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# Inspiring CLE and Valuable Networking at Your Annual Meeting

Successfully navigate the challenges and opportunities facing the legal profession today and in the future. Find and keep clients and save time and money with world-class technology and practice management advice. Plus, build your confidence by staying up-to-date on the latest trends in your practice areas. Get this and the latest news from your section at the annual SBM activities, section meetings, and networking events.

Gain Valuable Skills in These Four Areas:

## Substantive:

- Advise your clients on employee discharge best practices
- Identify client behaviors that signal potential capacity issues
- Implement appropriate e-discovery preservation policies to fit your case budget
- Draft customizable durable powers of attorney, no matter your client's needs
- Explain collateral sentencing consequences to your high school criminal defendants

## Marketing/Law Practice Management:

- Use the science of decision making to influence clients and opposing counsel
- Develop presentation skills to better connect with judges, jurors, and clients
- Adopt strategies that elevate your brand and increase business

## Starting a Law Practice:

- Determine action steps to make your practice even more responsive to client needs
- Analyze and correct work/life factors that hinder law firm productivity
- Set up effective office communication protocols while maintaining appropriate client boundaries

## Technology:

- Solve Microsoft Word formatting issues to increase efficiency
- Identify cost-saving Acrobat functions for your law practice
- Implement paperless office practices to make finding documents a breeze
- Apply security measures to ensure client confidentiality across all your devices

## Keynote Presentation Highlights

### Finding Bliss in the Future of Legal Service and Practice

Deborah Epstein Henry shares her latest book's seven themes to improve legal practice and client service.

### Wildfire: Creating Interest in Your Practice with Everyone You Meet

Steve Hughes shares exciting and effective ways to get people to say "tell me more about your firm."

## Interactive Lunch Events

**Thursday**—Grab lunch and then get real-world tech advice from expert Barron K. Henley. Bring your list of issues to get personalized recommendations.

**Friday**—Share your knowledge and get your questions answered at a free-flowing roundtable lunch compliments of the Law Practice Management & Legal Administrators Section.  
(To attend, select the section event when registering)

## Featured Speakers at the Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE



**Barron K. Henley**  
Affinity Consulting Group  
Columbus, OH

Barron K. Henley is a lawyer, a “legal technologist” since 1990, and a founding member of Affinity Consulting Group (formerly Henley March & Unger Consulting, Inc.), a firm that handles

all aspects of law practice automation including document and file management, server and personal computer issues, remote access, mobile lawyering, scanning and paper reduction strategies, electronic case filing, and many other topics. He is also a member of the ABA Law Practice Management Section and a former chairperson of the OSBA Law Office Automation and Technology Committee.



**Steve Hughes**  
Hityourstride.com  
Chesterfield, MO

Steve Hughes is the founder and president of Hit Your Stride LLC and his mission is to help people look and sound smart when they talk. He is the author of *Dazzle Me: Presentations*

*That Captivate and Win Over Today's Audience* and he has appeared on NPR, BBC Radio, and BusinessWeek. He is also the creator of National Be Kind to Lawyers Day ([www.BeKindToLawyers.com](http://www.BeKindToLawyers.com)) celebrated annually on the 2nd Tuesday in April. Prior to launching his own business, he spent 12 years in advertising and PR, and was a managing partner at a 50-person ad agency.



**Janet K. Welch**  
Executive Director, State Bar of Michigan  
Lansing

Janet K. Welch has had an extensive career in state government, beginning in the Michigan Legislature where she served as a legislative analyst in the House and as the first director of the Senate's

nonpartisan legislative analysis office. Ms. Welch was a law clerk for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert P. Griffin, where she stayed for over a decade in a variety of positions, culminating in a position as Supreme Court counsel. In 1998, the Council of State Governments named her a Toll Fellow for outstanding achievement and service to state government.

## Keynote Speaker at the SBM ANNUAL MEETING and the Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE



**Deborah Epstein Henry**  
Founder and President, Law &  
Reorder, a Division of Flex-Time  
Lawyers LLC  
Ardmore, PA

Deborah Epstein Henry is an internationally recognized expert, consultant, and public speaker on

the future of the legal profession, new legal models, women, and work/life balance. She is the author of *Law and Reorder*, and co-author of *Finding Bliss: Innovative Legal Models for Happy Clients & Happy Lawyers*. A former practicing litigator, Ms. Henry is president of her consulting firm which she founded in the late 1990s, providing consulting, training, and speaking services to law firms, companies, and non-profits in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. She is also co-founder and managing director of Bliss Lawyers, a firm that hires lawyers to work on an engagement basis for in-house legal department and law firm clients. Ms. Henry has received numerous awards and she donates her time to a number of non-profits.

