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Immigration Lawyer to Address Gilman Luncheon

This year's Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon will be held on Monday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The keynote speaker will be Aimee Guthat, an attorney at the Fragomen Law Firm and an expert on immigration law.

The recipient of the Gilman Award will be honored at the luncheon. 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.

Guthat will speak about the recent changes in immigration law and policy in the United States. Her practice includes all aspects of U.S. immigration. She focuses on corporate immigration and compliance and she represents major universities and research institutions in complex immigration matters for faculty and researchers. Since 2007, Guthat has served as an Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. She is involved the law school's innovative "Law Firm" program module, which provides students with practical insight and training into the practice of immigration law.

Guthat graduated from Western Michigan University

and earned her law degree from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University.

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.

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President's Column

Susan E. Fairchild

Embracing Change

*There is nothing wrong
with change, if it is in
the right direction.*

-Winston Churchill



As I head into my final months as Chapter President, I want to provide a brief summary of the changes and progress our organization has made, and to express gratitude and appreciation for the guidance and assistance received.

Computer and Business Enhancements

Through a rather tumultuous year, Computing Source has provided our Chapter with invaluable guidance and assistance. With their steadfast and pro bono help, Mark St. Peter and his skilled staff have enhanced previous upgrades to our Chapter webpage and helped us enter into the current age of business computing, document production, and presentation skills.

Their legal support services have been invaluable. Under their tutelage, we have learned to manage our calendar of events page internally, allowing easier updating and changes. We have added professionally filmed videos for members to view online and hosted webinars.

On a technical but very exciting note, Computing Source is assisting us in bringing the entirety of our website under a single umbrella. Currently hosted by two companies, Computing Source is helping us bring over the membership and events registration portions of our website, with numerous enhancements to the functionality of both aspects.

We anticipate within the next month or two that one company will exclusively host our website, which will be more far more efficient

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and cost effective, which is especially important to our organization.

For those of you unfamiliar with Computing Source, the company offers a bevy of litigation support services, including: copying/scanning; computing forensics and expert witness testimony; data collection and preservation; electronic discovery; trial boards and trial presentation technology; and video for court reporting services. We are grateful for their consistent, innovative, and unfailing support and are excited about continuing to work with them and utilizing their legal and technical support services moving forward.

Executive Director Employment

With the assistance and advice of Ron Sollish of the Madden Hauser Roth & Heller, P.C., law firm, we prepared and executed a new employment contract for the Chapter Executive Director position. The new contract provides more detailed job functions, expectations, and salary options. We interviewed potential candidates for the position and hired our new Executive Director, Mindy Herrmann. Mindy and I have worked closely together over the last few months, conducting the business of the Chapter and exploring cost effective programs and services to be used by the Chapter going forward.

President's Book

For continuity and transition, I prepared a "President's Book" which guides the incoming President and Officers through their positions and Chapter responsibilities. The book contains sample programs, documents, letters, and other information concerning programs and events. Information relative to the business aspects of the Chapter are also included, such as contact information and useful resources.

Implemented Procedures for Accounting of Association Funds

Several years ago, the Chapter was fortunate to have Mick Kahaian and the firm of Stout Risius Ross, Inc. assist in preparing some "best practices" for the Chapter relating to business practices and accounting procedures. This year, we have firmly implemented those suggestions into our daily operations and accounting practices. We are converting to a more efficient computer-based accounting program and have undertaken efforts to streamline Chapter expenses and costs. We have filed all applicable tax returns on behalf of the Chapter and ensured compliance with all IRS regulations.

Infrastructure

When I began my term as President last summer, I noticed that the Chapter last revised its Bylaws in 2010. The job descriptions of the Officers and Board Members were written about the same time. President-Elect Jeff Appel and I have collaborated to revise both of these documents to improve the organization. Many job responsibilities and Chapter functions have changed since 2010. It is appropriate that our bylaws and job descriptions reflect the mission and goals of the Chapter as it exists today.

