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## Nuts & Bolts of Section 1983 Litigation Draws Large Audience

By Robin Wagner

As part of our Court's and our Chapter's efforts to boost participation in the pro bono representation efforts, at least 75 judges and attorneys gathered on a recent Friday both in-person and online to learn more about 42 USC § 1983 and its qualified immunity doctrine.

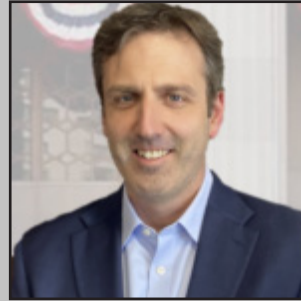
Co-sponsored by the National FBA's Civil Rights Law Section, this program featured Cardozo School of Law Professor Alex Reinert, a renowned civil rights law practitioner and expert in Section 1983, who provided a riveting lecture on the history and development of the qualified immunity doctrine so essential to Section 1983 litigation, as well as his thoughts on the critiques of this doctrine and where it might be headed. After Professor Reinert's lecture, a distinguished panel of judges and litigators from "both sides of the v" shared their insights on Section 1983 with a particular emphasis on prisoner-rights litigation, which is the area where our Court has an acute need for attorneys to represent litigants on a pro bono basis.

Professor Reinert noted that the qualified immunity doctrine is complex but has risen to popular attention in the past ten years as the Black Lives Matters movement and news involving accusations of excessive force by

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## President's Column

*Andrew Lievens*

Dear Members,

How did you get involved in the Chapter? Or, more likely, who got you involved in the Chapter?

And is there anyone you know who would benefit by getting involved in the Chapter like you have?

These are the questions I'm asking myself as I begin my year as Chapter president. And I urge you to do the same because I hope in the coming year we can find new leaders, committee chairs, and supporters who can strengthen the Chapter to benefit the bench and bar.

For me the "who" was legendary District Judge Avern Cohn. I was his term law clerk nineteen years ago. He introduced me to the Chapter, the Luncheon Series, and the top-notch programming the Chapter offers annually. And I started meeting the lawyers and judges who made the Chapter great by organizing events and enhancing what it meant to practice in the Eastern District of Michigan.

The next "who" was my co-clerk, now Magistrate Judge, Kimberly Altman, who introduced me to the hard work and enjoyment that came with publishing the Chapter's award-winning newsletter.

For almost two decades I have enjoyed great satisfaction helping the Chapter and its leaders maintain and, where possible, improve upon the Chapter's past successes.

As great as the Chapter has been, there is always work to be done.

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## President's Column *(from page 1)*

Beyond the Luncheon Series, our Committees and the dedicated Committee Co-Chairs and members do the work - with the important support of our Executive Director, Mindy Herrmann - to organize substantive and social events that bring value to our Chapter members.

As the law and our profession have changed, so have the committees. And as the committees have changed, so too has the committee leadership. I won't name names or committees, but those leaders and committees have stepped up in recent years and I'm excited about the events in the works for the coming year.

With this in mind, will you be the "who" who recruits new leaders and members for the Chapter? Who helps cultivate the people and ideas that will further elevate our Chapter? Who will be involved in planning the next-level programs for the Chapter?

We all can and should be the "who" for someone new. And I know we will. And that is one of the many reasons it is a tremendous honor to lead the Chapter as president this year. Let's have a great one.



*Nuts and Bolts speaker Professor Alex Reinert, from Cardozo School of Law, looks on while Judge Cox addresses the audience.*

*Photo by Melinda Herrmann*

The judges described how the Court handles the many pro se cases on the docket, including the mandatory mediation process for cases brought by incarcerated persons. The mediation process relies on volunteers from the bar to serve as mediators and the judges encouraged those present at the talk to consider helping with the mediations. They agreed that when discovery challenges or issues arise, it is important to call chambers to get early help from the Court. They also agreed that the new court rule allowing a pro bono attorney to appear for a limited purpose, such as assisting with depositions or summary judgment briefing, is an important way to ensure that pro se litigants can have effective representation.

