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## Rakow Scholarship Awards, Rom Award, and Court Historical Society Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, November 14, the Chapter and Court Historical Society will host their annual luncheon event at the Westin Book Cadillac. A reception will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon.

The annual Rakow Scholarship Awards will be presented by the Federal Bar Foundation to outstanding students from each of the Michigan law schools. The scholarship awards are named for Edward H. Rakow, who helped originate the Eastern District of Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

The program will also feature the presentation of the fifth annual Barbara J. Rom Bankruptcy Award to a bankruptcy practitioner who demonstrates the same level of excellence and dedication in the practice of bankruptcy law as the Award's namesake. For a full description of the Award and nomination forms, please visit the Chapter website. Nominations are open until October 27, 2017.

Tickets are \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members, and \$35 for law clerks. Tickets are available online at [www.fbamich.org](http://www.fbamich.org).

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## President's Column

*Jeffrey Appel*

Thanks to dedicated and active officers, board members past and present, members at large, as well as the invaluable support and participation from the

extraordinary Judges of the Eastern District of Michigan, we have one of the best, if not the best, Chapter in the country. This year we will be introducing some new and exciting programs and initiatives to add to our already great lineup.

We have developed a program called "Fed Talks" which are modeled on "TED Talks." These are professionally filmed short videos (thanks to the generosity of Mark St. Peter and Computing Source) on topics helpful to both newer and experienced attorneys. Our first six minute Fed Talk focused on the Court's Local Rules, starring Fred Herrman, Dan Sharkey, Susan Fairchild, and Magistrate Judge Anthony Patti, debuted at the State of the Court Luncheon. It was an instant hit. The Fed Talks will be on our website available exclusively to our members.

We have formed a new Legal Ethics Committee co-chaired by Oakland County Circuit Judge Hala Jarbou, Ken Mogell, Jennifer McManus, and Lynn Helland. This committee will focus on assisting experienced attorneys in dealing with practical ethical issues. For newer attorneys and law students, an innovative curriculum is being developed that will assist them in practicing law in an ethical and civil manner, reinforcing the time proven concept that an ethical and civil practice ultimately benefits the attorney in multiple ways.

A new committee, chaired by Peter Alter and Jim Parks, is reaching out to the major local bar associations in the Eastern District with the intent to build relationships and share information, resources, and programming.

We also are expanding our outreach to the five law schools in Michigan by

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## President's Column (continued)

appointing chapter liaisons to each school. Our aim is to provide Chapter programming that helps students understand the practice of law and how to successfully practice law in a manner that is both professional and personally satisfying. Currently, liaisons include Kim Altman, Nathan Dupes, Judge Michael Riordan, Susan Fairchild, Barbara McQuade, and Judge Elias Xenos.

We are geared up for an exciting and high-energy year. Now is a great time to become involved with our Chapter. We welcome your ideas for programming, topics for our Fed Talks, and ways to assist in enhancing the value and benefits of chapter membership.

## 2017 State of the Court Luncheon

Chief Judge Denise Page Hood and new Chapter President Jeff Appel launched a new Chapter program year on October 4 at The Atheneum in Detroit.

After presiding over some brief Chapter business, Appel introduced and showed the first of what he hoped will be many "Fed Talks," a short video of seven or eight minutes, in which Susan Fairchild, Fred Herrmann, and Dan Sharkey summarized key aspects of the Eastern District of Michigan's Local Rules.

After a good meal, Appel introduced Chief Judge Hood.

After 22 years on the Court, Judge Hood assumed the chief judgeship on January 1, 2016. Her remarkable career to date was reported in the luncheon program and may be found online [www.fbamich.com](http://www.fbamich.com) under Member Resources and Docs/Remarks.

In her remarks, Chief Judge Hood thanked her staff, and acknowledged Judge Keisuke Koizumi, a visiting judge from Japan, and Wayne County Circuit Court

Administrator Zenell Brown. She also acknowledged Court Administrator David Weaver, Deputy Court Administrator Maureen Flavin, Chief Probation Officer Anthony Merolla, and Chief Pretrial Services Officer Patricia Trevino.

She also discussed RESTART, a new program initiated by the Court to assist defendants on pre-trial release and which is an alternative to prison program. It is presided over by herself, Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford, and a team, including the Pretrial Services Agency, the Probation Department, the Federal Defender Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Chief Judge Hood noted that she was proud of her colleagues' response to a request to support the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Circuit Administrator asked for help with the large docket of a resigning judge, and judges from our District took 42 criminal and 250 civil cases. Judge Cox was generally assigned criminal cases and he organizes other judges to assist

with trials. Judges Bernard A. Friedman, Robert H. Cleland, George Caram Steeh, Victoria A. Roberts, Marianne O. Battani, David M. Lawson, Stephen J. Murphy, III, Gershwin A. Drain, Terrence G. Berg, Judith E. Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, Matthew F. Leitman, Linda V. Parker, and Chief Judge Hood have been assigned civil cases. She also thanked Julie Owens, the case manager assigned to this project, for her outstanding work.