Membership

Chapter Executive Board Member Matthew Allen and several of his associates at the Miller Canfield law firm have undertaken (with much enthusiasm and diligence) the membership portion of our organization. They have updated the membership roster and have worked with Computing Source to update our membership services to include automatic computer generated notices of dues payments, easily accessible data concerning member status, and computer generated recruitment and reminder letters. The Board, upon my recommendation, has set forth a two-step plan to increase membership dues, which will allow us to continue to provide great value to our members through Chapter-sponsored and hosted legal educational programs and social events. This Chapter dues increase is the first in more than 20 years.

General Administration (and Expression of Gratitude)

My year as Chapter President has not been exactly what I expected. To say that its planned course had been altered would be an understatement. On occasion I have been guided by the sentiment of a former Chapter President, the Honorable Michael Riordan, who expressed at his first Chapter event: "Dear God, just don't let me screw it up."

I have changed some things, modified others, and sometimes, to preserve tradition, just let it be. I have used my best judgment to make this Chapter a more organized, efficient, and valuable organization for each of its members. I have been blessed with the guidance and advice of many others along the way. Too many to mention by name, but who will always be thought of with great appreciation.

It has been an honor to serve as President of this Chapter and to initiate changes that will steer this Chapter in the right direction.

As we move forward, please attend upcoming FBA events. Highlights include the Gilman Luncheon (April 25), Law Day Celebration (May 1), Book Club Panel Discussion (May 3), Chapter Golf Outing (May 15), Bankruptcy Lunch with Judge Oxholm (May 17) and the Annual Dinner (June 22).

Mark Davidoff Honored with McCree Award for Social Justice

On February 28, the Chapter presented the Wade Hampton McCree, Jr. Award for the Advancement of Social Justice to Mark Davidoff.

The award honors the memory of Judge McCree, the Iowa native who went on to excel at Harvard Law School and join trail-blazing Detroit attorney Harold E. Bledsoe's law firm in 1948. He went on to serve as a member of the Workman's Compensation Commission (1952), Wayne County Circuit Judge (1954), U.S. District Judge (1961), U.S. Circuit Judge (1966), and Solicitor General of the United States (1977). In 1981, he was appointed the Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, where he taught until his death in 1987. During his teaching years, he was appointed by the U. S. Supreme Court to hear three cases as a Special Master.

Judge McCree's numerous educational and community contributions can be found where the Luncheon program is posted on the Chapter website, <http://www.fbamich.org>

Susan DeClerq, co-chair of the Chapter Social Justice Committee, told how the award in Judge McCree's name was established in 1990 to honor individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the advancement of social justice. A list of award recipients can be found on the Chapter website.

Eugene Driker, presenting the award, spoke with respect and affection for recipient Mark Davidoff, Managing Partner of the Michigan practice of Deloitte LLP. Driker noted Davidoff's wide range of both paid and volunteer services for underserved populations within the community. His impressive list of these accomplishments can be found on the Chapter website. Davidoff thanked Driker and the Chapter for the award, reflecting the humility of one who serves others without expectation of personal reward.

After lunch, Chapter President Susan E. Fairchild introduced keynote speaker David P. Gelios, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Gelios expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address a gathering of lawyers who relate in various way to federal practice. He went on to address a number of current topics, making it clear that terrorism and threats of terrorism were the highest priority for the Bureau at this time.

President Fairchild thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting promptly at 1:30.



Dave Weaver, Court Administrator/ Clerk of Court

I am pleased to report the Court has appointed a new Chief Pretrial Services Officer. Patricia Trevino was sworn in on March 6, 2017. Trevino has a long federal career with this Court's Probation

Department and most recently with the Administrative Office.

The Court is also currently interviewing candidates for Chief Probation Officer with an appointment expected in April or May 2017. In many other courts, the Probation and Pretrial Services Departments have been unified under one Chief. In the Eastern District of Michigan, the Bench has long supported maintaining separate departments, underscoring the unique mission of each department.

In addition to the general renovation of the Levin U.S. Courthouse, it has been selected as one of four courts in the 2017 Capital Security Project. This is a relatively new program through our Administrative Office, which identifies four courthouses annually to participate. Special funding has been provided to the Administrative Office by Congress to address physical security in courthouses with significant security deficiencies. The study focuses on circulation issues related to prisoner movement, judicial movement, and the public. We have been through several study sessions and several improvements have been proposed.