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of the State Bar of Michigan

## State Bar of Michigan Events

(additional registration required)

### State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet

**Wednesday, October 7 6:30pm–9:00pm**

Join us as we pay tribute to our members who have achieved the highest honors in areas of leadership, professional integrity, and community service.

### State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Lunch

**Thursday, October 8 12:00pm–2:00pm**

Share in the celebration with the swearing-in of State Bar President Lori A. Buiteweg and other State Bar officers.

### Celebrating Diversity Reception

**Thursday, October 8 6:30pm–8:30pm**

The reception will acknowledge the work accomplished over the year in support of achieving greater diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

### State Bar of Michigan 50-Year Golden Celebration Lunch

**Friday, October 9 12:00pm–2:00pm**

Celebrate and honor fellow colleagues being recognized for 50 years of membership in the State Bar of Michigan. This is a great opportunity to network with your peers and mentors.

## Schedule at a Glance— Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, October 7, 2015**

### SBM ANNUAL MEETING

8:30am–12:00pm

Military & Veterans' Law Section  
Business Meeting & Program

12:00pm–1:00pm

State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners  
Committee Meetings & Lunch

1:30pm–3:30pm

State Bar of Michigan 2014–2015  
Board of Commissioners Meeting

2:00pm–4:00pm

Michigan State Bar Foundation Members/Trustees  
Annual Business Meeting

3:00pm–7:00pm

Annual Meeting Registration Open

3:30pm–4:30pm

State Bar of Michigan 2015–2016  
Board of Commissioners Meeting

4:15pm–4:30pm

Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation  
Annual Business Meeting

4:30pm–6:00pm

Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation  
Annual Reception *(by invitation)*

6:30pm–9:00pm

**State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet**

## Schedule at a Glance—Solo & Small Firm Institute and Annual Meeting

**Thursday, October 8, 2015**

Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE		SBM ANNUAL MEETING
8:00am	Continental Breakfast, Vendor Showcase, and Registration	8:00am–5:00pm Registration and Vendor Showcase Open
8:15am	Put the ICLE Partnership Resources to Work for Your Practice	8:00am–9:30am Continental Breakfast
9:00am	Welcome and Introductions Michael A. Gunderson, Chairperson, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Michigan, Trowbridge Law Firm, <i>Detroit</i>	9:00am–11:00am Insurance & Indemnity Law Section Meeting & Program
9:20am	Report from the Executive Director Janet K. Welch, Executive Director, State Bar of Michigan, <i>Lansing</i>	9:00am–12:00pm Family Law Section Business Meeting
9:40am	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:</b> Finding Bliss in the Future of Legal Service and Practice Deborah Epstein Henry, Founder & President, Law & Reorder, a Division of Flex-Time Lawyers LLC, <i>Ardmore, PA</i>	9:00am–5:00pm Representative Assembly
10:40am	Vendor Showcase Break	9:30am–12:30pm Michigan Lawyers Alliance Business Meeting