Assistant Attorney General Adam de Bear and attorney Michael Hanchett, whose practice involves defending government entities, provided insights into the concerns and issues they work through with their clients when involved in prison litigation. Key topics included the exhaustion requirement of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, client communication, and discovery disputes. Nolan Moody, who co-chairs the Pro Bono Committee and has taken on several of these cases, explained the challenge of meeting with the client and the importance of preparing them well for trial testimony. Cary McGehee, who had extensive experience representing incarcerated persons, reminded the audience that it is important to assert the client's rights. She gave the example of once being expected to prepare her client for a deposition while sitting in an open visiting area adjacent to where the guards punch in and out. She reminded the audience that the prisons do have private meeting areas and attorneys should demand access to them.

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the police has stayed in the headlines. He explained that the application of the doctrine hinges on the specificity with which one articulates the "clearly established" right implicated by the lawsuit. He provided examples from Sixth Circuit cases to illustrate how narrow and broad articulations of a constitutional right result in different outcomes. Finally, he spoke of his own work on the doctrine, which includes use of the derogation canon to argue that Congress would not have anticipated immunities being allowed for Section 1983, as well as his discovery that the 18th century Congressional compiler hired to assemble all the enacted laws into what we now know as the U.S. Code omitted the phrase from the original law that excluded immunities from the statute. And the rest, so to speak, is history.

After Professor Reinert's talk, District Judges Terrence Berg and Judith Levy, and Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Stafford, along with attorneys Cary McGehee, Nolan Moody, Michael Hanchett, and Adam de Bear, spoke with the audience about the "nuts and bolts" of Section 1983 litigation. Their frank discussion started with an explanation of the importance of these cases to the Court, and then explained all aspects of this area of litigation, from the complaint to trial.

The panelists provide a lot of valuable materials such as sample motions and memos, which can be found at this link: [FBA ED Mich Sect 1983 Program](https://www.fbaed.org/1983-program). And we encourage all members of our Chapter to participate in the Court's pro bono program. You can learn more here: <https://www.mied.uscourts.gov/index.cfm?pagefunction=ProBonoInformation>.

Finally, thank you to our generous sponsors: the FBA Civil Rights Law Section, which invites you to New Orleans on February 13-14, 2025 for the biannual Civil Rights Étouffée, and Pitt McGehee Palmer Bonanni & Rivers.

Professor Reinert's talk is available for viewing on our website.



## **Kinikia Essix Court Administrator / Clerk of Court**

I would like to welcome our newest District Judge Robert J. White! Chief Judge Sean F. Cox administered the oath of office to Judge White on April 16, 2024. Judge White fills a vacancy that resulted when Judge Paul D. Borman took senior status, and he will be based at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit.

Law Day was hosted at the Theodore Levin Courthouse on May 1, 2024. Over 200 students from seven schools participated in presentations and toured the Historical Courtroom. There were over 19 federal agencies/offices with career information displays who provided students with a brief overview of the different careers available in the federal government. The event also included a discussion on cybersecurity and a mock election session was coordinated by the Michigan Secretary of State's Office. Thank you to everyone that participated in making this event a success!

By now, I am sure you have noticed changes taking place in the Theodore Levin Courthouse. Construction is well underway, and contractors have begun working on modifications to the entryway on the Lafayette side. The project is estimated to be completed around January 2025. There are also two new kiosks located on the first floor that provide information regarding daily docket schedule, courtroom locations, and historical court information.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments please contact me at: [kinikia\\_essix@mied.uscourts.gov](mailto:kinikia_essix@mied.uscourts.gov).

## **Advanced Trial Skills Program Filled the Courthouse**

**By Andrew Lievens, Arthur O'Reilly, Lena Gonzalez, Melinda Herrmann, Michael Palizzi, and Michael Turco**

New and seasoned attorneys alike gathered at the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse to beat the heat and learn about keys to successful trial practice. The Federal Bar Association's Advanced Trial Skills Program, in partnership with the American College of Trial Lawyers, offered a full day of activities aimed at teaching attendees about best practices for lawyers in the Eastern District of Michigan.