The most visible changes to the Courthouse are likely to be a reconfiguration of the public entrances to the Levin Courthouse that will ease access for the Bar and public and will provide an enhanced security envelope for screening purposes. Depending on timing, improvements may be incorporated into the overall renovation project over the next several years.

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

A Career of Service - The Portrait Presentation of Judge Gerald E. Rosen

By John Meixner*

Friends, family, and colleagues gathered on Tuesday, March 14, to celebrate the presentation of the portrait of Senior District Judge Gerald E. Rosen following his nearly 27 years on the federal bench. Chief Judge Denise Page Hood presided, and in attendance were over two dozen federal and state judges along with numerous former law clerks, interns, and chambers staff, as well as extended family, friends, court staff, and members of the legal community.

Following an invocation from David A. Nelson—Judge Rosen’s rabbi of 45 years—and a beautiful rendition of the national anthem sung by U.S. Probation Officer Joseph Herd, Chief Judge Hood introduced several dignitaries in attendance, including Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley, Mayor of Detroit Mike Duggan, former United States Attorney Barbara McQuade, Acting United States Attorney Daniel Lemisch, Chief Federal Defender Miriam Siefer, Wayne State University President Roy Wilson, and United States Marshal Robert Grubbs.

Judge Rosen invited six individuals—each intertwined with a portion of his professional life—to speak. Eugene Driker, of Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, PLLC, spoke first. Driker described Judge Rosen’s tireless work ethic and desire to “get it right” as a young federal judge, but quickly emphasized that “what Judge Rosen accomplished for public good while he was wearing a black robe pales in comparison to what he achieved sitting in shirtsleeves at the conference table in his chambers, as he led the mediation effort that contributed so importantly to the successful, and unexpectedly rapid, resolution of the Detroit bankruptcy.” Driker described his interactions with Judge Rosen as they worked together on the mediation team, praising his work ethic and quipping that “before the bankruptcy, I didn’t know it was legal to send an email before 5 AM.” He concluded by describing Judge Rosen’s creativity in orchestrating the Grand Bargain, which saved the Detroit Institute of the Arts while providing money to fund public workers’ pensions.

Next to speak was Miriam Noland, President of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. She also came to know Judge Rosen well through the Detroit bankruptcy. As the only non-lawyer among the speakers, she praised his creativity and ability to bring together organizations and individuals to reach the mutual compromise of the Grand Bargain. She remembered Judge

Rosen’s dedication to the community, explaining that throughout the bankruptcy it was clear that, to Judge Rosen, “the pensioners were not just a number to be solved,” but instead that “he saw them as people. He knew their stories.”

Former Bankruptcy Judge Steven W. Rhodes, who presided over the Detroit bankruptcy, opened with a Winston Churchill reference—a running theme among all of the speakers, who all know that the larger-than-life British Prime Minister is one of Judge Rosen’s personal heroes. Judge Rhodes recalled that when Judge Rosen was on the fence about accepting the offer to lead the Detroit bankruptcy mediation team, his son, Jake, who was in attendance, asked him a simple question: “Dad, what would Churchill have done?” That was all that was needed to end Judge Rosen’s personal debate. Judge Rhodes then gave a few Churchill quotes that best summed up Judge Rosen’s role in the bankruptcy, the most fitting, he said, being “the pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.” A truer quote could not be found.

Judge Robert H. Cleland was the fourth speaker. He provided a unique perspective, as he and Judge Rosen were nominated to the bench within five months of each other, and navigated the Senate confirmation process at nearly the same time. Judge Cleland also had the unique opportunity to view Judge Rosen’s portrait prior to the ceremony, and he gave a preview for the audience: an image of a confident, thoughtful, and studious jurist. A lighter moment ensued when Judge Cleland discussed Judge Rosen’s love for the game of golf. He quizzed Judge Laurie J. Michelson, “why do they call it ‘golf’?” Judge Rosen volunteered the answer: “because all of the other four-letter words were taken!”

Following Judge Cleland was Linda Hylenski, one of Judge Rosen’s two career law clerks. Hylenski worked for Judge Rosen for more than thirty years, beginning as an associate working for him before his time on the bench



Eugene Driker speaking about Judge Rosen and their respective roles in the Detroit bankruptcy case at Judge Rosen’s portrait presentation ceremony. Judge Robert H. Cleland (below) adding his comments about Judge Rosen at the ceremony.

