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Chapter Welcomes New Business Administrator

The Chapter is pleased to welcome Melinda (Mindy) Herrmann as the new Business Administrator for the Federal Bar Association-Eastern District of Michigan.

Mindy is a 1988 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. She retired in May from a 28-year career as a Marine officer at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and brings a wealth of experience to our organization.

She has directed the operations of a nonprofit inner-city youth athletic organization, served as an elected Township Trustee, and participated as a Commissioner on several municipal committees (parks and recreation, senior advisory, and youth assistance). She has also served as Treasurer for various electoral campaigns at the local and state levels.

During her Marine Corps service, she received numerous personal awards and decorations in the disciplines of supply, fiscal, logistics, administration, and recruiting.

Mindy is eager to use her diverse skill set to grow

and support our Chapter's mission of promoting the welfare, interests, education, and professional development of all attorneys in federal practice in our District.

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President's Column

Susan E. Fairchild

"Finding and Maintaining a Balance"

Having been refreshed and revived following a recent vacation, my thoughts are focused upon the need to maintain

balance in our lives...as lawyers and as individuals.

As lawyers, each day we are presented with demands upon our time, deadlines, obligations, difficult individuals or situations, and sometimes crises. Likewise, in our private lives we are also presented with these same "stressors." It is how we handle these situations and circumstances, as lawyers and as individuals, that make us successful. It is a balance we must find between work and home and work and play. Maintenance of that balance will allow us to achieve success. It is a balance which fluctuates as our careers in this profession progress, and our lives change.

Early in our careers as law students, we were told to maintain outside friendships while in law school, continue hobbies, exercise, then study, study, study. A balance of activities to get us through the academic process. As new lawyers we found it hard to maintain balance, as our careers took precedence over hobbies, friendships, and outside activities. But still, we were told to maintain balance to avoid burn out and disenchantment. To keep some part of life that isn't work or law-related. As "mature lawyers," we come to realize the true importance of maintaining balance. Working hard, yet allowing time to relax, enjoy friendships, experience life, travel and appreciate the success we have achieved.

The balance is not constant, and it may not occur every day, but it is a goal. Many days I am

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known to run through the office door in a flustered mode saying, "every day is a balance." Indeed, it is. A balance too important to forget.

Hope your holidays were filled with joy. Happy New Year to you all. Please remember to check our website for important upcoming events and programs. Our schedule for the next couple of months will include a Criminal Law event, an Intellectual Property program, Judge Rosen's portrait dedication, the McCree Luncheon, the Gilman Luncheon, Book Club Programs and the Golf Outing. Make it a point this year to invite a new member to join our FBA Chapter!



Reflections on Bankruptcy Judge Walter Shapero

By Kevin M. Ball, JD,
PhD*

September 2016 marked a milestone in the history of the Eastern District of Michigan's bankruptcy court as long-time Judge Walter Shapero stepped down from the bench. Judge Shapero was appointed in 1988 to replace the retiring Judge George Brody. He was born in 1930 and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1951 with a degree in economics. Judge Shapero received his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1954 and was a member of that school's Law Review editorial board. Following graduation, Shapero clerked for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Henry Butzel, after which he joined his father in private practice.

Judge Shapero has described himself as being on a "steep learning curve" when he first took the bench. His devotion and studied approach to the law served him well during that time, as it did throughout his tenure on the bench. Attorney David Lerner says that Judge Shapero "genuinely loves the law, the intellectual stimulation, being engaged in the law and justice."

Phillip Shefferly, the Bankruptcy Court's Chief Judge, shares that "Judge Shapero's love for bankruptcy law, and for that matter, any area of law, is remarkable. If a new or interesting issue arose either in one of his cases or in some

case in another court that he had simply read about, Judge Shapero would frequently email the rest of the judges to solicit our thoughts or just start a dialogue about the issue."

The cases that Judge Shapero oversaw during his tenure on the bench included those of *F&M Distributors*, a local drug store chain, and the *Greektown Casino*. However, no case was too small to escape the judge's careful attention. Jeffrey Sattler, one of his former law clerks, observes that, "Judge Shapero's fascination with the black letter, supporting intent, and practical mechanics of the law was unyielding right up until the day he retired."