After breakfast, Lena Gonzalez of Bush Seyferth PLLC kicked off the program by reviewing the mock civil case the judicial and trial attorney faculty would use for their panel discussions and the trial



*A Scene from Advanced Trial Skills Program.*

*Photo by Melinda Herrmann*

exercises. Then, Michael Palizzi of Miller Canfield moderated a judicial panel discussion about discovery and dispositive motion practice. District Judges Matthew Leitman, Shalina Kumar, and Brandy McMillion and Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Stafford shared invaluable insight into certain practices the most effective advocates share when engaging with the court on discovery disputes. Each judge stressed the importance

of genuine meet and confer discussions well in advance of one party filing a motion and each shared examples

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of best practices for representing clients during written and oral advocacy over discovery issues. Following this presentation, Arthur O'Reilly of Jones Day led Judges David Lawson and Laurie Michelson through an informed and interesting conversation about pretrial practice. Judges Lawson and Michelson explained that the court expects lawyers to meaningfully engage on developing Rule 16 reports and spotted several "tells" that the court looks for to identify lawyers who submit proforma reports. They also discussed the important strategy considerations for whether to file a motion in limine, and if one is filed, the importance of focused briefing on issues for the court to consider. At the end of the morning session, attendees had a comprehensive view on how to successfully practice in these judges' courtrooms.

The group broke for lunch and networked over sandwiches. The open seating plan and longer break allowed attendees to get to know one another and catch up. Following lunch, the group divided into breakout sessions for oral argument practice.

The first breakout group, led by Judge Susan DeClercq, joined by Susan McKeever of Bush Seyferth PLLC and Powell Miller of the Miller Law Firm, focused on the admissibility of a post-incident change in the defendant company's policies and whether that change was inadmissible under Federal Rule of Evidence 407.

The second group, led by Judge Robert White, with George Doninni of Butzel Long and Lawrence

Garcia of Miller Canfield, discussed expert witness's qualifications according to Federal Rule of Evidence 702 and best practices for a *Daubert* challenge.

Finally, the third cohort, led by Judge Denise Page Hood, along with Andrew Lievens of the United States

Attorney's Office, Mike Turco of Brooks Wilkins Sharkey & Turco PLLC, and Carla Aikens of Carla D. Aikens, PLC wrestled over admissibility of a proverbial deathbed confession under Federal Rule of Evidence 804 and also tackled the interesting issue of when an affirmative motion in limine seeking to admit evidence is prudent.

Each afternoon session included a judge-led discussion on best practices, with several actual examples from the judge's lives in court,

followed by mock oral argument before the presiding judge. The day ended with the whole group sharing one to three lessons learned from their respective session

so everyone had the benefit of each group's experience. The event enjoyably concluded with a wine and cheese reception.

The Chapter extends its heartfelt appreciation to the volunteer judges and celebrates the roughly 100 attendees who participated. The Chapter is already hard at work on part two of this program, to be held on November 19, that will include a discussion

from uniquely effective trial lawyers and judges on best practices for handling the most problematic issues during opening statements, direct and cross examination, and closing arguments. More detail to follow.



*Lena Gonzalez Speaking at the Advanced Trial Skills Program.*

*Photo by Melinda Herrmann*



*Advanced Trial Skills Program Held on July 10th.*

*Photo by Melinda Herrmann*

## Beach Bash was a Blast

By Amir El-Aswad

On July 11, 2024, the Diversity Committee hosted its annual “Blast at the Beach,” an informal happy hour aimed at fostering and celebrating the profession’s diversity while encouraging attendees to share stories and develop connections in a relaxed environment. On this particularly hot—but beautiful—day, over 40 professionals and law students convened at Campus Martius’s Brisa Bar to do exactly that. The Diversity Committee was pleased to welcome several esteemed judicial officers of the Eastern District of Michigan, state and federal prosecutors, public defenders, private practitioners, interns, law clerks, and summer associates. The Committee accomplished its goal of providing a venue for law students and new lawyers to develop meaningful relationships with attorneys and judges from a diverse array of personal and professional backgrounds.

Special thanks to those who planned and attended the event. We look forward to reconvening next year!



*Beach Bash*

*Photo by Ki Lee*

## Annual Luncheon of Past Presidents Fosters Camaraderie

By Andrew Lievense

On May 22, the Chapter’s Officers and more than 20 Past Chapter Presidents convened at the French Quarter dining room at Fishbones Restaurant in Greektown for their annual gathering. The assembled group conducted Chapter business, enjoyed excellent food, and strengthened the relationships between the current Officers and the Chapter leaders who came before them.

Chapter President George Donnini and Executive Director Mindy Herrmann led the meeting. After a brief welcome, Donnini and Herrmann provided a Chapter update. Herrmann’s presentation included a moment of silence to recognize Charles Rutherford, the Chapter’s 8th president (1967-1968), who had recently passed away.