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Thursday, October 8, 2015

Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE		SBM ANNUAL MEETING
11:00am	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	10:00am–12:00pm Michigan Association of Bar Executives Business Meeting
	<b>START A LAW PRACTICE TRACK</b>	10:00am–12:00pm Michigan Indian Legal Services Business Meeting
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	10:00am–12:00pm Past Presidents Advisory Council Business Meeting
12:00pm	<b>Lunch and Annual Meeting Functions</b>	
	<b>Optional Networking Event:</b> Ask the Doctor—tech expert Barron K. Henley gives real-world advice, answers your questions, and makes personalized recommendations.	
	11:30am–2:00pm Real Property Law Section Council Meeting	
2:00pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	12:00pm–2:00pm <b>State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Luncheon</b>
	<b>START A LAW PRACTICE TRACK</b>	1:00pm–3:00pm Administrative & Regulatory Law Section Program & Meeting
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	1:00pm–3:30pm Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports Section Business Meeting & Program
2:50pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	1:00pm–4:00pm American Indian Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>START A LAW PRACTICE TRACK</b>	1:00pm–4:00pm Appellate Practice Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	1:30pm–6:00pm Environmental Law Section Program & Meeting
3:35pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	1:30pm–4:30pm Labor & Employment Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>START A LAW PRACTICE TRACK</b>	2:00pm–4:00pm Litigation Section Business Meeting
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	2:00pm–4:00pm Negligence Law Section Business Meeting & Program
3:55pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	2:00pm–4:00pm Michigan Retired Judges Association Business Meeting
	<b>START A LAW PRACTICE TRACK</b>	2:00pm–5:00pm Consumer Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	2:30pm–5:30pm Young Lawyers Section Business Meeting
3:55pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	4:30pm – 6:00pm <b>Law School Receptions</b> Michigan State University University of Detroit Mercy University of Michigan Wayne State University Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley
	<b>START A LAW PRACTICE TRACK</b>	6:30pm – 8:30pm <b>State Bar of Michigan Celebrating Diversity Reception</b>
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	

# Schedule at a Glance—Solo & Small Firm Institute and Annual Meeting

Friday, October 9, 2015

Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE		SBM ANNUAL MEETING
8:00am	Continental Breakfast, Vendor Showcase, and Registration	8:00am–5:00pm Registration and Vendor Showcase Open
8:15am	Put the ICLE Partnership Resources to Work for Your Practice	8:30am–12:30pm Agricultural Law Section Business Meeting & Program
9:00am	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:</b> Wildfire: Creating Interest in Your Practice with Everyone You Meet Steve Hughes, Hityourstride.com, <i>Chesterfield, MO</i>	9:00am–11:00am Children’s Law Section Business Meeting & Program
10:00am	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:</b> Putting the Four Pillars of Law Practice Management into Practice Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	9:00am–12:00pm Criminal Law Section Business Meeting & Program
10:50am	Vendor Showcase Break	9:00am–1:00pm Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section Business Meeting, Program & Optional Lunch
11:10am	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b> Best Practices for Drafting Durable Powers of Attorney Jennifer M. Harvey, Harvey Legal Group PLLC, <i>Ann Arbor</i>	9:30am–11:00am Solo and Small Firm Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</b> Influence: The Art and Science of Changing Minds, Part 1 Steve Hughes, Hityourstride.com, <i>Chesterfield, MO</i>	9:30am–11:30am Master Lawyers Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> The Paperless Office—No Document Left Behind! JoAnn L. Hathaway, Practice Management Advisor, State Bar of Michigan, <i>Lansing</i>	10:00am–11:00am Latin American Bar Activities Section Business Meeting
12:00pm	Lunch and Annual Meeting Functions  <b>Optional Networking Event:</b> Law Practice Management & Legal Administrators Section Free Roundtable Lunch On-Site	10:00am–12:00pm Judicial Section Business Meeting
2:00pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b> Top Tips for Drafting Judgments of Divorce Randall J. Chioini, Chioini Group, <i>Mount Clemens</i>	11:30am–2:00pm Law Practice Management & Legal Admin Section Business Meeting & Lunch
	<b>MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</b> Influence: The Art and Science of Changing Minds, Part 2 Steve Hughes, Hityourstride.com, <i>Chesterfield, MO</i>	12:00pm–2:00pm <b>State Bar of Michigan 50-Year Golden Celebration Luncheon</b>
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> E-mail Management Techniques for Lawyers Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	12:00pm–2:00pm Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section Business Meeting & Program
2:55pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b> Top 10 Considerations When Defending Teens/College-Age Defendants Neil Rockind, Neil Rockind PC, <i>Southfield</i>	12:00pm–2:30pm Michigan Probate Judges Association Business Meeting
	<b>MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</b> Dazzle Me: Presentations That Captivate and Win Over Any Audience Steve Hughes, Hityourstride.com, <i>Chesterfield, MO</i>	12:00pm–3:00pm Michigan District Judges Association Business Meeting
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> Mobile Security, Remote Administration, and Employee Monitoring Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	12:00pm–4:30pm Animal Law Section Business Meeting & Program
3:45pm	Networking Break	1:00pm–2:00pm Law Student Section Business Meeting
4:00pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b> The Dos and Don’ts of Real Property Ownership Transfers Michael J. Lusardi, Dickinson Wright PLLC, <i>Troy</i>	2:00pm–3:00pm Criminal Issues Initiative, Children’s Law Section & Criminal Law Section Program
	<b>MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</b> Marketing is Everything Brendan B. Chard, The Modern Firm LLC, <i>Ann Arbor</i>	
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b> Mobile Synchronicity—Your Stuff Available on Every Device Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	