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when he worked at the Detroit law firm of Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone. She focused her discussion on Judge Rosen as a teacher. She recalled that no matter how many edits Judge Rosen would make to one of her drafts, he would always find ways to be positive as well, complimenting her on good work. She explained that Judge Rosen had found time to teach at a number of local laws schools, most predominantly Wayne State University Law School, and that he often invited students to complete summer internships with him in chambers. By her estimate, he had mentored over 500 such interns over the course of his 27-year career on the bench. She also introduced a number of former term law clerks, several of whom had traveled across the country to be at the ceremony. She concluded by saying, on behalf of all of the former clerks, what an honor it was to aid in serving the court.

The final speaker was Jim Lewis, also a career law clerk to Judge Rosen. He described Judge Rosen's judicial philosophy, explaining how the Judge would leave no stone unturned in his opinions and at oral arguments. He praised Judge Rosen's practice of allowing jurors to ask questions during trial and noted that he was always in pursuit of the court's truth-seeking mission. Lewis said that the best example of this was during Judge Rosen's presiding over the Detroit "Sleeper Cell" criminal case, the first post-911 terrorism trial, in which he ordered review of potential prosecutorial misconduct and ultimately overturned the jury's guilty verdicts, zealously seeking truth and justice for all parties.

The Chief Judge then invited Judge Rosen's family to unveil the portrait. Judge Rosen's wife, Laurie Rosen, offered the portrait to the court, which Chief Judge Hood

accepted on its behalf. South Carolina artist Michael Del Priore painted the portrait. He has painted over six hundred subjects, including President Ronald Reagan, Bill Gates, Circuit Judge Ralph B. Guy, and several judges of the Eastern District (such as Judges Edmunds, Battani, Duggan, Zatkoff, and Cleland).

Finally, Chief Judge Hood invited Judge Rosen, who has written a draft of a book on the Grand Bargain, to speak, introducing him with another Churchill quote: "History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it." Judge Rosen spoke with humility to the awe-inspiring nature of a career dedicated to the Court, stating that "although I am sure that there are moments I have fallen short, I've always tried to give it my best shot." He recalled his first day, when Judge George E. Woods came to his chambers, warmly shook his hand, and jokingly stated, "You now have the best job in the world. Don't screw it up." Judge Woods was right, Judge Rosen said. "Being a federal judge is the highest honor and privilege under our Constitution in the American legal profession. . . and I feel incredibly blessed and humbled to have had this remarkable and marvelous opportunity to serve the people, the Constitution, and the law."

Judge Rosen thanked his colleagues, chambers staff, and the court's staff, remarking that the "spirit of collegiality and generosity of thought is unmatched anywhere" else in the federal judiciary.

He particularly noted the contributions of his final case manager, Julie Owens, and his judicial administrator, Donna Vinson, both of whom helped prepare the event and tirelessly served the Court over the years.

Beyond his colleagues in the court family, Judge Rosen took time to thank friends and mentors who had come to the event, including several childhood friends, his Kalamazoo



Retired Senior District Judge Gerald E. Rosen providing remarks at his portrait ceremony.

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Judge Rosen's wife, Laurie Rosen, and their son, Jake, after unveiling the portrait.

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College professor Dr. David Scarrow—who Judge Rosen jokingly said taught him that “a C is an honorable grade” and that in this way he had achieved “honorability long before his appointment to the federal bench”—and his former colleagues from Miller Canfield.

He also thanked his new colleagues at JAMS, the largest provider of private alternative dispute resolution services in the world. Since his retirement from the bench, Judge Rosen has devoted his time to being one of the four founding members of JAMS’s new Detroit office (along with Judge Rhodes, former Miller Canfield partner Rocky Pozza, and retired Michigan Supreme Court Justice Mary Beth Kelly).

Finally, Judge Rosen thanked his family, including his brothers, his father (who passed 9 years ago) and his mother, who turned 89 in March. Judge Rosen’s mother unexpectedly stood up from her wheelchair and added that her own mother—Judge Rosen’s maternal grandmother—was a well-known artist, and the first woman president of the National Society of Arts and Letters. Judge Rosen joked that he would not ask his mother’s opinion of his own portrait. He saved his final thanks for his son, Jake, and his wife, Laurie, who made such sacrifices to make his public service possible.

