



NEGLIGENCE LAW

Theme Introduction

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The State Bar of Michigan Negligence Law Section is pleased to present this theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. We are fortunate to draw from our own section council members, who are among the top negligence law practitioners in the state.

We invite you to read appellate practitioner Tim Diemer's article, "Gross Negligence Under the Common Law: Exorcising a Ghost of a Forgotten Time." Bob Riley has written "Is There a Future for Case Evaluation in Negligence Litigation?" His unique perspective as a trial lawyer and mediator makes an article like this all the more timely. Chad Engelhardt, an experienced trial lawyer with Goethel Engelhardt, PLLC, in Ann Arbor, brings his expertise in motor carrier litigation to bear in "Commercial Motor Vehicles: Big Rigs, Big Danger, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Public Safety Net." Jim Bradley and Drew Broaddus of Secrest Wardle present "*Nickola* and the Limitations on Penalty Interest Awards in Tort Actions." Lastly, appellate specialist Mark Granzotto offers "Statutes I Have Loved and (Mostly) Lost."

The SBM Negligence Law Section is comprised of nearly 2,000 practitioners equally divided between plaintiff and defense. Accordingly, the section comes at issues from the middle, not from the right or the left. The section has always emphasized the right to jury trial for both plaintiffs and defendants, and one of its goals is to monitor—and influence, when necessary—legislation affecting negligence lawyers. If you see legislation you think we should examine, please let us know. We hope you enjoy this theme issue. ■



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