Regarding Pro Bono Service, Chief Judge Hood thanked Judge Roberts and Ann Yantus at the

University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law for their efforts in putting a new clinic in place.

Chief Judge Hood thanked retired Oakland County Judge Fred M. Mester for his service as Court Ombudsman and David Ashtenfelter for his service as Court Communications Officer.

Regarding the ongoing renovations, she noted some of the "musical chairs" going on in the Courthouse: Probation is moving back to the 9th floor; Judges Nancy G. Edmunds, Cox, and Goldsmith are moving to the 2nd



*State of the Court Luncheon Attendees,  
Fred Herrmann, Chief Judge Denise Page Hood, Dan Sharkey,  
Susan Fairchild, Saura Sahu, and Jeffrey Appel.*

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

and 6th floors, the Arraignment Courtroom is temporarily located on the 6th floor, and the Snack Shop has moved to the 4th floor. As she noted, “Expect some dust, but justice will be just the same.”

She noted that Judge Berg has moved to Detroit, and Judge Leitman now sits in Flint. Judge Cleland has moved to Port Huron, where a plaque honoring the late Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff was dedicated.

Eight senior judges continue to contribute substantially to the work of the Court: Judges Avern Cohn, Friedman, Cleland, Edmunds, John Corbett O’Meara, Arthur J. Tarnow, Steeh, and Battani, who all receive case assignments at the same rate as judges in active service.

Regarding the Bankruptcy Court, Judge Phillip J. Shefferly continues as Chief, and Judge Daniel J. Opperman was recently appointed Chief of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

Judge Gerald E. Rosen retired from the Court on February 1, 2017, and his portrait was also dedicated this year. Chief Judge Hood noted the passing of Judge Charles W. Joiner in March 2017 and Judge Julian Abele Cook in May 2017.

The statistical information accompanying Chief Judge Hood’s report may be found online at [www.mied.uscourts.gov](http://www.mied.uscourts.gov) under News & Notices, 2017 Annual Report. Bankruptcy statistics can also be found in the Annual Report.



## **Dave Weaver, Court Administrator / Clerk of Court**

I have been receiving many questions regarding the renovation of the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse. Though outwardly it may not look like

much is happening, a tremendous amount of work has been completed. The building’s heating and cooling systems have been completely replaced and the main electrical switch gear (where all building power originates) has also been completely replaced. The new stair and elevator tower is beginning to take shape and the contractors will be cutting through the first, second, and third floors soon.

The Probation Department was the first department that was required to temporarily relocate while the 9th

floor was completed renovated. They moved back into their new space on October 4, 2017. The new space was designed under the Integrated Workplace Initiative or IWI. IWI projects are tailored to a highly mobile workforce, such as the Probation Department, integrating furniture and technology and a reduced foot print.

I had mentioned in a previous article that the Court had been selected to participate in what is known as the Capital Security Program to evaluate, and if possible fix, security issues in the Levin Courthouse. Following several meetings and proposals, the Court has agreed on a preferred approach that will include two major components – a fully functional sally port in the basement for secure prisoner transport and major re-designs of both building entrances. The new entrances will provide more efficient screening practices and have more protected queuing space.

Remember, if you have any comments, questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at: [david\\_weaver@mied.uscourts.gov](mailto:david_weaver@mied.uscourts.gov).



## **Supreme Court Review by M Bryan Schneider**

The Supreme Court’s October 2017 Term opened on October 1, with the Court having granted certiorari in 46 cases to date. In addition to hot-button issues of partisan gerrymandering (*Gill v. Whitford*), sports gambling (*Christie v. NCAA*), and wedding cakes (*Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*), the Court will consider a number of cases of import to federal practitioners.

On the civil side of its docket, the Court will consider several jurisdictional issues. In *Artis v. District of Columbia*, the Court will address the extent to which a state statute of limitations is tolled under the supplemental jurisdiction statute. In two cases dealing with appellate jurisdiction, the Court will decide whether the limitation on an extension of time to file an appeal under Rule 4(a)(5)(c) is jurisdictional (*Hamer v. Neighborhood Housing*), and the proper starting point for the appellate filing period in consolidated cases (*Hall v. Hall*). In three consolidated cases, the Court will consider the enforceability, under the Federal Arbitration

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Act and the National Labor Relations Act, of arbitration agreements which require employees to arbitrate their claims individually rather than collectively (*NLRB v. Murphy Oil USA*, *Ernst & Young v. Morris*, and *Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis*).