In closing, Judge Rosen reflected on the president who appointed him, George H.W. Bush, and the integrity with which President Bush conducted his life, both personally and professionally: “Decency, honor, integrity, compassion, unfailing courtesy to friend and rival alike, and an unselfish, unswerving commitment to his country and to answering the call of public service, and to an old-fashioned notion of patriotism.”

Judge Rosen lamented that many of these qualities are no longer present in our current political life, and that the federal bench has recently received undeserved criticism from public figures. “While we may disagree on the best way to achieve them, our goals and our outcomes for our nation, and for our families, are largely the same.”

Judge Hood closed the ceremony by inviting attendees to the “Detroit Room” of the courthouse, a courthouse that Judge Rosen had so tirelessly worked to renovate and

improve during his time as Chief Judge. Chief Judge Hood ended with a final Churchill quote: “we shape our buildings, and thereafter, they shape us.” On behalf of Judge Rosen’s colleagues, friends, and family, we hope that the court continues to shape and bless Judge Rosen as he continues on new journeys.

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Diversity Day at the Courthouse



Luncheon panelists at the Diversity Day event including: Michael Carter, Magistrate Judge Anthony P. Patti, Brandy McMillion, Wayne County Judge Patricia Fresard, Scott Warheit, and Jessica Sprovtsoff.

On Tuesday, March 7, the Chapter’s Diversity Committee held its annual Day at the Courthouse event for area law students. Committee Co-Chairs Eric Lee and Marcy Rosen planned the event. Students from Wayne State Law School, Cooley Law School, the University of Detroit Law School, and the University of Michigan Law School spent the day at the Theodore Levin Courthouse, beginning with a tour of the Courthouse itself from Barbara Radke that culminated with a view

inside the “Million Dollar Courtroom”.

The students attended hearings before Judges David M. Lawson and Laurie J. Michelson and had the opportunity to speak with the Judges about the cases and careers in the law. The students also attended Duty Court, presided over by Magistrate Judge Anthony P. Patti.

The students met with Chief Judge Denise Page Hood, who talked with them about her role as Chief Judge and her legal career before becoming a judge. Chief Judge Hood encouraged the students to seize opportunities presented to them.

At lunch, the students heard from an outstanding panel on a variety of careers in the law. The panel, moderated by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Patricia Fresard, included: Jessica Sprovtsoff, a partner from Schiff Hardin LLP’s litigation group; Scott Warheit, Career Law Clerk to Judge Matthew F. Leitman; Brandy R. McMillion, an Assistant United States Attorney working in the area of

health care fraud and drug diversion; Magistrate Judge Patti; and Michael Carter, an attorney with the Federal Defender Office.

After the event, one student attendee remarked: "I'm so glad that I was able to attend; with all of the uncertainty that comes with being a law student, it's inspiring to learn about different paths to success."

The aim of the Day at the Courthouse program is to give students insight into not only the varied paths to practice in federal court, but to attract and retain these talented students in the District. As Diversity Committee Co-Chair Eric Lee told the students at the beginning of the day, our Chapter has a very active membership that is unique due to the considerable involvement of its judges. Hopefully the student attendees will become student members and continue the legacy of that active involvement in the future.

Another Successful Law Clerk Reunion

The Law Clerk Committee hosted its fourth Judicial Family Reunion event on March 16 at Miller Canfield's Detroit Office. The event is designed to keep law clerks and judges in contact and forge new connections among the law clerk family. The event was last held in October 2014, at the Detroit office of Dickinson Wright.

This year's event was well attended by current and former law clerks from the Sixth Circuit and beyond. Judge Laurie J. Michelson, a member of the Law Clerk Committee, addressed the crowd with her usual humor. She quoted lines from the song

"Wind Beneath My Wings" to convey her feelings about her law clerks. Chief Judge Denise Page Hood followed Judge Michelson and recognized the judges in attendance and the law clerks from outside the Sixth Circuit. She advised attendees to "meet someone new" at the event.

