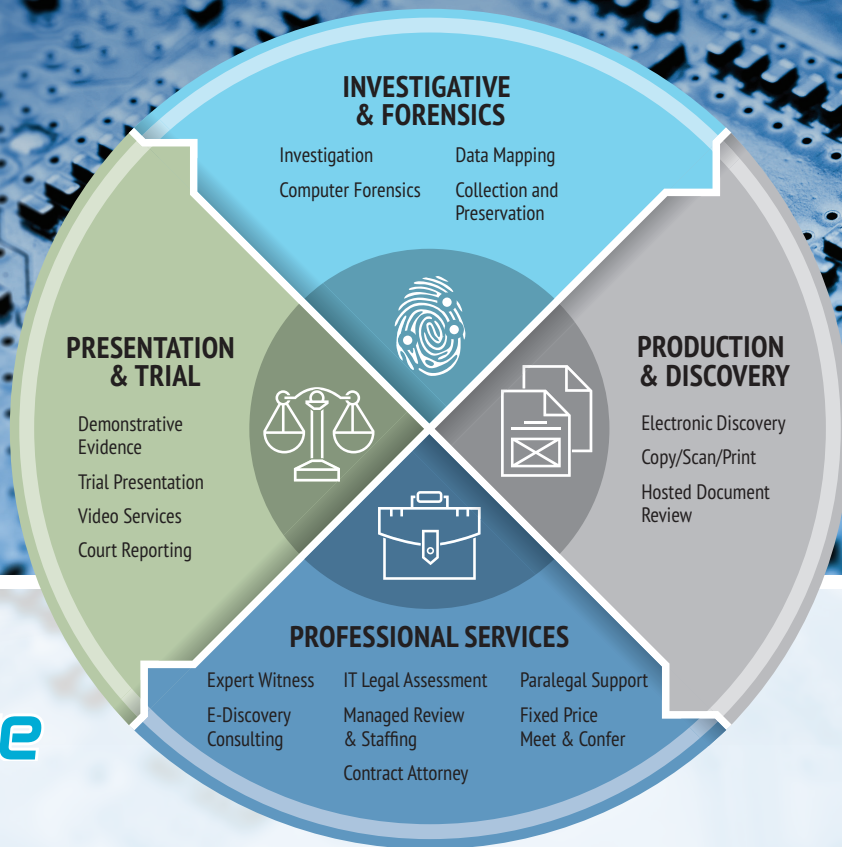
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