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Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee and National Association of Women Judges



Welcome, Lansing School District students. The Face of Justice Program is a unique opportunity for you as a student to learn more about the legal profession. The program is designed to give you several types of information that we hope you find useful as you consider your options for a profession after you have completed school.

The tour of the Learning Center will introduce you to some concepts that are a part of the legal system through the interactive displays.

The tour of the courtrooms will give you a chance to see where some decisions are made when cases rise to the level that they take place in the Hall of Justice.

The "jet" mentoring sessions will allow you to ask questions and hear from people from several different areas within the profession. This is your opportunity to find out more about the steps involved in becoming a lawyer or other legal professional, discuss the types of work people do, and the details that may help you decide what you want to do when you graduate from school.

Please enjoy this opportunity and take advantage of each of the sessions you are participating in today. We hope your day is thought provoking and constructive as you learn more about the courts and the legal profession.

Gregory P. Conyers Director of Diversity, State Bar of Michigan

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October 30, 2017

Agenda

9:00 Welcome and Introductions

Honorable Bridget Mary McCormack, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
Honorable Michelle M. Rick, 29th Circuit Court Judge
Kara R. Hart-Negrich, Attorney, Michigan State Housing Development Authority,
State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioner member
Shauna L. Dunnings, Ingham County Circuit Court Administrator,
State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioner member
Gregory P. Conyers, Director of Diversity and Inclusion

9:30 Panel Presentation

Honorable Michelle M. Rick Kristina Lauren Robinson, *General Counsel, Wayne County Sheriff's Office* Arturo Alfaro, *Associate Minister, Mt. Zion Church* Sergeant Dwayne L. Gill, *Recruiting Coordinator, Michigan State Police*

10:00 Track 1—Hall of Justice Learning Center and Courtroom Tours

Honorable Amy Ronayne Krause, Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Rachael Drenovsky, Learning Center Coordinator, Michigan Supreme Court

Track 2—Jet Mentoring

12:00 Final Remarks, Lunch, and Networking







Arturo Alfaro Associate Minister

Education: Baker College, WMU Cooley Law School

Current Employer: Mt. Zion Church

Website: www.mtzion.org

Current Employment: As a minister I meet with families and attorneys to provide clear and accurate communication, and to help people understand what they face through the legal system.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A navy pilot! The idea of flying a jet and going around the world in an aircraft carrier seemed like an adventure.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: My own experience with the legal system motivated me. Many people already feel judged by their circumstances and they need effective counsel who can listen, educate, and guide them without judgment.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: This is one profession where your actions truly have a direct impact on people's lives. In many instances, your counsel and expertise will result in life-changing decisions. Join those who choose to be the difference!

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Steven G. Beatty Attorney-Departmental Specialist

Education: Wittenberg University, WMU Cooley Law School

Current Employer: Michigan State Police

(previously chief assistant prosecutor, and private practice attorney)

Website: www.michigan.gov/msp/

Current Employment: Currently I serve as an attorney in the Legislative and Legal Resource Section within the Office of the Director with a wide variety of responsibilities, including

coordinating all recruit school and department legal instruction; review of agreements, forms, and official orders; providing legal advice to department members; and liaison with the public and other enforcement members on a variety of matters.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A lawyer.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: Critical thinking skills.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Don't pursue it for the money or use money as a measure of your success. Pursue it only if it is your passion, and if so, success will follow and will be measured by your own priorities.

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Darin Day SBM Director of Outreach

Education: Michigan State University School of Social Work, University of Chicago

Current Employer: State Bar of Michigan

Website: www.michbar.org

Current Employment: I help ensure that Michigan's 13 voluntary bar associations and 42 State Bar sections continue to have an effective voice; I also support law-related education programs across the state.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A lawyer, a writer, and a community organizer.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: Participating in theater throughout school and having excellent teachers of writing.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: With legal training and a law degree, the options are almost endless; you can be successful in any number of fields.

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Shauna Dunnings Ingham County Circuit Court Administrator

Education: University of Michigan, Howard University of Law

Current Employer: Ingham County Circuit Court

Website: http://cc.ingham.org/

Current Employment: I oversee the operations of the circuit court, which includes the Juvenile Division, the Friend of the Court, and the General Trial Division.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: Attorney.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: Enhancing my critical thinking by reading. If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Be persistent and never give up on your dreams.

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Jessica S. Fox Attorney

Education: Michigan State University

Current Employer: Nolan, Thomsen & Villas, P.C.

Website: www.ntvlaw.com

Current Employment: I am an attorney at a general practice law firm. That means that I work on cases in a lot of different practice areas. I handle a lot of domestic relations cases and probate/estate cases.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A teacher, or a lawyer.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: Learning how to think critically and creatively at the same time.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: A career in the legal field is very rewarding, but very difficult. You must truly know that being a lawyer is who you are, not just something to do.

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Jaqueline Freeman Director of Pre-Enrollment Programs and Diversity

Education: Central Michigan University, B.A. M.A., and WMU Cooley Law School

Current Employer: WMU Cooley Law School

Website: www.Cooley.edu

Current Employment: Administer and teach in our law school qualifying program, issue F-1 visas for students studying at our school, and coordinate our Disability Services Program.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A lawyer.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: My M.A. in professional counseling and my love of reading! If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Talk to people who are working in the areas of law that you might be interested in before you commit the time and resources to pursuing a law degree.