One of his later cases was that of *Groeb Farms*, a honey supplier forced to seek Chapter 11 protection after admitting that it misled customers by mislabeling honey imported from China. While deeply engaged in the legal issues of the case, Judge Shapero was likewise fascinated to learn about the process of making honey. Indeed, just as his interest in the *Groeb Farms* case extended beyond the specific legal issues put before him in the courtroom, his influence on the court extended beyond specific cases. Some random examples are:

- His omnipresent bow ties set a sartorial standard for the Eastern District bench.

- Judge Shefferly reflects that he "will miss seeing Judge Shapero coming to work at the court on any reasonably warm day in spring, summer or fall driving his circa 1972 VW Bug, bright orange, convertible top down, white hair blowing in the breeze. No telling how many miles he has put on it since the odometer stopped working long ago after passing 200,000."

- Judge Shapero's September 2016 retirement was his second effort to step down from the bench. Judge Shapero's official retirement as a regularly appointed bankruptcy judge occurred in 2002. A large send-off party was held in his honor at the Renaissance Center's Westin Hotel. Judge Shapero immediately thereafter proceeded to Bay City, where he began the first of fourteen consecutive years sitting as a bankruptcy judge on recall status. In addition, he sat for one week per month as a visiting judge in Delaware's bankruptcy court from 2002 to 2005. The retirement party was something of a financial success and turned a modest profit. True to form, Judge Shapero directed that the funds be used to create an annual seminar where bankruptcy scholars come to Detroit to speak on matters of topical importance to the bench and bar. The event is called the Walter Shapero Bankruptcy Symposium.

- Judge Shapero's deep interests in history and law led him to spearhead the court's history project. The project includes oral histories, a display on the first floor of the Levin Courthouse, and most significantly, a published history of the court, *Adversity & Justice*, by Kevin Ball (Wayne State University Press, 2016).

However, what most stands out about Judge Shapero is his fundamental decency and commitment to fairness, both in and outside the courtroom. Judges Marci McIvor and Phillip Shefferly were both not only colleagues of Judge Shapero, but also practiced before him for his first fourteen years on the bench. Judge McIvor says, "Judge Shapero's kindness and consideration for others played out every day in his courtroom. He treated every person who appeared in front of him with dignity and respect. He was patient with everyone. He always gave full consideration to everyone's views, and asked questions to make sure he fully understood those views ... I believe that everyone who appeared before him left court feeling that they had had a full and fair opportunity to express their views. In treating all litigants with such respect, I believe that Judge Shapero helped create respect for our judicial system and the rule of law. For me, Judge Shapero set the standard for how a judge should behave in court ... I will continue to miss him."

Judge Shefferly reflects that, "it was a joy to practice before him, because I always knew that I would have a full and fair opportunity to present my client's case and that, win or lose, Judge Shapero would thoroughly consider the facts and the law and would rule fairly on the merits of the case. It has been even a greater joy to serve as his colleague, because he has been a ready source of advice and wisdom and a model judge to emulate. Needless to say, we all owe him a debt of gratitude and will all miss him dearly."

**Mr. Ball is Director of Social Sciences, Baker College, Clinton Township, Michigan. He is the author of Adversity & Justice: a History of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, published in 2016 by Wayne State University Press. The author thanks Bankruptcy Judges Phillip Shefferly and Marci McIvor, and attorneys David Lerner and Jeffrey Sattler, for sharing their thoughts about Judge Shapero.*

Rakow/Rom Awards Luncheon Historical Society Annual Meeting

On November 15, more than 200 members and friends met at the Westin Book Cadillac for the Edward H. Rakow and Barbara J. Rom Awards Luncheon and the Court Historical Society Annual Meeting.

The Rakow Scholarship Awards are presented each year to an outstanding student of securities, corporation, or business law at each of the law schools in Michigan. Ed Rakow, a founding member of the Chapter, had headed the Securities and Exchange Commission field office in Detroit for 26 years at the time of his death in 1965.

This year's awards were presented by Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit trustees Dennis J. Clark and Edward M. Kronk to the following individuals:

- Matthew Lupo, Michigan State University College of Law;
- Michael Soviak, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law;
- Joanna Howard, University of Michigan Law School;
- Jaron Bentley, Wayne State University Law School; and
- Katie Sabo, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.



Chapter President Susan Fairchild, Rom Award recipient Susan Clark, and keynote speaker Kevin Ball, at the Rakow/Rom Luncheon.