Donnini introduced the current officers and proposed slate of officers, which included the addition of Robin Wagner as incoming Program Chair. The slate was unanimously approved by the Past Presidents in anticipation of being presented at the Annual Dinner in June.

After a satisfying lunch featuring engaging conversation, Donnini provided additional comments, emphasizing some of his highlights from the prior year.

Donnini then turned the program over to the incoming president, Andrew Lievense, who previewed his goals and points of emphasis for the next Chapter year.

The Chapter was once again honored to have so many Past Presidents attend, many of whom remain active in the Chapter by leading committees and organizing events. As has become tradition, the Chapter remembered those who were unable to attend: at Herrmann’s urging and organization, attendees signed cards with personal notes addressed to the absent Past Presidents, reaffirming their importance to the history and future of the Chapter.

# Law Day at the Courthouse

By Emily Burdick, Amy Johnston, and John Sier

On May 1, 2024, the Courthouse hosted nearly 200 high school students from seven metro-area schools for Law Day 2024: Voices of Democracy. The Chapter's Law Day Committee - consisting of Magistrate Judge David Grand, Judge Terrence Berg, Amy Johnston, Emily Burdick, Susan Fairchild, John Sier, Morgan Schut, Barbara Radke, and Jeannette Heacox - developed and coordinated the program and participants.

The career fair was a success, with participation from over 20 federal, state, and local agencies and offices such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Attorney's Office, as well as the Wayne County Sheriff. The students were able to meet and ask questions of agency employees and learn about potential internships and future career opportunities. Many of the agencies and offices had interactive information displays providing students with an up-close demonstration of each career path.

Claudia Rast (Butzel law firm Chair of IP, Cybersecurity & Emerging Technology Group) and Earl Duby (Auxiom IT Services and IT Consulting) presented on Cybersecurity, deep fakes, and misinformation. Their presentation featured videos and examples showing how easy it is for bad actors to

create convincing deep fakes and misinformation from only a few seconds of real audio. Ms. Rast and Mr. Duby taught the students how to spot deep fakes and misinformation along with suggestions to protect their personal information.

The Law Day Committee was grateful and excited to have Michigan Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson, as the featured speaker for this year's program. Secretary Benson engaged the students with a presentation on the impact that younger voters can have in Michigan elections, considering their significant share of the electorate. She stressed how every vote truly counts and her presentation was very relevant to the cybersecurity program as well as to students' turning 18 during the 2024 election cycle.

Several schools were also able to tour the "Million Dollar Courtroom" following the program to learn more about the history of the federal court in Detroit.

Overall, the presenters and the agencies provided the students with valuable information that will be helpful to them in making daily decisions as well as considering long term plans. The teachers and students expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to visit the courthouse; the

teachers especially appreciated the funding of the transportation expenses by the FBA made possible by a grant from the EDMF Federal Bar Foundation.



*Law Day Participants.*

*Photo by John Sier*



*Gilman Luncheon Attendees.*

*Photo by Stacey Studnicki*

## Gilman Luncheon Attended by Record Number of Judges

By Matthew Allen

On Wednesday, April 17th, 2024, over 175 lawyers gathered for the final luncheon in our Chapter luncheon series, the annual Leonard R. Gilman Award Luncheon held this year at the Atheneum Suites Hotel and Conference Center. Attendees heard remarks from our Keynote Speaker, the Honorable Jeffrey S. Sutton, Chief Judge of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals and recognized Andrew Densemo from the Federal Defender's Office as our 2024 Gilman award winner.

Chief Judge Sutton led off the program by speaking about his childhood and his belief that despite our increasing differences in society, we all agree about the need for preserving democracy and engaging in civil discourse. He also provided extensive comments on the importance of state constitutions to the protection of rights. He described the significance of the fact that State and the U.S. Constitutions are not necessarily co-extensive and how lawyers can and should focus more on State constitutions.

This year's award winner, Andrew Densemo, was nominated with great care and detail by our Federal Defender's and Executive Board member, Michael Carter. Undoubtedly, many of the judges who attended this year's luncheon came out of

respect for Andrew, and the incredible body of work that his career represents. Andrew is widely recognized for his unwavering client advocacy and, during the award selection process, volumes were spoken about Andrew's incredible proficiency, professionalism, and compassion. Though retiring this year, Andrew currently serves as a staff attorney in the Federal Community Defender's Office.