## Need-Based Scholarships

Scholarships made possible by the generous support of the State Bar of Michigan, the Business Law Section, the Probate & Estate Planning Section, and ICLE

Scholarships cover the registration fee for the *Solo & Small Firm Institute* and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference will be given to those who did not receive a scholarship to last year's program. Don't wait—apply today!

**To apply**, send a statement of need and indicate attendance (Thursday only, Friday only, or both days) to: Stephanie Fisher at: [icle\\_seminars@icle.org](mailto:icle_seminars@icle.org)

“Did not attend a session where I didn't learn something new and useful.”

Lawrence O. Wells  
Michigan League Insurance Project, *Lansing*

“Time spent was well worth the investment.”

Michele S. Gentile  
Newaygo County Prosecutor's Office, *Fremont*

“This was a fantastic opportunity to brush up on my legal knowledge and meet some wonderful attorneys in the process.”

Odey Kamal Meroueh  
Law Firm of Odey K. Meroueh, *Dearborn*

“Indispensable legal updates and practice tips.”

Cecil Jesse Green, *East Lansing*

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## Hotel Information

### Hyatt Place Hotel Novi

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248-513-4111 | [www.novi.place.hyatt.com](http://www.novi.place.hyatt.com)

Connected to the Suburban Collection Showplace, the Hyatt Place Hotel Novi offers the convenience of location without the sacrifice of quality and comfort! Please note that there are limited rooms available. To make your reservation at the Hyatt Place Hotel Novi, call 248-513-4111 and use Group Code G-SBMA. To receive the discounted group rate of \$126 plus taxes, reservations must be made by September 6, 2015.\*

### Courtyard Detroit Novi

42700 W 11 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375  
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Just down the street from the Suburban Collection Showplace, the Courtyard Detroit Novi boasts beautifully renovated rooms that are sure to impress. To make your reservation at the Courtyard Detroit Novi, call 800-321-2211 or 248-380-1234. Identify yourself as being with the State Bar of Michigan to receive the group discounted rate of \$119 plus taxes. Reservations must be made by September 16, 2015.\*

\*Registrants are responsible for their own hotel expenses.

# ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE DETAILS

## Wednesday, October 7, 2015

8:30am–10:00am

### **Military & Veterans' Law Section Networking Breakfast**

10:00am–11:00am

### **Military & Veterans' Law Section Business Meeting**

11:00am–12:00pm

### **Military & Veterans' Law Section Training**

#### **Forging Ahead with a Veteran Focus**

This year's program includes a membership appreciation breakfast followed by opening remarks from Hon. David Jordan. After the section formalities, Attorney Dan Rector will give a feature presentation on Traumatic Servicemember's Group Life Insurance, a benefit thousands of veterans are unaware they may qualify for.

*Speakers: Hon. David L. Jordan, Advocate/Founder of Michigan's 1st VTC, East Lansing; L. Dan Rector, Rector Law Firm, Colorado Springs, CO*

1:30pm–3:30pm

### **State Bar of Michigan 2014–2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting**

2:00pm–3:30pm

### **Michigan State Bar Foundation Members/Trustees Annual Business Meeting**

3:00pm–7:00pm

### **Annual Meeting Registration Opens**

3:30pm–4:30pm

### **State Bar of Michigan 2015–2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting**

4:15pm–4:30pm

### **Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation Annual Business Meeting**

4:30pm–6:00pm

### **Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation Annual Reception (by invitation)**

6:30pm–9:00pm

### **State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet**

Join us as we pay tribute to our members who have achieved the highest honors in areas of leadership, professional integrity, and community service. *Additional registration required.*

#### **Champion of Justice Award**

David W. Christensen, Stephanie Dawkins Davis, Nora M. Hudson, Alicia J. Skillman