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Dwayne L. Gill Sergeant

Education: University of Phoenix

Current Employer: Michigan State Police

Website: mi.gov/mspjobs

Current Employment: Recruiting coordinator for the Michigan State Police.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: Professional soldier.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: My military and prior police service.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Don't quit; do your best; pay it forward.

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Helen Haessly Coordinator of Development and Alumni Services

Education: Texas Woman's University, WMU Cooley Law School

Current Employer: WMU Cooley Law School

Website: www.cooley.edu

Current Employment: I work with computer programs to record alumni information, keep our website updated, and prepare reports with statistical data. I also help to plan alumni events around the country, and network with business professionals.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: I studied library science and business. I worked in real estate industry for years. I loved to read and learn new things.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: The fact that I enjoyed reading, studying and analyzing situations was the best indication that I would do well as a lawyer.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Practice public speaking and read biographies and history books.

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Amy Ronayne Krause Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals

Education: University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame

Current Employer: Michigan Court of Appeals

Website: http://courts.mi.gov/courts/coa/Pages/default.aspx

Current Employment: As an appellate court judge, I review lower court findings and trials for errors. We are an error-correcting court. If there are no errors, the judgment below is affirmed. My job entails researching, writing and reading. I read briefs and reports for each

case and draft opinions on the cases to which I am assigned. I also listen to oral arguments. In addition, we have a heavy motion docket dealing with applications for leave to appeal.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A lawyer, an actress or a psychologist.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: The concept of justice was instilled in me by my family at an early age. Understanding that all people are equal was always driven home to me—all people, no matter what, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: The law is always changing and there are so many times two lawyers can't agree on what a point of law means or stands for. It is always challenging and exciting. I just love the law.

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Andrea Andrews Larkin Chief Judge, 54B District Court, East Lansing

Education: University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Law School

Current Employer: 54B District Court, East Lansing

Website: cityofeastlansing.com

Current Employment: Applying the laws to criminal and civil cases. I am also presiding over a sobriety court and a drug court.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A journalist.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: Working at my dad's law office.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: You can make a difference in this profession. You see and learn something different every day.

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Daniel Levy Director of Law and Policy

Education: University of Michigan, Wayne State University Law School

Current Employer: State of Michigan

Website: Michigan.gov

Current Employment: Supervise legal staff and help form public policy.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: Relevant.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: Prosecuting internship.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Learning to be lawyer is not like being one.

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Kara Hart-Negrich Staff Attorney

Education: University of Michigan, Wayne State University Law School

Current Employer: Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)

Website: www.michigan.gov/mshda/

Current Employment: MSHDA provides affordable housing in Michigan, and I advise MSHDA employees on fair housing, civil rights, and real estate law in connection to the affordable housing MSHDA funds.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: An actress, a journalist or a photographer.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: I've always loved to read, which helped in law school except for when the cases were REALLY boring.

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Amanda Page Attorney-owner, Page Law, PLLC

Education: Michigan State University, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Current Employer: Page Law, PLLC

Website: www.apagelaw.com

Current Employment: Attorney/owner, bankruptcy practice

When I was younger I dreamed of being: When I was super young I wanted to be a nurse for the circus. Backstory, my mom is a nurse, and my grandpa would always take us to the

circus. So I created my own niche field!

One thing that best prepared me for law school: My psychology undergrad degree and being able to relate to all kinds of people.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: I would get as much exposure to the legal field as possible in as many areas as possible.

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Michelle M. Rick Judge, 29th Circuit Court

Education: Michigan State University, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Current Employer: 29th Circuit Court **Website:** www.clinton-county.org

Current Employment: I am a circuit court judge. I hear family law, criminal law, and civil law cases where the amount in dispute is more than \$25,000.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: It was my dream to be a lawyer.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: In high school I participated in debate and forensics. The skills I learned then helped me later in law school and with my career.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Be passionate about whatever career you decide upon. If you have a desire to help people access justice, consider a career in the law!

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Kristina Lauren Robinson General Counsel

Education: University of Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Current Employer: Wayne County Sheriff's Office

Website: www.waynecounty.com

Current Employment: I advise the Sheriff's Office in all legal matters including litigation, contracts, labor and employment, FOIA, personnel, civil process and correctional issues. I protects the rights of employees, inmates and the public.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A lawyer.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: Mentorship.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Try your best in school and try to get as much writing experience as possible.

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Jennifer Rosa Associate Clinical Professor of Law

Education: University of Michigan, Tulane University

Current Employer: Michigan State University College of Law

Website: www.law.msu.edu.

Current Employment: I teach research, writing, and advocacy courses.

When I was younger I dreamed of being: A teacher and a mother.

One thing that best prepared me for law school: The ability to communicate with people.

If I can provide one piece of advice or motivation: Set the bar high for yourself and have an open mindset so you strive to improve in everything you do. Take courses that require you to read and write a lot, and pay attention to detail.

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We would like to give special thanks to Hon. Michelle M. Rick and the National Association of Women Judges, Justice Bridget Mary McCormack for program support and venue assistance, and the Lansing School District's Executive Director of Student Leaning, Delsa D. Chapman for helping the students attend. This program wouldn't be possible without the extraordinary efforts of those listed.

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