



# 70th Annual Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, Michigan

Thursday, September 22, 2005

**8:00 am–6:00 pm**

**REGISTRATION** .....*South Lobby*

**8:00 am–4:30 pm**

**EXHIBITS OPEN**

**8:00 am–10:30 am**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** .....*Exhibit Room*

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**9:30 am–12:00 pm**

**Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary** Business Meeting .....*State Bar Building, Hudson Room*  
Marty Triantafillou, President

**9:00 am–12:00 pm**

**Administrative Law Section** Business Meeting and Program .....*Room 106*  
Stewart Binke, Chair

**9:00 am–12:00 pm**

**Family Law Section** Business Meeting and Program .....*Auditorium*  
John Mills, Chair

**9:00 am–12:00 pm Seminar**

**Stress Management** .....*Room 105 AB*

This interactive seminar will address the professional and personal demands that lawyers face, and emphasize the importance of personal balance as the best strategy for avoiding the physical and psychological damage that can be caused by chronic stress. Special emphasis will be placed on proactively recognizing the signs and symptoms of stress, coping skills for stress reduction, and the identification of appropriate resources for assistance and support.

PRESENTERS: Martha Burkett, State Bar of Michigan, Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program;  
Nancy Werner, J.D.

**9:00 am–12:00 pm**

**Young Lawyers Section** Business Meeting .....*Room 102*  
Angelique Strong Marks, Chair

**10:00 am–5:00 pm**

**Representative Assembly** Business Meeting .....*Big 10 A*

**10:00 am–12:00 pm**

**Prisons & Corrections Section** Business Meeting .....*Room 104 AB*  
Daniel Manville, Chair

**10:30 am–12:00 pm**

**Animal Law Section** Business Meeting .....*Heritage Room*  
M. Jean Ligon, Chair

**10:30 am–12:00 pm Seminar**

**Dealing with the Media Panel Discussion** .....*Room 103 AB*

Find out how to deal with the media. This seminar will provide practical advice to attorneys for handling questions from media representatives.

MODERATOR: Thomas Howlett, Chair

**Thursday, September 22, 2005 continued**

**12:00 pm–1:30 pm**

**STATE BAR LUNCHEON CELEBRATION** .....*Big 10 BC*

SPONSORED BY: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan  
 GUEST SPEAKER: John W. Reed, Thomas M. Cooley Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Michigan Law School  
 Join us as we build upon our strong leadership with the swearing-in of State Bar President Thomas Cranmer and other State Bar officers. During the luncheon, the Michigan State Bar Foundation will present its Founders Award to Wallace D. Riley. Representative Assembly Chairperson Elizabeth A. Jamieson will present the Michael Franck Award to Linda K. Rexer and the Unsung Hero Award to Leslie C. Curry. Share in the celebration by recognizing these award winners and honoring our new president.



**Nancy J. Diehl**  
SBM President, 2004–2005



**Thomas W. Cranmer**  
SBM President, 2005–2006

**2:00 pm–3:00 pm**

**AFTERNOON BREAK** .....*Exhibit Room*

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**2:00 pm–4:30 pm Seminar**

**Cognitive Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System** .....*Room 103 AB*

This presentation will feature national and state experts addressing the challenge of defendants with cognitive and psychiatric disabilities in the criminal justice system. It will provide a practical guide to recognition of the problem and will identify resources, such as the Michigan jail diversion statute and community mental health programs, that can be used to address the issues.

PRESENTERS: Robert Fleischner, J.D., Center for Public Representation; Gary Goss, Deputy Director, Michigan Sheriff's Association; Patricia Streeter, J.D.; Dan Holloway, Coordinator, Oakland Co. Community Mental Health Jail Diversion Program; James Martin, Coordinator, Kent Co. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program; and Jeanice Dagher-Margosian, J.D.

MODERATOR: Judge Paul Teranes

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS: Prisons & Corrections Section; Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee; and Equal Access Initiative of Standing Committee on Justice Initiatives

**2:00 pm–4:00 pm**

**American Indian Law Section** Business Meeting and Program .....*Room 101*

Angela Sherigan, Chair

PROGRAM: Tribal Employment Law

SPEAKERS: Larry Betz, former Michigan Department of Civil Rights; Richard Feeley, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, Mount Pleasant; and Donna L. Budnick, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Lansing

**2:00 pm–5:00 pm**

**Appellate Practice Section** Business Meeting and Program .....*Auditorium*

J. Mark Cooney, Chair

PROGRAM: The Summary Disposition Docket

**2:00 pm–5:00 pm**

**Consumer Law Section** Business Meeting .....*Heritage Room*

Dani Liblang, Chair

**2:00 pm–5:00 pm**

**Labor & Employment Law Section** Business Meeting .....*Room 105 AB*

James Moore, Chair



**2:00 pm–4:30 pm Seminar**

**Nuts and Bolts of Successful Law Practice Management** .....Room 106  
HOSTED BY: Law Practice Management Section

**4:30 pm–5:00 pm**

**Law Practice Management Section** Business Meeting .....Room 106  
Joan Vestrand, Chair

**2:00 pm–4:00 pm**

**Michigan State Bar Foundation** Members/Trustees Annual Business Meeting ..... *John Willy Room*

**4:00 pm**

**Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation** Annual Business Meeting ..... *John Willy Room*

**2:00 pm–5:00 pm**

**Environmental Law Section** Business Meeting .....Room 104 AB  
Grant Trigger, Chair

**4:30 pm–6:00 pm**

**Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation Reception** ..... *Lincoln Room*

**4:30 pm–6:00 pm**

**LAW SCHOOL RECEPTIONS**

**Michigan State University** ..... *Spartan Pub*  
**University of Michigan** ..... *Corniche Room*  
**Wayne State University** ..... *Big 10 B*  
**Thomas M. Cooley Law School** ..... *Cooley Center, 300 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing*