#### **Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award**

James L. Shonkwiler (posthumously), Timothy A. Baughman, Adam A. Shakoor

#### **John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award**

Paul E. Scheidmantel

#### **John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award**

Professor Joseph Kimble

6:30pm–9:00pm

### **State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet (continued)**

**Kim Cahill Bar Leadership Award**  
St. Clair County Bar Association

**Liberty Bell Award**

Matthew R. Branding

**Roberts P. Hudson Award**

Edward H. Pappas

## Thursday, October 8, 2015

8:00am–5:00pm

### **Registration and Vendor Showcase**

8:00am–9:30am

### **Continental Breakfast**

9:00am–12:00pm

### **Family Law Section Business Meeting**

9:00am–9:30am

### **Insurance & Indemnity Law Section Business Meeting**

9:30am–11:00am

### **Insurance & Indemnity Law Section Program**

#### **Effective Facilitation of Insurance and Indemnity Disputes**

Join us for a meaningful discussion of effective facilitation techniques with a panel of experienced facilitators. The program will help you improve your advocacy skills in alternative dispute resolution, including valuable practice tips from the mediators. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the panel and other experienced practitioners concerning their experiences with alternative dispute resolution and, in particular, what they found to be effective and ineffective.

*Panelists: Kevin S. Hendrick, Clark Hill PLC, Detroit; Martin G. Waldman, Martin G. Waldman PC, West Bloomfield; Hon. James J. Rashid Jr., Judicial Resource Services PC, Farmington Hills*

9:00am–5:00pm

### **Representative Assembly Business Meeting**

9:30am–12:30pm

### **Michigan Lawyers Alliance Business Meeting**

10:00am–12:00pm

### **Michigan Association of Bar Executives Business Meeting**

10:00am–12:00pm

### **Michigan Indian Legal Services Business Meeting**

10:00am–12:00pm

### **Past Presidents Advisory Council Business Meeting**

11:30am–2:00pm

### **Real Property Law Section Council Meeting**

12:00pm–2:00pm

### **State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Luncheon**

Share in the celebration with the swearing-in of State Bar President Lori A. Buiteweg and other State Bar officers. *Additional registration required.*



**Thomas C. Rombach**  
SBM President  
2014–2015



**Lori A. Buiteweg**  
SBM President  
2015–2016

1:00pm–2:00pm

### **Administrative & Regulatory Law Section Program**

2:00pm–3:00pm

### **Administrative & Regulatory Law Section Business Meeting**

1:00pm–2:00pm

### **Arts, Communication, Entertainment & Sports Section Business Meeting**

2:00pm–3:30pm

### **Arts, Communication, Entertainment & Sports Section Program**

1:00pm–2:00pm

### **American Indian Law Section Business Meeting**

2:00pm–4:00pm

### **American Indian Law Section Program**

1:00pm–1:45pm

### **Appellate Practice Section Business Meeting**

2:00pm–4:00pm

### **Appellate Practice Section Program**

#### **Court of Appeals' Decisions and Post-Decision Practice**

A panel discussion on a variety of topics involving the Court of Appeals' process for deciding appeals. Some of the topics include: opinions of the Court—both at the application stage and for calendar cases, motions for reconsideration, publication of opinions, the use of unpublished opinions, conflict resolution, and taxation of costs and recovery of attorney fees.

*Moderator: Beth A. Wittmann, Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valiutti & Sherbrook, Detroit*

*Panelists: Hon. Elizabeth L. Gleicher, Michigan Court of Appeals, Detroit; Hon. Christopher M. Murray, Michigan Court of Appeals, Detroit; Hon. Douglas B. Shapiro, Michigan Court of Appeals, Lansing; Anne L. Argiroff, Anne Argiroff PLC, Farmington Hills; Valerie R. Newman, State Appellate Defender Office, Detroit; Robert G. Kamenek, Plunkett Cooney, Bloomfield Hills*



1:30pm–2:15pm  
**Labor and Employment Law Section**  
 Business Meeting

2:30pm–4:30pm  
**Labor and Employment Law Section**  
 Program

Judge Raymond M. Kethledge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Judges Nancy G. Edmunds and Laurie J. Michelson of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan will speak on the subject of labor and employment law practice in the federal courts.