In addition to Judges Hood and Michelson, Judges Sean F. Cox, Paul D. Borman, and Mark A. Goldsmith attended the event. Also at the event were Sixth Circuit Judge Helene N. White and Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford. A good time was had by all, and attendees requested that the event occur more often.

If you are a current or former federal law clerk and did not receive notice of the event, log in to www.fbamich.org to make sure you are included in the Law Clerk Database.

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Source, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Foley & Lardner LLP, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, and Jones Day made the event possible. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and worked to make it a success.

Bankruptcy Motion Practice – Do's and Don'ts Seminar

On February 23, the Consumer Bankruptcy

Association hosted Eastern District of Michigan Bankruptcy Judges Marci B. McIvor, Daniel S. Opperman, and Mark A. Randon for a seminar on "Motion Practice – Dos and Don'ts."



Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford, Chief Judge Denise Page Hood, Susan DeClercq, Ann Malayang Daley, and Lisandra del Carmen Fernandez-Silber enjoying themselves at the Judicial Family Reunion.



Matt Allen, Sarah Resnick Cohen, Judge Laurie J. Michelson, Chief Judge Denise Page Hood, Jennifer Newby, Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford, Judge Paul D. Borman, and Judge Sean F. Cox at the Law Clerk Reunion.

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The seminar, which was held at the Iroquois Club in Bloomfield Hills, was extremely well attended, and those present got what they came for. Judges McIvor, Opperman, and Randon were extraordinarily gracious with their time and insight, letting members of the bar know the most effective means of persuading them with writing and oral advocacy.

The seminar covered everything from the technical – making sure pleadings comply with the Local Bankruptcy Rules; to the practical – making sure pleadings clearly indicate the relief sought. The Judges provided their candid insight on the demeanor of attorneys appearing in court, and how courtroom behavior can undermine the effectiveness of an attorney in a case.

Just as impressively, the Judges provided their personal commentary on what sways their opinion on an issue, even when they may have decided in their mind what the outcome should be. It was a unique opportunity to hear firsthand the best strategy for effective oral and written advocacy in motion practice before the Bankruptcy Court.

The Consumer Bankruptcy Association is an organization comprised of members of the Detroit bankruptcy bar representing debtors, creditors, and trustees. Its goal is to enhance the practice of law within the consumer bankruptcy bar in Detroit, through various educational, social and charitable events.

Eighth Annual Michael K. Lee Celebrating Our Diverse Bar Mixer

The Chapter's Diversity Committee joined with the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and Wolverine Bar Association to host the eighth annual Michael K. Lee Celebrating our Diverse Bar mixer on March 30, 2017. The Michael K. Lee Celebrating our Diverse Bar 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. Twenty-one affinity bar associations joined to co-host this one-of-a-kind mixer.

Despite torrential downpours during the day and evening, attendees packed into the Detroit Seafood Market's lounge for this popular event. They enjoyed a live DJ and delicious food. WDIV meteorologist and reporter Andrew Humphrey welcomed attendees. State Bar of Michigan President Lawrence P. Nolan shared brief remarks concerning the State Bar's diversity efforts and upcoming events.

The committee was once again able to keep the ticket price low at \$20. Proceeds will be donated to this year's designated charity, Retooling Detroit, which

provides individual volunteer tutoring to kindergarten to third grade Detroit children before obstacles create life-long roadblocks. If you would like more information about Retooling Detroit, contact Sangeeta Gandhi Shah. Thanks to all for another wonderful event!



Bankruptcy Judges Mark A. Randon, Marci B. McIvor, and Daniel S. Opperman at the Bankruptcy Court Motion Practice event.

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Among those on hand for the Michael K. Lee Celebrating Our Diverse Bar event were Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Edward Ewell Jr., Alexander Simpson, Mayra Rodriguez, retired Judge William Giovan, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Larry Talon, Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Riordan, Chapter President Susan Fairchild, Brian Summerfield, Elisa Angeli-Palizzi, and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses Boykin.