Andrew Densemo's legal career spans over 40 years but started at the University of Michigan and Thurgood Marshall School of Law, at Texas Southern University.

Upon graduation, he mostly concentrated on criminal cases and was in private practice for three years before joining the Juvenile Defender's Office where he represented hundreds of children who were either the victims of abuse and/or neglect or who were charged with criminal offenses. He moved on to the State Defender's Office where he obtained extensive trial and advocacy experience litigating hundreds of preliminary examinations, evidentiary hearings, and trials. After briefly returning to the Juvenile Defender's Office, he joined the Federal Defender's Office in 1989. During his time at FDO, now FCDO, Andrew handled intricate and grueling cases involving charges of sex trafficking, production, and

distribution of child pornography, death-penalty eligible homicides, drug trafficking, possession of firearms during crimes of violence and/or drug trafficking, health care fraud, assault on federal officers, felon in

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*Gilman Luncheon Judge Attendees.*

*Photo by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal News*



*Gilman Award Recipient, Andrew Densemo.*

*Photo by Melinda Herrmann*



*Annual Dinner Attendees.  
Photo by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal News.*

## **Gilman Luncheon** *(from page 7)*

possession of firearms, identity theft, carjacking, RICO, and many others.

Speaking about Andrew, Federal Defender Michael Carter talked not only about his storied career, but also about his unwavering dedication to his clients despite the odds against them. Carter told one story about how Andrew's persistent sentencing arguments about the guidelines disparity between crack and cocaine ultimately persuaded a U.S. attorney, who subsequently left prosecution and ultimately participated in litigating, and winning, on this issue in the Supreme Court. Carter also spoke about Andrew's humility. Andrew is so humble most were surprised he even came to accept the award. In fact, he did not even tell his wife, in attendance, what the event was - she thought it was just a retirement party.

The luncheons in our association's 4-part series were sponsored this year by our Court as well as 76 other firms and corporate partners in our local legal community. Each of the four luncheons were well-attended by bench and bar alike; however, this luncheon in particular drew a record number of judges from not only the Eastern District, but the 6th Circuit as well. Chief Judge Sutton (6th Circuit Court of Appeals), Judges Joan Larsen and Stephanie Dawkins-Davis (6th Circuit Court of Appeals), Chief Judge Cox (Eastern District of Michigan) and U.S. District Judges Borman, Cleland, DeClercq, Drain, Edmunds, Goldsmith, Hood, Kumar, Leitman, Michelson, Murphy, and White, Magistrate Judges Kimberly Altman and David Grand, and Bankruptcy Court Judges Daniel Opperman (Chief Judge) and Lisa Gretchko (all Eastern District

of Michigan) attended, making the Gilman Award Luncheon an especially fun one for all.

While it has been my honor in the last year to serve as our bar association's Program Chair charged with the coordination of our luncheon series, the opportunity has provided me with a first hand look at the very special community we have all built together over the last 60 years.

## **FBA Annual Dinner** **By Susan Fairchild**

The 44th Annual Dinner honoring the Judicial Officers of the Eastern District of Michigan was held on June 11, 2024 at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit. The event was a huge success with many members of the District Court bench and bar in attendance. After conducting the annual business of nominating and electing the Chapter Officers for the 2024-2025 term, the Executive Board, Chapter Officers and Executive Board Members, outgoing Chapter President George Donnini presented Chapter Activity Awards to members who contributed to the Chapter in extraordinary ways this year. Each member received a challenge coin depicting the seal of the EDMJ Chapter.

Chief Judge Sean Cox then gave introductory remarks concerning the Julian Abele Cook, Jr. - Bernard Friedman Civility Award and introduced several former winners of the award who were in attendance. The winner of the 2024 Julian Abele Cook, Jr. - Bernard Friedman FBA Civility Award was Robert W. Palmer, of the Pitt McGehee Palmer Bonanni & Rivers law firm. Mr. Palmer was introduced by his colleague,

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## FEDERAL BAR FOUNDATION OF DETROIT

The Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit is a 501(c) non-profit organization, associated with the Eastern District of Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. All members in good standing of the EDMJ Chapter are members of the Foundation.