1:30pm–4:45pm  
**Environmental Law Section**  
 Program

The Environmental Law Section will host keynote speaker Dan Wyant, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Michigan. Dan had previously served as president and COO of the Edward Lowe Foundation. He also served as director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

5:00pm–6:00pm  
**Environmental Law Section**  
 Business Meeting

2:00pm–4:00pm  
**Litigation Section**  
 Business Meeting

2:00pm–4:00pm  
**Michigan Retired Judges Association**  
 Business Meeting

2:00pm–4:00pm  
**Negligence Law Section**  
 Business Meeting & Program

2:00pm–3:00pm  
**Consumer Law Section**  
 Business Meeting

3:15pm–5:00pm  
**Consumer Law Section**  
 Program

**Protecting Consumers from**  
**Vehicle Title Fraud and Abuse**

Howard Nusbaum, Administrator of the National Salvage Vehicle Reporting Program (NSVRP) will be the keynote speaker. The NSVRP is a not-for-profit law enforcement support organization dedicated to reducing auto theft, title fraud, and abuse. The NSVRP is an invaluable resource for attorneys representing consumers who have been subjected to fraud and abuse in the context of used vehicle sales, including undisclosed salvage and flood vehicles, stolen vehicles, and odometer fraud.

*Speaker: Howard Nusbaum, Administrator of the National Salvage Vehicle Reporting Program, New York, NY*

2:30pm–5:30pm  
**Young Lawyers Section**  
 Business Meeting

4:30pm–6:00pm  
**Law School Receptions**  
 Michigan State University  
 University of Detroit Mercy  
 University of Michigan  
 Wayne State University  
 Western Michigan University Cooley Law School

6:30pm–8:30pm  
**State Bar of Michigan**  
 Reception

The reception will acknowledge the work accomplished over the year in support of achieving greater diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. This year's reception will again include entertainment by Soulivity, a Washtenaw County-based all-lawyer R&B band. *Additional registration required.*

**Friday, October 9, 2015**

8:00am–2:00pm  
**Registration and Vendor Showcase**

8:00am–9:30am  
**Continental Breakfast**

8:30am–9:00am  
**Agricultural Law Section**  
 Business Meeting

9:00am–12:30pm  
**Agricultural Law Section**  
 Program

The Agricultural Law Section invites you to join its annual meeting and informative program. This lively presentation will include valuable topics such as Lending in Agriculture Post 2015, Water Withdrawal and the Assessment Tool, as well as the Michigan Right to Farm Act, Zoning, and CAFOs.

9:00am–10:00am  
**Children's Law Section**  
 Business Meeting

10:00am–11:00am  
**Children's Law Section**  
 Program

Feature guest speaker Steve Yager is the Executive Director, Children's Services Agency. The Children's Law Section will also sponsor a presentation entitled "Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Adjudications" as an additional program which will begin at 2:00 p.m.  
*Speaker: Steve Yager, Executive Director of the Children's Services Agency, Department of Health and Human Services*

9:00am–10:00am  
**Criminal Law Section**  
 Business Meeting

10:00am–12:00pm  
**Criminal Law Section**  
 Program

**Exploring Indigent Defense Reform**

Michigan has 83 counties, each of which can determine its own indigent defense delivery system. In response, the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) has been tasked with proposing minimum standards for indigent defense and with working with these local delivery systems to implement plans that comply with the standards. Join us for an interactive discussion of the new minimum standards for indigent defense systems from the perspective of all stakeholders: defense, prosecution, judges, and administration. How do the new standards affect you?

*Speakers: Jonathan Sacks, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission, Lansing; Hon. Sarah J. Smolenski, 63rd District Court, Grand Rapids; Frederick D. Johnson Jr., County of Muskegon, Muskegon; Nancy J. Diehl, Former Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor and SBM Past President, Detroit*

9:00am–10:00am  
**Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section**  
 Business Meeting

10:00am–12:00pm  
**Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section**  
 Program

12:00pm–1:00pm  
**Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section**  
 Luncheon Event

**Criminal Defense Meets Social Media**

The evolution and growth of social media continues at exponential proportions. Social media is being used as a tool and as a weapon by law enforcement, lawyers, and courts. Learn how to advise clients on their use of social media.