In substantive civil matters, the Court will address two issues relating to inter partes review in patent proceedings. In *Oil States Energy Services v. Greene's Energy Group*, the Court will decide whether the use of inter partes review violates Article III of the Constitution. In a more mundane case, *SAS Institute v. Matal*, the Court will address whether the Patent Trial and Appeal Board must issue a final written decision addressing every claim challenged by the petitioner, or may address only some of the claims.

The Court will also address several securities related cases. In *Cyan v. Beaver County Employees* the Court will decide whether state courts lack subject matter over certain class actions under the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act. In *Leidos v. Indiana Public Retirement*, the Court will consider whether the omission of a statement required by an SEC regulation violates §10(b) and Rule 10b-5 even if the omission does not make the company's affirmative statement misleading. *Digital Realty Trust v. Somers* will decide whether the whistle blower protection provision of the Dodd-Frank Act extends to individuals who have not reported misconduct to the SEC.

In two bankruptcy cases, the Court will decide the appropriate standard of review for approving a "cramdown" reorganization plan (*U.S. Bank v. Village at Lakeridge*), and whether §546(e), which prohibits avoiding a preferential transfer made by, to, or for the benefit of a financial institution applies when the companies ultimately impacted by the transfer are not financial institutions.

In other civil cases, the Court will consider whether: terror victim judgment creditors can attach the assets of a foreign state under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (*Rubin v. Islamic Republic of Iran*); the Alien Tort Statute categorically forecloses liability for corporations (*Jesner v. Arab Bank*); compelled public sector employee agency fees violate the First Amendment (*Janus v. American Federation*); car dealership service advisors are exempt from the Fair Labor Standard Act overtime pay requirements (*Encino Motorcars v. Navarro*); and the extent to which a plaintiff's recovery must be used

to satisfy an award of attorney fees under the Prison Litigation Reform Act (*Murphy v. Smith*).

The Court will also address three important immigration cases in the upcoming term. In *Sessions v. Dimaya*, the Court will decide whether the term "crime of violence" as incorporated into the removal provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act is unconstitutional vague. The Court will decide whether, and to what extent, inadmissible aliens who are detained pending removal are entitled to bond hearings with the potential for release into the United States in *Jennings v. Rodriguez*. And, most notably, the Court will address the constitutionality of President Trump's executive order temporarily suspending the entry of aliens from six countries (*Trump v. International Refugee Assistance Project* and *Trump v. Hawaii*).

The Court has granted certiorari in far fewer criminal cases, but some important issues will be addressed during this Term. The Court will consider several Fourth Amendment cases. In *Byrd v. United States* the Court will decide whether a driver of a rental car has a reasonable expectation of privacy in the Court so as to have standing to raise a Fourth Amendment challenge to a search of the car where the driver is not an authorized driver on the rental agreement. The Court will decide whether the automobile exception to the Fourth Amendment's warrant requirement permits a warrantless search of an automobile parked on private property (*Collins v. Virginia*). And in a potentially far-reaching case, *Carpenter v. United States*, the Court will decide whether the Fourth Amendment permits the warrantless search and seizure of historical cell phone location records. In other constitutional cases, the Court will address whether it is unconstitutional for defense counsel to concede guilt over the defendant's objection (*McCoy v. Louisiana*); whether a guilty plea inherently waived a defendant's right to challenge the constitutionality of the statute to which he pleaded guilty (*Class v. United States*); and whether the use of a compelled statement at a probable cause hearing violates the Fifth Amendment's Self-Incrimination Clause (*Hays v. Vogt*).

Turning to non-constitutional criminal issues, in *Rosales-Mireles v. United States* the Court will consider what a defendant must show to establish that an error "seriously affects the fairness, integrity, or public reputation of judicial proceedings" so as to obtain reversal on the basis of a plain error to which the defendant did not object. And in *Marinello v. United States*, the Court will decide whether a defendant can be guilty of obstructing or impeding an IRS proceeding under 26 U.S.C. § 7212(a) where the defendant was unaware of the proceeding.