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Michael Hammer introduced the Barbara J. Rom Award for Bankruptcy Excellence, which is presented annually to an outstanding practitioner of bankruptcy law. The Award recognizes

qualities Barbara brought to the practice of law, blending competence and civility as a "go-to" attorney in some of Eastern Michigan's top bankruptcy workouts, insolvency matters, and commercial litigation.

Rozanne M. Giunta then presented the award to Susan M. Clark, a principal in the firm of Lambert Leser with offices in Bay City, Midland and Troy. The Award recognizes her more-than-35 years of practice of bankruptcy, business reorganization, and commercial litigation and business transactions law. Her many other awards, honors, and service to the profession and community were also noted.

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After lunch, retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Walter Shapero introduced the keynote speaker, Kevin M. Ball, author of *Adversity and Justice: a History of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan*. A long-time practitioner of bankruptcy law, Ball has spent the last 10 years teaching at the University of Detroit Mercy and Wayne State University law schools. He is also Director of Social Sciences at Baker College's Clinton Township and Port Huron campuses.

In his remarks, Ball reflected on the experience of working with Judge Shapero and his committee, as well as some of milestone events covered in the book, including the City of Detroit bankruptcy. Copies of the book may be obtained at www.wsupress.wayne.edu/books



Dave Weaver, Clerk of Court/ Court Administrator

The renovation of the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse continues. The 9th and 10th floors are now vacant with the Probation Department and a few other offices relocated to the 4th floor. When you visit the Courthouse, you will see sign boards that reflect what is happening and who/what has moved where. The sign boards are duplicated at each end of the lobby.

As I write this, a new interactive kiosk is being installed on the first floor of the Courthouse. This is a project that has taken some time to come together and the kiosk will include directory information, general court information, and court schedules.

The old kiosk in the Court Historical Society space will also be replaced in the near future. It will link to the Court Historical Society website, which is currently being redesigned, and include other interactive materials related to the history of the Court.

On another issue, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts conducted its Five Year Magistrate Judge Survey in July 2016 for the Eastern District of Michigan. You may not be aware of this survey, which the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System requires be conducted in all district courts every five years. The survey results in a detailed report regarding the utilization and workload of the magistrate judges and includes recommendations regarding the number and location of magistrate judges in the district. The

Administrative Office provides that report to the Judicial Conference Committee for its consideration.

The report for the Eastern District of Michigan was presented to the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System at its meeting in December 2016. The report stated that "No changes are recommended in the number, locations or arrangements of the magistrate judge positions in the district," a recommendation that I am pleased to report the Committee approved. Accordingly, the Court's seven magistrate judge positions remain secure.

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

Judicial Internship and Clerkship Panel

On October 26, 2016, the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights hosted a panel presentation co-sponsored by the Chapter's Law Clerk Committee and the Wolverine Bar Association Judicial Externship Program. The event was held at Wayne State University Law School's Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium.

The esteemed panelists included U.S. District Judge Victoria A. Roberts, who also chairs the Judicial Externship Program, Chief Judge Pro Tem of the Michigan Court of Appeals Christopher Murray, Wayne County Circuit Judge Edward Ewell, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney Sarah Resnick Cohen, and Career Bankruptcy Court Law Clerk Krystal Player. The panel was moderated by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Newby.

All of the panelists and the moderator were either judges or former clerks. The presentation was also attended by U.S. District Judge Laurie J. Michelson and U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford.

The goal of the panel was to encourage law students to consider the rewarding experience of serving as a judicial intern or law clerk. The discussion began with an explanation of how the different courts use student interns and law clerks. Panelists from the different courts gave an overview of what their interns and clerks typically do during their tenure.

Former law clerks also shared their experiences in clerking at the District Court and Sixth Circuit levels. The panelists described what qualities they look for in law student and clerkship applicants and offered tips for how to make an application stand out.

The presentation concluded with a robust question-and-answer session where Judges Michelson and Stafford chimed in. The presentation was followed by a reception provided by the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights.

Oxholm Investiture

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan welcomed Judge Maria L. Oxholm to its bench during an investiture ceremony on November 10, 2016, at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit.

