

ABA TECHSHOW 2021: Gone Virtual

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Legal work today depends on technology to manage day-to-day activities, practice more competently, and service clients more effectively. Now in its 35th year, the American Bar Association TECHSHOW teaches you how technology can work for you through continuing legal education seminars, presentations, and workshops. This ABA Law Practice Division event brings lawyers and technology together; you'll get your questions answered and learn from top legal professionals and tech innovators.

Gone virtual

As with many other conferences, TECHSHOW 2021 will be virtual. Previously a three-day event, this year's conference has been expanded to a five-day streaming event from March 8–12. Here is a taste of this year's session tracks and content:

- **Core concepts:** Emphasizes fundamental technologies and systems lawyers should be using in their practices.
- **Ethics:** Teaches you how to conduct an ethical practice remotely during this difficult time.
- **Diversity:** Learn to maximize technology and empower your leaders for better outcomes and access to justice.

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- **Disruptive innovation:** Hear how to innovate and solve emerging legal problems with technology.
- **Cybersecurity:** Understand security threats and learn how to protect your practice.
- **Well-being:** Learn how technology can help or hinder your lifestyle while harnessing it for your betterment.
- **Marketing:** Extend your reach with tools from workshops covering everything from social media, online communities, managing client relationships, and more.
- **Virtual/remote practice:** Learn workflows, onboarding and managing teams, and everything necessary for building your virtual practice.
- **Future proof:** Explore reimagined workplaces and spaces for 2021 and beyond using technology to work smarter.
- **Leadership:** Leverage your social impact and shape your identity for successful outcomes.
- **Next 20:** Hear forward thinkers address pressing challenges in the legal field and how to create a modern practice.
- **Business plan boot camp:** Understand how to ease pain points and build a better customer experience using automation tools.
- **Lessons learned:** Experienced practitioners share their knowledge about strategies that have and have not worked during the pandemic, and discuss critical tools for ethically complying with technology, improving productivity, and more.
- **Litigation:** Enhance your skills with sessions on investigating a file, running a tech-fueled trial, presenting evidence with fireworks, and online dispute resolution techniques.

Faculty

TECHSHOW boasts a hand-selected faculty of tech experts and thought leaders. View the full list of instructors and their bios at the event's website at <https://www.techshow.com>.

Materials

One challenge of attending conferences is leaving with information to refer to and share with others. That's not a problem with TECHSHOW; faculty must submit detailed white papers on their speaking topics, which are often accompanied by PowerPoint presentations. These invaluable resources are provided to registered attendees.

Law Practice Division books

In past years, full registrants received a \$10 voucher to use toward a book purchase

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from the ABA Law Practice Division. Hopefully, this tradition continues in 2021. The division’s many titles focus on the latest in technology, practice management, marketing, and finance.

Startup competition

Back for another year is the startup competition highlighting 15 innovative legal startups. The entrants face off in a “Shark Tank”-esque pitch competition with TECHSHOW attendees voting for the most innovative group. Startups are also featured in the TECHSHOW expo hall.

Vendors

TECHSHOW’s expo hall always features a multitude of legal-technology service providers and product makers ranging from startups to trusted brands. Registrants get a first look at what’s new to the market and find real solutions to their everyday needs.

Pricing options

Special pricing options are available to State Bar of Michigan members. To access the discount, use SBM event promoter code EP2110. It allows you to receive the exclusive event promoter discount rate of \$295, which is also the ABA member rate. If you register at any rate other than the event promoter rate, the code will not work and you will not get a discount. To register, visit <https://www.techshow.com/pricing>. You can also find other pricing options and attendee options at that URL. ■

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For complete information on TECHSHOW 2021, visit <https://www.techshow.com>.
To discuss specific questions about TECHSHOW with a seasoned attendee, contact State Bar of Michigan practice management advisor JoAnn Hathaway at (517) 346-6381.

Interest Rates for Money Judgments

Under MCL 600.6013 (Revised January 1, 2021*)

I. [MCL 600.6013(8)] FOR ALL COMPLAINTS FILED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1987 UNLESS SECTION II, III, or IV APPLIES:

Interest on a money judgment recovered in a civil action is calculated at 6-month intervals from the date of filing the complaint at a rate of interest equal to 1% plus the average interest rate paid at auctions of 5-year United States treasury notes during the 6 months immediately preceding July 1 and January 1, as certified by the state treasurer, and compounded annually, according to this section. Interest under this subsection is calculated on the entire amount of the money judgment, including attorney fees and other costs. See interest rate chart below.

