

# UpFront

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## SBM Groups Cosponsor October Pro Bono Training Event



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Attorneys learn to handle family law cases with domestic violence components at Thomas M. Cooley's Lansing location while attorneys in Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, and Grand Rapids can be seen participating in the screen on the right.

The SBM Domestic Violence Committee and Family Law Section presented a pro bono training on October 25 at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. Experienced family law attorneys headed up the event, which covered initial client interviews, substantive legal issues, pleadings, and pretrial and trial practices in cases with domestic violence components. The presentation was simulcast to Cooley's Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, and Grand Rapids campuses. Each attorney attending the training agreed to take on a pro bono family law case within six months. ■

## SBM Intellectual Property Law Section Announces Winners of Writing Contest

Kyle Quigley, a Thomas M. Cooley Law School graduating student, received a \$500 prize for his first-place finish in the 2013 Michigan Innovation and IP Legal Writing Competition sponsored by the SBM Intellectual Property Law Section and the Cooley Law School Graduate Program in Intellectual Property. Quigley's winning paper is titled "The Experimental Use of Exception to Patent Infringement Should Be Expanded: The Proposal of a Modified Exception Comprising a Bright-Line Rule Permitting Experimental Use Upon Delivery of Express Notice of

Intent." Second place and a \$300 prize went to University of Michigan Law School graduate Tasha Francis for her paper titled "Continued Employment as Sufficient Consideration for Pre-Invention Assignment Agreements." Third place and a \$200 prize went to Jordan Zuppke, a Cooley graduating student, for his paper "Sole Purpose." The winning papers will be published in the *IPLS Proceedings* journal, and winners will receive complimentary registration for the Annual Intellectual Property Summer Institute or Spring Intellectual Property Seminar. ■

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## Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanagh Administers Pro Bono Pledge

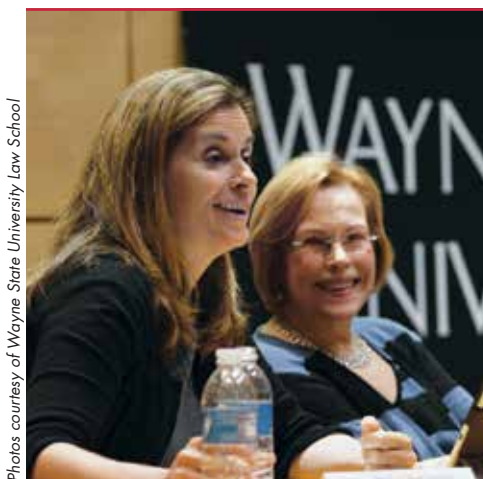
More than 100 people pledged to participate in pro bono activities in the coming year when Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael Cavanagh administered the pro bono pledge to practicing attorneys and faculty and students of Thomas M. Cooley Law School at its Lansing campus on October 17. Participants also promised to comply with or exceed the pro bono expectations of their state bar associations. To meet Michigan's current voluntary pro bono standard, attorneys are asked to provide representation without charge to at least three low-income individuals or organizations, provide at least 30 hours of professional services at no cost to low-income individuals or organizations, or donate a minimum of \$300 to provide legal aid to low-income individuals. ■



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## Wayne Law Symposium Celebrates State Constitution

Wayne State University Law School hosted a one-day symposium called "A Wave of Change: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Michigan's Constitution and the Evolution of State Constitutionalism" on October 11. Former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley delivered the keynote address. Other speakers evaluated the progress of state constitutionalism over the past 50 years and focused on the unique and important qualities of state constitutions that are often overlooked and undervalued. The symposium was supported by the Cohn Family Endowed Fund. ■



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Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack, left, and Wayne Law Distinguished Jurist in Residence Marilyn Kelly (also a former Michigan Supreme Court chief justice) prepared to lead a panel discussion.



Frank Kelley, former Michigan attorney general, presented the keynote address at the Wayne Law Symposium.