During the ceremony, Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Eric L. Clay administered the oath of office and U.S. District Court Chief Judge Denise Page Hood opened and closed the ceremony. A benediction was offered by Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny. In attendance were Judge Oxholm's husband Paul Bruno, and their children, Francesca, Cristina, and Vincent. Judge Oxholm's mother and siblings were also in attendance. Warm personal remarks were offered by attorney Cynthia Filipovich, former Wayne County Circuit Judge Isidore Torres, and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. On August 18, 2016 Judge Oxholm had been officially sworn in during a ceremony in Chief Bankruptcy Judge Phillip J. Shefferly's courtroom.

Judge Oxholm graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1988. Following graduation, Judge Oxholm worked as a law clerk for the Immigration Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and, from 1989 to 1999, she worked as an assistant Wayne County prosecuting attorney specializing in child abuse and domestic violence prosecutions. In 1999, Judge Oxholm was appointed to the Wayne County 36th District Court. She was the first Hispanic female judge to serve on that court. In 2002, Judge Oxholm was appointed and elected to the Third Judicial Circuit Court, assigned to the Family Division. She was re-elected to that court in 2006 and 2012. While at the Circuit Court, Judge Oxholm served on the Executive Committee of the Court, and as presiding judge of the Family Division, the Civil Division, and the Business Court. Judge Oxholm has also served as a board member

on a number of community organizations, including SER-Metro and the William Booth Legal Aid Clinic.

Previously, in July 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit appointed Judge Oxholm as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, effective August 18, 2016. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding that created the Bankruptcy Judge Vacancy Pilot Program, entered into between the Judicial Councils of the Eighth Circuit and the Sixth Circuit, Judge Oxholm also will have a duty station in Detroit and will sit as a Bankruptcy Judge in the Eastern District of Michigan.



Chief Judge Denise Page Hood, newly-sworn in Bankruptcy Judge Maria L. Oxholm, and Sixth Circuit Judge Eric L. Clay at Judge Oxholm's investiture.

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

New Lawyers Seminar

On December 6-7, the Chapter hosted another successful New Lawyers Seminar at the Theodore Levin Courthouse. This was the 41st year for the seminar, which is co-sponsored by the Chapter and the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan. As in past years, the seminar offered invaluable practice advice from some of the best federal and state legal talent in Metropolitan Detroit.

The first day of the seminar focused on practice in the federal courts. Assistant United States Attorney Sarah Resnick Cohen served as the moderator. After Chief Judge Denise Page Hood welcomed the attendees, Victoria Lung, an expert on the federal district court's electronic filing system, provided advice for using that system. Richard Hewlett from Varnum then gave a talk on the "Anatomy of a Civil Case," providing new lawyers with an overview of a federal case from start to finish and discussing differences between state and federal-court practice.

Judge Matthew F. Leitman and Lauren Mandel, career law clerk to Judge Linda V. Parker, next provided a frank discussion about civil motion practice in federal court. The pair stressed the importance of knowing the applicable

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federal and local rules and the practice guidelines of the judge assigned to the case, as well as the rules of civility.

Magistrate Judge Anthony P. Patti and Angela L. Jackson, an attorney with Hooper Hathaway, provided similar advice during their presentation on discovery practice, while offering the experienced perspectives of a judge and practitioner on how lawyers should conduct discovery in federal court.

Fred Herrmann of Kerr Russell spoke about the importance of pro bono work, encouraging the new lawyers to participate in the various opportunities to use their legal skills and give back to the community. Judge David M. Lawson addressed federal subject matter jurisdiction and removal to federal court, providing an outline of what cases belong in federal court, the particulars of removing cases from state to federal court, and how to assert and challenge subject matter jurisdiction.

Judge Laurie J. Michelson and David F. DuMouchel of Butzel Long next provided seminar participants with an overview of criminal practice in federal court based on their experienced knowledge of the subject. Stan Bershad of Goldstein, Bershad & Fried entertained the new lawyers as he has done for several years at the Seminar with anecdotes from his many years practicing bankruptcy law.

A swearing-in ceremony admitting many of the new lawyers participating in the seminar to the Bar of the Court followed the educational portion of the Federal Day. Judge Arthur J. Tarnow presided over the ceremony with Seminar Co-Chair Christine Dowhan-Bailey moving for the new lawyers' admission.

The Chapter's RISE Committee hosted a cocktail reception following the ceremony, at which RISE Committee Chair Erin Behler of Quicken Loans, Inc. provided information about the many wonderful Chapter and Committee events the new lawyers would find beneficial to their professional development.