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Love Wins: The Lovers and Lawyers Who Fought the Landmark Case for Marriage Equality

By Pulitzer Prize Winner Debbie Cenziper and Plaintiff Jim Obergefell

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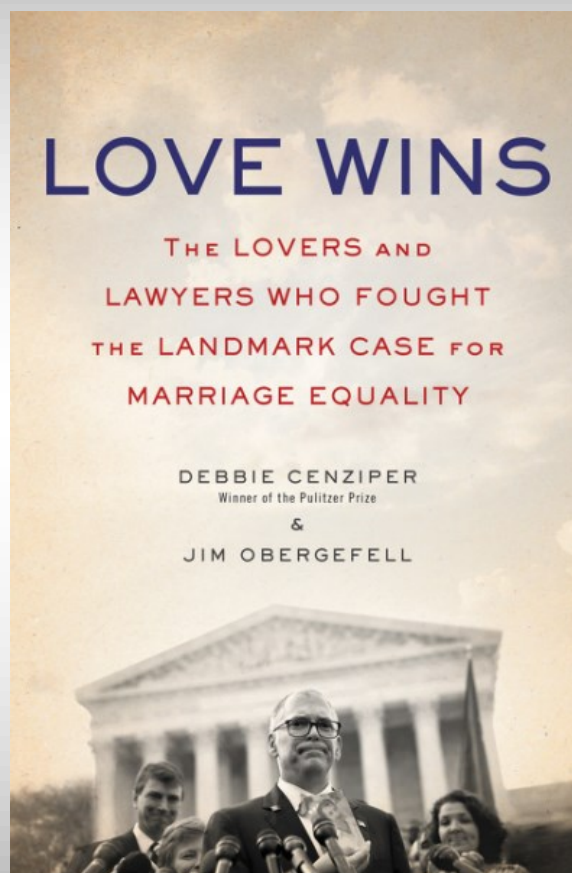
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Book Club Discussion

~ Author will participate via video conference ~

Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 12:00 noon

Theodore Levin United States Courthouse

231 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226-2788

Judges' Conference Room, 7th floor

The primary goal of the Federal Bar Association Book Club is to facilitate an informal but elevated dialogue between the bench and the bar.

The book club is nonpartisan. All points of view will be welcomed and respected.

Calendar of Events

April 25 Leonard Gilman Award Luncheon

Award Recipient: Steven Fishman
Speaker: Aimee Guthat, Senior Attorney, Fragomen Law Firm
Members: \$35 | Non-Members: \$45
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2 Washington Blvd
11:30 a.m. Reception
12:00 p.m. Luncheon
Online registration now open!

May 1 Law Day 2017: "The 14th Amendment/Transforming American Democracy"

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Detroit Room, Levin U.S. Courthouse
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. Events include live demonstrations and information from more than a dozen federal agencies, tours of the Courthouse, the "Ask the Lawyer" pro bono program, and free hot dogs, chips and cookies. Don't miss it this year.

May 3 Panel Discussion: "Race and the Criminal Justice System"

Inspired by the book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, by Michelle Alexander.
Featuring: Chief Judge Denise Page Hood, Judge Sean F. Cox, Chief Federal Defender Miriam Siefer, and Acting U.S. Attorney Daniel Lemisch. Moderated by Andrew Doctoroff.
Detroit Room, Levin U.S. Courthouse
4:00 p.m.
Free event!

Sponsored by the Criminal Law and Book Club Committees

May 17 Bankruptcy Luncheon Honoring Judge Maria L. Oxholm

Come hear Judge Oxholm address the bankruptcy community on best practice tips, suggestions, and her judicial philosophy.
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
The Atheneum Hotel, 1000 Brush Avenue
Members: \$40 | Non-Members: \$45
Sponsored by the Bankruptcy Committee

June 22 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

June 30 Whose Data is it Anyway? The Role of Personal Data Infrastructure in Company Legal Matters

Hosted by the Chapter's Litigation Technology/Social Media and Employment Committees
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Detroit Room, Levin U.S. Courthouse
Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$35

For more information visit www.fbamich.org

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Chapter Executive Director Melinda Herrmann and Chapter President Susan Fairchild prepare to greet students at the FBA table at a recent Bar Association Fair hosted by University of Detroit Mercy Law School on March 7. The event included representatives from local bar associations and State Bar practice sections. Students were invited to visit the bar associations' tables to learn about membership, events, educational programs, and career opportunities.