*Speaker: Corey D. Silverstein, Law Offices of Corey D. Silverstein, Bingham Farms*

9:30am–10:30am  
**Master Lawyers Section**  
 Business Meeting

10:30am–11:30am  
**Master Lawyers Section**  
 Program

9:30am–10:00am  
**Solo & Small Firm Section**  
 Business Meeting

10:00am–11:00am  
**Solo & Small Firm Section**  
 Program

10:00am–11:00am  
**Latin American Bar Activities Section**  
 Business Meeting

10:00am-12:00pm  
**Judicial Section**  
 Business Meeting

11:30am-2:00pm  
**Law Practice Management & Legal Administrators Section**  
 Business Meeting, Program & Lunch

#### Q&A Open Forum

We will be holding a Q&A session discussing relevant issues to law practice management. It is an open-mic forum and guests are encouraged to answer each other's questions, provide ideas, and share information. Lunch is provided.

*Moderator: Rebecca Simkins, Quicken Loans Inc, Detroit*

12:00pm-2:00pm  
**Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section**  
 Business Meeting & Program

Invited speaker Richard Solomon is set to speak to section members and other interested SBM members on franchisee due diligence issues. The term "franchisee due diligence" refers to the invitation and evaluation of actual and potential franchise opportunities. Mr. Solomon has practiced franchise law for more than 50 years, during which time he has written numerous articles on many franchise law and practice subjects. Attorneys representing franchise businesses and prospective franchisees will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.

12:00pm-2:00pm  
**State Bar of Michigan**  
 50-Year Golden Celebration Luncheon  
 Celebrate and honor fellow colleagues being recognized for 50 years of membership in the State Bar of Michigan. This is a great opportunity to network with your peers and mentors.  
*Additional registration required.*

12:00pm-2:30pm  
**Michigan Probate Judges Association**  
 Business Meeting

12:00pm-3:00pm  
**Michigan District Judges Association**  
 Business Meeting

12:00pm-12:30pm  
**Animal Law Section**  
 Business Meeting

12:30pm-4:30pm  
**Animal Law Section**  
 Program

#### Animal Law Section 20th Anniversary: Past, Present, and Future

Founded in 1995, the State Bar of Michigan's Animal Law Section was the first of its kind statewide. Help us celebrate our 20th anniversary with featured speaker Joyce Tischler, founder of the Animal Legal Defense Fund, discussing the past 20 years of Animal Law and what the future holds.

*Speakers: Joyce Tischler, Founder of Animal Legal Defense Fund, Cotati, CA; David S. Favre, Professor, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing; Rajesh Krishna Prasad, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Detroit; Richard C. Angelo Jr., Law Offices of Richard C. Angelo, Jr. PLLC, Davison*

1:00pm-2:00pm  
**Law Student Section**  
 Business Meeting

2:00pm-3:00pm  
**Criminal Issues Initiative, Children's Law Section & Criminal Law Section**  
 Program

#### Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Adjudications

This program is sponsored by the Criminal Issues Initiative, Children's Law Section, and Criminal Law Section. Youth involved in the juvenile justice system often face issues and challenges that extend beyond the confines of the courtroom. A panel of experts will explain how juvenile adjudications may impact a child and family long after a juvenile court case is closed. Public housing, immigration, employment, current legislation, and other topics will be highlighted in this exciting presentation.

## Vendor Presentations

Schedule as of August 1, 2015

This year, attendees will have an opportunity to hear directly from vendors about current trends in the industry. Presentations may include demonstrations of the hottest new products and technologies, as well as new strategies that will impact the way you do business. Don't miss this great new feature! Presentations will be located on the exhibit hall floor in the vendor showcase area during exhibit hall hours.

### Thursday

8:00am-5:00pm  
**Exhibit Hall Open**

9:00am-10:00am  
**Casemaker Training**



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10:30am-11:00am  
**Vanco Presentation**



As experts in payment processing, Vanco Payment Solutions can help your firm simplify the way client legal fees are processed. This presentation offers insight into our new flat rate model developed with State Bar of Michigan members in mind. With no minimums, monthly or annual fees and the option to pick either your general account or IOLTA account to have your monies deposited into, we want to help you streamline your business needs.