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## Movie Review: *Marshall*

by Richard D. Diggs\*

Behind the assured direction of Reginald Hudlin, *Marshall* is a thought-provoking depiction of one of the early cases in civil rights icon Thurgood Marshall's vaunted legal career. Lead actor Chadwick Boseman's portrayal of Marshall provides viewers with a combination of sophistication, doggedness, and complexity rarely seen in a feel good historical film. At face value, *Marshall* is a legal drama, but it is more aptly described as an appropriately narrow biographical view into the qualities and experiences that allowed Thurgood Marshall to become one of the most influential lawyers and jurists in United States history.

Set in Bridgeport, Connecticut during the year 1940, the film's plot details the events surrounding the trial of Joseph Spell (Sterling K. Brown), a black man accused of the rape and attempted murder of a well-to-do white woman, Eleanor Strubing (Kate Hudson). Spell's defense is handled by Thurgood Marshall and a Jewish lawyer, Sam Friedman (Josh Gad). Through their partnership we get snap shots of the skills and intuition that transformed a young NAACP Legal Defense Fund lawyer into the first African-American to hold a seat on the Supreme Court of the United States. In every aspect of the case, from their investigative work, to jury selection, to debates over potential objections, bits and pieces of Marshall's prowess as an attorney are unveiled.

The audience is also exposed to the sociopolitical challenges faced by Blacks, women, and Jewish people during that period. Racial, ethnic, and gender discrimination are central themes throughout the film, and the bond built by the unlikely tandem as they struggle to overcome the odds in a case where the facts, and local community, are mounting against them is riveting, and at times jovial.

Glimpses into different aspects of Marshall's life beyond the Spell case add a level of intricacy to the film that forces one to think critically about the sacrifices made by the eventual Supreme Court Justice. We are given an idea of the life Marshall is giving up, foregoing a comfortable existence living among fellow Harlem, New York luminaries, for a life filled with racial tension and danger. There is no question that Marshall's life is difficult. He suffers personal tragedy, deals with physical abuse, and confronts the temptations that arise while traveling alone on his journey. Despite it all, he maintains a level of confidence and dedication to his

work that is awe-inspiring. Boseman puts on a strong performance as one of the towering figures in U.S. legal history.

Ironically, it is neither Boseman's performance, nor the legal niceties that make *Marshall* a great film. Two critical relationships help the film become something more than a traditional hero story about a "good man" coming to clean up a "bad town."

One relationship is between Marshall and the presiding judge (James Cromwell). The authoritarian judge does not allow Marshall to argue the case because he is a black man. This forces Marshall to rely on his co-counsel, Friedman, to argue the case while Marshall sits behind him directing their legal strategy from the "second chair." Marshall's court-imposed muting puts his brilliant legal mind on full display, as he is able to masterfully guide Friedman—a first-time criminal lawyer—from behind the scenes. Although never stated, it becomes clear by the end of the trial that the judge is convinced of Marshall's ability to effectively direct the defense of Spell. The judge makes a startling decision at one point in the case that transforms him from a loathsome figure into someone more complicated; a man who undoubtedly holds racial prejudices, but values justice and the rule of law more than his own biases.

The other relationship is between Joseph Spell and Thurgood Marshall. Spell, a southern black man with an admitted history of dishonesty, possesses little faith in the criminal justice system due to his experiences in the South. His skepticism extends to the polished, hard-driving Marshall. The mistrust between them creates a chasm in the defense that is closed only due to Marshall's insistence that a just outcome be obtained. Marshall's impassioned speech and provocations lead to a somber moment between the two that uncovers the path toward Spell's freedom.

Eventually, the primary theme of the film becomes clear: *Marshall* is a film about justice. The focus of the film is not the dazzling skillset of Marshall, the unjust treatment of Spell, nor the entertaining aspects of the partnership between Marshall and Friedman. The intent is more ambitious. The goal is to make the viewer understand that somewhere in the abyss of facts which included racially-motivated prejudice, hatred, bigotry, lies, and fear, there was a fair and equitable outcome to be won. And it was one man's unwavering commitment to justice that brought it to light.