The second day of the seminar focused on practice in state court, with Peter Afendoulis, counsel at Meijer, Inc., serving as moderator. The program began with Shenique Moss, Chairperson of the State Bar Young Lawyers Section, welcoming participants. Attorneys with expansive experience in the Michigan courts then educated the new lawyers on a wide range of topics.

Attorney Grievance Administrator Alan M. Gershel provided an overview of a grievance proceeding. Andrea Hamm of Miller Cohen addressed the handling of workers' compensation matters in Michigan. Attendees next learned about domestic relations cases from Carol Breitmeyer of Breitmeyer Cushman.

Robert Berg of Simon PLC covered real property transactions in Michigan. Peter Kupelian of Clark Hill provided new lawyers with strategies for using alternate dispute resolution. Attendees learned about the specifics of practicing in the area of probate and family court from Sara Zwicky of Zivian & Zwicky.

They learned how to develop a personal injury practice from Albert Dib of the Jefferson Law Center and how to handle a criminal case from Todd Flood of Flood Law. Cathrine Wenger, who serves as senior counsel for Meijer,

ended the program with an overview of state employment law practice.

On State Day, seminar participants also were treated to lunch at the Doubletree Hotel. Several federal and state judges were in attendance, including Chief Judge Robert J. Columbo, Jr. of the Civil Division of the Wayne County Circuit Court, who was invited to be the luncheon speaker. Judge Columbo talked about the creation of a historical society for the Wayne County courts. He shared several fascinating stories gleaned from the information collected for the historical society so far, such as the Ossian Sweet murder trials where Clarence Darrow represented the defendants. In his presentation, Judge Columbo brought life to the history of the Wayne County courts, reminded



Organizers and presenters at the New Lawyers Seminar included (from left to right): Cathrine Wenger, Angela Jackson, Fred Herrmann, Christine Dowhan-Bailey, Eric Lee, Chief Judge Denise Page Hood, Grant Gilezan, Chapter President Susan Fairchild, Magistrate Judge Anthony P. Patti, Lauren Mandel, and Victoria Lung.

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attendees of some of the outstanding jurists who have served the court (such as Wade Hampton McCree, Jr. and Cornelia Kennedy), and underscored the pivotal role the law plays in people's lives and societal development.

The New Lawyers' Seminar Committee Co-Chairs – Grant Gilezan, Cathrine Wenger, Christine Dowhan-Bailey, Lauren Mandel, and Eric Lee – congratulate all the new lawyers who attended the seminar on passing the Bar and on their admissions to the State Bar of Michigan and the Bar of the District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. We are deeply appreciative of the members of the judiciary and the practitioners who took time away from their busy schedules to assist these new members of our legal community and help us make this Seminar so successful.

Book Club

The Chapter Book Club met on December 8 to discuss the provocative and controversial book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, by Michelle Alexander, an associate professor of law at the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University.

The author argues that the U.S. criminal justice system imposes a “racial caste system” that oppresses and controls African Americans, just as slavery and Jim Crow laws did before it. Lacking evidence of explicit racial bias, she relies upon the overrepresentation of African Americans in U.S. prisons, primarily for drug use or possession as a result of the ‘War on Drugs’. She argues that race discrimination pervades the entire criminal justice system, from policing to prosecution to sentencing to parole, and effectively bans certain citizens from voting, serving as jurors, living in public housing, and being employed long after their incarceration. Suggesting that the phenomenon is either an intentional strategy or the result of indifference to racial discrimination, the author points fingers at the U.S. Supreme Court, both political parties, and U.S. presidents starting with Ronald Reagan, who began the War on Drugs.

Federal judges and prosecutors at the Book Club meeting offered insights from their own experiences as part of the federal criminal justice system. While some rejected the author's thesis or quibbled with her data and tone, there was no doubt that addressing race discrimination will help to improve the criminal justice system.

The next book club meeting will take place in spring 2017. The book selection and meeting date will be announced in early 2017.



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Holiday Party

The Chapter threw its 10th annual Holiday Party on December 7 at the Westin Book Cadillac hotel. More than 125 guests enjoyed hor d'oeuvres, spirits, and camaraderie in a magnificent setting; all while being treated to the music of U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven Whalen's jazz and blues band, *The Cat's Pajamas*. In addition to Magistrate Judge Whalen, the band features Dan Bretz, Ron Bretz, Barry Goldman, and James Hart.

