

UpFront

By Samantha Meinke

Face of Justice Program Introduces Students to Legal Profession

The second annual Face of Justice program introduced Lansing high school students to potential careers in the legal system on October 30 at the Hall of Justice in Lansing. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, State Bar of Michigan Commissioner and Ingham County Court Commissioner Shauna Dunnings, 29th Circuit Court Judge Michelle Rick, Michigan State Housing Development Authority staff attorney Kara Hart-Negrich, and SBM Director of Diversity Gregory Conyers kicked off the event with welcoming remarks.

A panel including Judge Rick, Wayne County Sheriff's Office General Counsel Kristina Robinson, Mt. Zion Church associate minister and law student Arturo Alfaro, and Michigan State Police Recruiting Coordinator Dwayne Gill spoke to students about their experiences in the law. Students received a tour of the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center led by coordinator Rachael Drenovsky, a courtroom tour led by Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Amy Krause, and "jet mentoring" with attorneys and judges. ■



Students participate in jet mentoring—mentoring modeled on speed dating—with Kristina Robinson and Steven Beatty.

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Face of Justice mentors included (Back Row, left to right): Arturo Alfaro, Steven Beatty, Darin Day, Dwayne Gill, Jaqueline Freeman, Daniel Levy, and Jennifer Rosa. (Front Row): Amanda Page, Judge Andrea Larkin, Judge Michelle Rick, Shauna Dunnings, Jessica Fox, Kristina Robinson, Kara Hart-Negrich, Helen Haessly, and Gregory Conyers.

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Janet K. Welch Honored with Carolyn A. Stell Award

The Woman Lawyers Association of Michigan honored State Bar of Michigan Executive Director Janet K. Welch with the Carolyn A. Stell Award at the 25th Annual Stell Reception on November 8 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Welch joined the Bar in December 2000 as general counsel, and is the first woman to head the more than 45,000-member organization. Before coming to the Bar, Welch served as Michigan Supreme Court counsel for four years. Her extensive career in state government includes serving as a legislative analyst for the Michigan House of Representatives, a clerk to Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert P. Griffin, and an executive analyst in the Office of the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. A graduate of Albion College and the University of

Michigan Law School, Welch served as reporter for the Commission on the Courts in the 21st Century and as staff to the Michigan Justice Project. In 1998, the Council of State Governments named her a Toll Fellow for outstanding achievement and service to state government.

The Stell Reception is named in honor of Carolyn A. Stell, the first female judge on the Ingham County Circuit Court bench. The Stell Award is given to a local member of the bench or bar in recognition of his or her contributions to the legal community and to the advancement of women in the legal profession. The Carolyn A. Stell Scholarship, a \$1,000 grant, is also presented to a deserving female law student at the reception. Proceeds from the reception benefit the scholarship fund. ■

Correction

Christopher B. Wickman's "The Importance of a Sentencing Theory" (November 2017 *Michigan Bar Journal*, p 30) used a hypothetical example with Joe and Jane, indicating that Jane could face the same punishment (life imprisonment) as Joe under an accessory-after-the-fact theory. This is incorrect. If Jane was charged under an aiding-and-abetting theory, she would face the same punishment as Joe. Under an accessory-after-the-fact theory, however, she would be charged with a five-year maximum felony under the common law and MCL 750.505. An early draft of the article implicated Jane under an aiding-and-abetting theory, and when her role in the crime was changed, the maximum punishment and focus of elocution were not updated. The author sincerely apologizes for the error, but hopes that readers were able to benefit from the content of the article outside the hypothetical problem used. The error has been corrected in the online version of the article at <http://www.michbar.org/file/barjournal/article/documents/pdf4article3248.pdf> and <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/55402027#/55402027/32>.

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