II. [MCL 600. 6013(7)] FOR COMPLAINTS FILED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2002 THAT ARE BASED ON A WRITTEN INSTRUMENT WITH A SPECIFIED INTEREST RATE:

Interest is calculated from the date of filing the complaint to the date of satisfaction of the judgment at the rate specified in the instrument if the rate was legal at the time the instrument was executed. If the rate in the written instrument is a variable rate, interest shall be fixed at the rate in effect under the instrument at the time the complaint is filed. The rate under this subsection shall not exceed 13% per year compounded annually.

III. [MCL 600. 6013(5 and 6)] FOR COMPLAINTS FILED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1987, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2002 THAT ARE BASED ON A WRITTEN INSTRUMENT:

Interest is calculated from the date of filing the complaint to the date of satisfaction of the judgment at the rate of 12% per year compounded annually, unless the instrument has a higher rate of interest. In that case, interest shall be calculated at the rate specified in the instrument if the rate was legal at the time the instrument was executed. The rate shall not exceed 13% per year compounded annually after the date judgment is entered.

Notwithstanding the prior paragraph, if the civil action has not resulted in a final, non-appealable judgment as of July 1, 2002, and if a judgment is or has been rendered on a written instrument that does not evidence indebtedness with a specified interest rate, interest is calculated as provided in Section I above.

IV. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

If the complaint was filed before January 1, 1987, refer to MCL 600.6013(2)–(4).

Interest is not allowed on future damages from the date of filing the complaint to the date of entry of the judgment. [MCL 600.6013(1)]

The amount of allowable interest may be different in certain settlement and medical malpractice case scenarios. [MCL 600.6013(9-13)]

Effective Date	Average Certified by State Treasurer	Statutory 1%	Interest Rate	Effective Date	Average Certified by State Treasurer	Statutory 1%	Interest Rate
Jan. 1, 2000	5.7563%	1%	6.7563%	Jan. 1, 2011	1.553%	1%	2.553%
July 1, 2000	6.473%	1%	7.473%	July 1, 2011	2.007%	1%	3.007%
Jan. 1, 2001	5.965%	1%	6.965%	Jan. 1, 2012	1.083%	1%	2.083%
July 1, 2001	4.782%	1%	5.782%	July 1, 2012	0.871%	1%	1.871%
Jan. 1, 2002	4.14%	1%	5.14%	Jan. 1, 2013	0.687%	1%	1.687%
July 1, 2002	4.36%	1%	5.36%	July 1, 2013	0.944%	1%	1.944%
Jan. 1, 2003	3.189%	1%	4.189%	Jan. 1, 2014	1.452%	1%	2.452%
July 1, 2003	2.603%	1%	3.603%	July 1, 2014	1.622%	1%	2.622%
Jan. 1, 2004	3.295%	1%	4.295%	Jan. 1, 2015	1.678%	1%	2.678%
July 1, 2004	3.357%	1%	4.357%	July 1, 2015	1.468%	1%	2.468%
Jan. 1, 2005	3.529%	1%	4.529%	Jan. 1, 2016	1.571%	1%	2.571%
July 1, 2005	3.845%	1%	4.845%	July 1, 2016	1.337%	1%	2.337%
Jan. 1, 2006	4.221%	1%	5.221%	Jan. 1, 2017	1.426%	1%	2.426%
July 1, 2006	4.815%	1%	5.815%	July 1, 2017	1.902%	1%	2.902%
Jan. 1, 2007	4.701%	1%	5.701%	Jan. 1, 2018	1.984%	1%	2.984%
July 1, 2007	4.741%	1%	5.741%	July 1, 2018	2.687%	1%	3.687%
Jan. 1, 2008	4.033%	1%	5.033%	Jan. 1, 2019	2.848%	1%	3.848%
July 1, 2008	3.063%	1%	4.063%	July 1, 2019	2.235%	1%	3.235%
Jan. 1, 2009	2.695%	1%	3.695%	Jan. 1, 2020	1.617%	1%	2.617%
July 1, 2009	2.101%	1%	3.101%	July 1, 2020	0.699%	1%	1.699%
Jan. 1, 2010	2.480%	1%	3.480%	Jan. 1, 2021	0.330%	1%	1.330%
July 1, 2010	2.339%	1%	3.339%				

*For the most up-to-date information, visit <http://courts.michigan.gov/Administration/SCAO/Resources/Documents/other/interest.pdf>.