Guests were moved by a brief presentation of the Court Historical Society's "Avern Cohn Award For Excellence in the Collection, Preservation and Interpretation of Michigan Legal History" to the Historical Society's past president Michael Lavoie, posthumously. Historical Society Board Member Debra Geroux gave the award to Lavoie's wife, Kristen, listing Lavoie's many accomplishments as a board member and officer of the Historical Society. Kristen Lavoie expressed how deeply honored Lavoie would have been to be present and receive the award. Lavoie's brothers were also present and reminisced on Lavoie's love of life and history.

Thanks go to event chairs Tom Cranmer, Elisa Angeli-Palizzi, and Jeff Sadowski, and to Sandy Bera and Beth Lankard from Miller Canfield, for their work in planning another successful event. And, of course, special thanks go to *The Cat's Pajamas* for another wonderful performance.

Scenes from the Holiday Party

Holiday Party Photos by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal News Publishing LLC.



Mike LaVoie's wife, Kristin, accepting the Cohn Award in his absence from Historical Society Board Member Debra Geroux.

Judge Judith E. Levy, Magistrate Judge Stephanie Dawkins Davis, Judge Victoria A. Roberts, and Judge Marianne O. Battani socializing at the Chapter Holiday Party.





*Family and friends of
Cohn Award recipient
Michael LaVoie.*



*Oakland County Circuit Judge Hala
Jarbou, Chief Judge Denise Page
Hood, and Chapter President Susan
Fairchild at the Holiday Party.*



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Sendek re-connecting
at the Holiday Party.*

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Calendar of Events

Feb. 22 Blurred Lines: Personal Phone, Company Data and the iCloud in Litigation
Hosted by the Chapter's Litigation Technology/Social Media and Labor and Employment Committees
11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Detroit Room, Levin U.S. Courthouse
Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$35 (law clerks free)
RSVP to fbamich@fbamich.org

Feb. 23 Bankruptcy Court: Motion Practice Dos and Don'ts
Panel of speakers: Bankruptcy Judges Marci B. McIvor, Daniel S. Opperman, and Maria L. Oxholm
Location: Iroquois Club, 43248 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills
Registration and cocktails: 5-6:00 PM
Dinner and presentation: 6:30-8:00 PM
Register by February 13
Registration and pricing information online at www.cbsdetroit.com
Event sponsored by the Consumer Bankruptcy Association

Feb. 28 Wade H. McCree Award Luncheon
Award Recipient: NOMINATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 31
Members: \$35 | Non-Members: \$45
Westin Book Cadillac Hotel
11:30 a.m. Reception
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
Online registration now open!

March 16 Judicial Family Reunion
Attention current and former law clerks to Sixth Circuit, District, Magistrate, and Bankruptcy Judges! Come join us for the Fifth FBA Judicial Family Reunion!
Location: Miller Canfield's Detroit office, 150 West Jefferson, 25th Floor, Detroit
5:30 – 7:30 P.M.
Member: \$20 | Non-Members: \$30
Judges contact: Kimberly_Altman@mied.uscourts.gov or 313-234-5163
Tickets for former and current law clerks:
www.fbamich.org/FBAEvents.asp

March 29 or 30 Eighth Annual Michael K. Lee Celebrating Our Diverse Bar Mixer
HOLD THE DATE – Details will follow.

April 12 Learn About The New Federal Trade Secrets Act
Come hear Prof. Sharon Sandeen of the Mitchell Hamline School of Law discuss the new federal law regarding trade secrets.
12:00 P.M.
Detroit Room, Levin U.S. Courthouse
Member: \$25 | Non-Members: \$30 (free for judges and law clerks)
Cost includes lunch
Hosted by the Chapter's Intellectual Property Committee

May 1 Law Day at the Courthouse: A Downtown Tradition
Welcoming your staff, clients, and downtown neighbors to visit the Courthouse and the Judges, between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Live demonstrations, such as bomb-sniffing dogs, and tours of the Courthouse; Ask the Lawyer; hot dogs and chips. Don't miss it this year.

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May 15 Chapter Golf & Tennis Outing and Dinner
Detroit Golf Club Details to follow

June 36th Annual Dinner

Featuring:
• Election and installation of Officers and Board Members
• The Ninth Annual Julian Abele Cook, Jr. - Bernard A. Friedman 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.
5:30 p.m. cocktails, dinner following
More Details to follow

For more information visit www.fbamich.org

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