Previously, the sole function of the Foundation was to award the Rakow Scholarships to deserving law students at the annual luncheon hosted by the Chapter. In the last several years, awards and grants have been given to other entities or programs that serve the legal community in the Detroit area. Some prior recipients are the EDMJ Chapter Law Day event, the University of Detroit Federal Pro Se Law Clinic, and Wayne State University School of Law Business Law Clinic.

Originally incorporated in the State of Michigan in 1968, the Foundation was re-incorporated in 2001. In 1998, a cash contribution was made to the Foundation in remembrance of Ed Rakow, a highly respected Detroit attorney who practiced in the areas of securities and corporate law.

In past years the Foundation was partially funded through the Annual Dinner hosted by the Federal Bar Association. Later, a percentage of the profits of the Annual Dinner was donated to the Foundation. In the past several years, since approximately 2014, the Foundation has relied exclusively on investments and private contributions, as well as contributions in the form of cy pres funds from civil lawsuits.

The current Trustees of the Federal Bar Foundation of Detroit are Susan Fairchild (EDMJ President 2016-2017), Jeffery Appel (EDMJ President 2017-2018), Matthew Lund (EDMJ President 2019-2020), Fred Herrmann (EDMJ President 2020-2021), and Dan Sharkey (EDMJ President 2021-2022).

The purpose and scope of the Foundation is to make annual awards or grants, in the name of Ed Rakow and the Chapter, to organizations, individuals, or causes worthy of recognition and that will promote justice and improve the quality of legal services in our community. Such organizations - such as specialty law clinics, special interest programs or law-related events - will be considered for grants from the Foundation. Persons, committees of the Chapter, legal groups or organizations, or other legal-related entities may submit a letter outlining the purpose of the requested award/grant, detailing the amount requested, the type of program or event planned, and the intended use of the award/grant to the Foundation through the Chapter or directed to one of the Trustees directly. Proposed projects or activities should have a nexus within the Eastern District of Michigan or its surrounding environs and be consistent with the mission statements of the Foundation and the Chapter.

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## **Annual Dinner** *(from page 8)*

who described the humility, characteristics and traits possessed and exemplified by Robert Palmer, which made him a choice recipient of the award.

The dinner concluded with the introduction of 2024-2025 Chapter President Andrew Lievense, Assistant United States Attorney. President Lievense gave a brief overview of his vision for the Chapter in the coming year and thanked the judges, district court staff, chapter members and law firm sponsors for contributing to the continued success of the organization. Praise was also bestowed upon our Chapter Executive Director, Mindy Herrmann, who forever ingratiated herself to the district court judges in attendance this year by giving each judge a pink box with Crumbl cookies!

The Annual Dinner Committee wishes to thank all the law firm and corporate sponsors, as well as all the attendees for again making this event an enjoyable evening for all.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **September**

#### **September 25**

**State of the Court Luncheon**  
12pm-1:00pm

#### **September 26**

**The 2024 Hon Marci B. McIvor Annual Fundraiser for Access to Bankruptcy Court**  
Dickenson Wright  
6:00pm-9:00pm

Join fellow bankruptcy practitioners and others promoting Access to Bankruptcy Court through this important fundraiser.

### **October**

#### **October 10**

**In-Person Joint Event with WDMI/EDMI/MSU College of Law**  
MSU College of Law  
4:30pm-7:30pm  
This is a FREE event.

Please join us for this in-person joint event involving the WDMI, the EDMI and the MSU College of Law

You do not want to miss this exciting all-state program featuring the Chief Judges from both the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan (Chief Judges Sean Cox and Hala Jarbou) along with the Dean of the Michigan State University College of Law, Michael Sant'Ambrogio and many other VIPs! This year's program will focus of the pro bono efforts state-wide and as well as a reception.

### **November**

#### **November 13**

**2024 Rom/Rakow/Historical Society Luncheon**  
The Atheneum  
12:00pm - 1:00pm

#### **November 19**

**Advanced Trial Training Series: Program #2**  
Detroit Room, Theodore Levin Courthouse  
8:30am - 4:30pm  
\$144 members  
\$219 for non-members/guests  
No charge for law students who register in advance

This program seeks to build on the first program in our series held on July 10th of this year. Attendance at the first program is NOT a pre-requisite for attendance at this event – ALL ARE WELCOME!

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