

UpFront

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2018–2019 Section Chair Orientation



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Incoming chairpersons of State Bar of Michigan sections attended orientation on October 16 at the Michael Franck Building in Lansing.

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Transcripts Available for Speech on Michigan's Reception of the Common Law

Wayne State University Law School Professor Vincent Wellman presented on the topic of Michigan's reception of the common law at the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society's recent annual meeting. The transcript of his speech is on the Society's website at <http://www.micourthistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Wellman.pdf>. ■

Promoting Professionalism in the 21st Century

Respected lawyers and judges whose reputations for professionalism have contributed to their success gathered at the Hall of Justice in Lansing on October 18 for a daylong conversation about professionalism in the legal field. The group met with three goals in

mind: engaging a broad array of Michigan lawyers and judges to identify ongoing, practical tools for developing and sustaining professionalism, particularly civility, in the legal profession; identifying how the legal profession may contribute to strengthening

the role of public civil discourse and creating tools around those ideas; and developing strategies for sustained local action and communications on professionalism and civility, led by the legal profession and eventually involving the broader community. ■



Attendance was high at Promoting Professionalism in the 21st Century on October 18 at the Hall of Justice.



A panel discussion moderated by SBM Past President Edward Pappas explored expectations for sustaining a culture of professionalism. Panelists included, from left to right: Judge Denise Page Hood, William Jack Jr., Judge Jane Beckering, and Aaron Burrell.



Former SBM President and Michigan Supreme Court Justice Dennis Archer provided a keynote speech on "Strengthening the Role of Civil Discourse."