*\*Richard D. Diggs is a Law Clerk to Chief Judge Denise Page Hood.*

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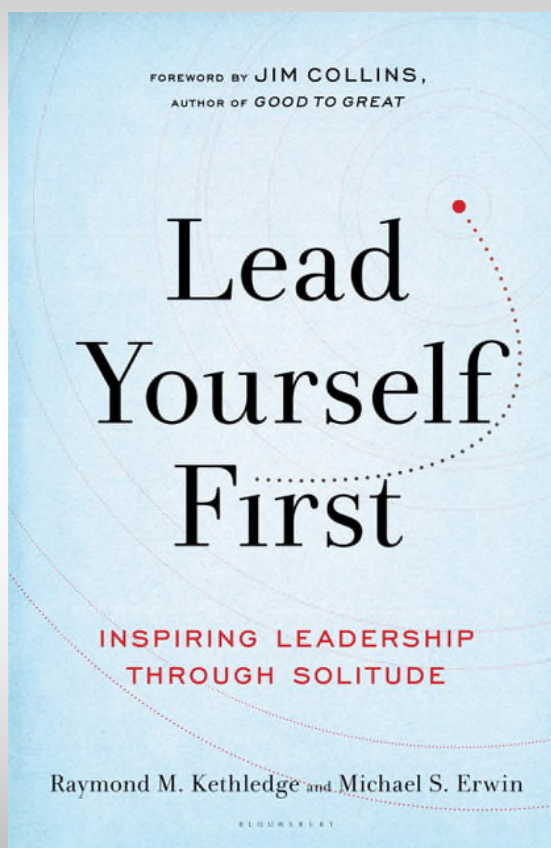
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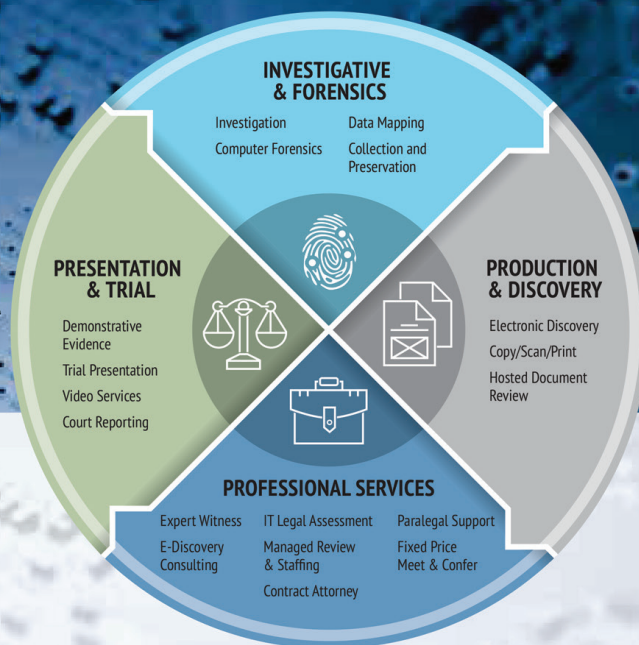
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**Nov. 14**    **Rakow Scholarship Awards/Historical Society/Rom Award Luncheon**

Chapter's Presentation of Rakow Scholarships to students from each of Michigan's law schools and the Annual Barbara J. Rom Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy Practice, coupled with the Annual Meeting of the Court Historical Society.  
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Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse  
8:30 AM    Registration  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$125, includes two-day seminar, presentation materials, luncheon, and one year of Chapter membership.

ATTENTION PRIOR BAR PASSERS: Space Limited-REGISTER NOW. <https://fbamich.org/event/new-lawyer-seminar/>

**Dec. 6**    **Holiday Party**

The Motor City Kitchen at the Hilton Hotel Fort Shelby, 525 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit  
5:00 PM – 8:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$50/members; \$60/nonmembers; \$40/ law clerks and New Lawyer Seminar Attendees

Musical entertainment by *The Cat's Pajamas*

Valet parking available for \$10

Please RSVP by November 28 by registering online or emailing [fbamich@fbamich.org](mailto:fbamich@fbamich.org)

**Dec. 7**    **Complex Commercial Litigation Seminar**

Join the Complex Commercial Litigation Committee and some of the Court's judges for an informative seminar. Additional details to be announced soon.

Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, Detroit Room  
12:00 – 1:30 PM  
Lunch will be served

Members: \$10 | Non-members \$20

**Dec. 12**    **Book Club**

Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse,  
Room 722  
Noon – 1:30 PM

*Leading Yourself First*, by Sixth Circuit Judge Raymond M. Kethledge and Michael S. Erwin. Judge Kethledge will be attending the event to help lead the discussion.

Free for member; Nonmember: \$10. Bring your own lunch, or lunch is available for \$10.

**Feb. 27**    **Wade H. McCree Jr. Award Luncheon**

Location To Be Announced  
11:30 AM    Reception  
12:00 PM    Luncheon

Members: \$45 | Non-Members: \$60 | Clerks: \$35

Nominations due: February 2

**March 1**    **Sustaining and Executive Member Reception**

This event is for Sustaining and Executive Affiliate Members to recognize them for the additional support they provided to the Chapter during the year.

Miller Canfield, 150 W. Jefferson, Detroit  
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
Beverages and snacks will be served.

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