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**SECTION AND ANCILLARY GROUP MEETINGS** **TIMES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015**

MILITARY AND VETERANS' LAW SECTION\* 8:30AM-12:00PM

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015**

- ADMINISTRATIVE & REGULATORY LAW SECTION\* 1:00PM-3:00PM
- AMERICAN INDIAN LAW SECTION\* 1:00PM-4:00PM
- APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION\* 1:00PM-4:00PM
- ARTS, COMMUNICATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS SECTION\* 1:00PM-3:30PM
- CONSUMER LAW SECTION\* 2:00PM-5:00PM
- ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION\* 1:30PM-6:00PM
- FAMILY LAW SECTION\* 9:00AM-12:00PM
- INSURANCE & INDEMNITY LAW SECTION\* 9:00AM-11:00AM
- LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION\* 1:30PM-4:30PM
- LITIGATION SECTION\* 2:00PM-4:00PM
- MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF BAR EXECUTIVES 10:00AM-12:00PM
- MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES\* 10:00AM-12:00PM
- MICHIGAN LAWYERS ALLIANCE 9:30AM-12:30PM
- MICHIGAN RETIRED JUDGES ASSOCIATION 2:00PM-4:00PM
- NEGLIGENCE LAW SECTION\* 2:00PM-4:00PM
- PAST PRESIDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL 10:00AM-12:00PM
- REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION 11:30AM-2:00PM
- REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY  I AM A R.A. MEMBER 9:00AM-5:00PM
- YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION 2:30PM-5:30PM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015**

- ANTI-TRUST, FRANCHISING & TRADE REGULATION SECTION 12:00PM-2:00PM
- AGRICULTURAL LAW SECTION\* 8:30AM-12:30PM
- ANIMAL LAW SECTION\* 12:00PM-4:30PM
- CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION\* 9:00AM-11:00AM
- CRIMINAL ISSUES INITIATIVE, CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION & CRIMINAL LAW SECTION PROGRAM\* 2:00PM-3:00PM
- CRIMINAL LAW SECTION\* 9:00AM-12:00PM
- JUDICIAL SECTION\* 10:00AM-12:00PM
- LATIN AMERICAN BAR ACTIVITIES SECTION\* 10:00AM-11:00AM
- LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT & LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS SECTION\* LUNCH INCLUDED 11:30AM-2:00PM
- LAW STUDENT SECTION\* 1:00PM-2:00PM
- MASTER LAWYERS SECTION\* 9:30AM-11:30AM
- MICHIGAN DISTRICT JUDGES ASSOCIATION 12:00PM-3:00PM
- MICHIGAN PROBATE JUDGES ASSOCIATION 12:00PM-2:30PM
- PARALEGAL/LEGAL ASSISTANT SECTION\* & OPTIONAL LUNCH 9:00AM-1:00PM
- SOLO AND SMALL FIRM SECTION\* 9:30AM-11:00AM

\*Open to all State Bar members

**Early Bird Savings End August 28, 2015**

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellation requests must be made in writing to the State Bar of Michigan before August 28, 2015 for a full refund. After August 28, a \$25 fee applies. No refunds will be made after September 9, 2015.

**Accommodations:** Discounted rates are available at the Hyatt Place Hotel Novi and the Courtyard Detroit Novi. Visit [www.michbar.org/annualmeeting](http://www.michbar.org/annualmeeting) for details.

**Register me for the Solo & Small Firm Institute:**

(Includes materials download. Register for print handbook and meals separately.)

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SOLO & SMALL FIRM INSTITUTE PRINT HANDBOOK  \$75

**Can't attend the Institute? Order the electronic materials!**

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015, 9:40AM-10:40AM**

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Finding Bliss in the Future of Legal Service and Practice** featuring Deborah Epstein Henry  FREE

**Register me for the following Networking Events:**

(Contact Amy Castner to reserve tables at meal events. 517-346-6322 or [acastner@mail.michbar.org](mailto:acastner@mail.michbar.org))

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<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015</b>		
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<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015</b>		
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> FREE
STATE BAR INAUGURAL LUNCH	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> \$45 EARLY BIRD <input type="radio"/> \$49 REGULAR
CELEBRATING DIVERSITY RECEPTION	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> \$10
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015</b>		
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> FREE
50-YEAR GOLDEN CELEBRATION LUNCH	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> \$45 EARLY BIRD <input type="radio"/> \$49 REGULAR
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