**7:00 pm**

**FRIENDS OF BILL W** ..... *Central Methodist Church, corner of Capitol and Ottawa; entrance on Capitol Ave., second floor*

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 SPONSORED BY: Thomson West
- 8:30 am–9:00 am**  
**NEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING** .....*Lincoln Room*
- 9:00 am–12:00 pm**  
**Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section** Business Meeting .....*Room 102*  
 David Chardavoyne, Chair
- 9:00 am–12:00 pm**  
**Children’s Law Section** Business Meeting .....*Heritage Room*  
 Kathryn Fehrman, Chair
- 9:00 am–12:00 pm**  
**Criminal Law Section** Business Meeting and Program .....*Room 105 AB*  
 Gary Gabry, Chair
- 9:00 am–10:00 am Seminar**  
**What You Really Need to Know About Ethics** .....*John Willy Room*  
 An interactive and fun presentation by State Bar of Michigan Ethics Department staff about the current ethics rules, proposed ethics rules, and significant changes in the legal profession.  
 PRESENTER: Victoria Kremski, Regulations Counsel, State Bar of Michigan
- 9:00 am–12:00 pm**  
**Law Students Section** Business Meeting .....*Room 110*  
 Christopher Topa, Chair
- 9:00 am–12:00 pm**  
**Negligence Law Section** Business Meeting and Program .....*Room 103 AB*  
 Cynthia Merry, Chair
- 9:00 am–12:00 pm**  
**Workers’ Compensation Section** Business Meeting .....*Auditorium*  
 Alan Helmore, Chair
- 9:00 am–1:00 pm**  
**Legal Assistants Section** Business Meeting and Program .....*Room 104 AB*  
 Kathleen Kasiorek, Chair  
 PRESENTER: Jon D. VanderPloeg

**10:00 am–11:00 am**

**Michigan State University College of Law Moot Courtroom Tour**

BUS DEPARTS AT 9:45 AM AT FRONT ENTRANCE OF KELLOGG CENTER

Jeff Shaw, head of faculty technology services with Michigan State University College of Law, will guide you through the most technologically advanced moot courtroom among Michigan's six law schools. Come see firsthand how the law college is preparing its students to excel as trial attorneys in the age of technology. The courtroom's highlights include: an evidence presentation system, which allows for the presentation, annotation, and recording of evidence; strategically placed flat-panel monitors; videoconferencing; a customized touch-screen control system; and a jury response system, to further increase feedback to students as they practice. This tour will last 30–45 minutes.

**10:00 am–11:00 am Seminar**

**60 Technology Tips and Tweaks in 60 Minutes** .....Room 62

Back by popular demand! From e-mail to case management software, this fast-paced session promises to answer your technology questions and provide timesaving tips for your law practice.

PRESENTER: Hon. Donald H. Passenger, 61st District Court, Grand Rapids

**10:00 am–12:00 pm**

**Judicial Conference** Business Meeting and Program .....Room 101

Hon. Kathryn Root, Chair

**10:00 am–12:00 pm**

**Michigan Association of Bar Executives** Business Meeting .....Room 61

Kristen Bouck-Kemp, President

**12:00 am–1:30 pm**

**AWARDS LUNCHEON** .....Big 10 BC

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Join us as we pay tribute to members of the State Bar who have achieved the highest honors in areas of leadership, professional integrity, and community service.

**Roberts P. Hudson Award**

Stephen C. Bransdorfer  
Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens

**Frank J. Kelley Award**

U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell

**John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award**

Nelson Miller

**Champion of Justice Award**

Professor Janet E. Findlater  
Jean Ledwith King  
Hon. William G. Schma  
Hon. Craig S. Strong  
Eugene G. Wanger

**Liberty Bell Award**

Carolyn Bolthouse  
Tricia Hilgendorf  
Susan Laninga  
Catherine Logsdon  
Pierre Sirois  
Deborah Snow

**Michigan Defense Trial Counsel—  
Respected Advocate Award**

Elizabeth L. Gleicher

**Michigan Trial Lawyers Association—  
Respected Advocate Award**

Paula Cole

**12:00 pm–5:00 pm**

**Litigation Section** Business Meeting .....Room 103 A

Kevin O'Dowd, Chair

**1:30 pm–4:00 pm**

**Michigan Probate Judges Association Board** Business Meeting .....Lincoln Room

Hon. Frederick R. Mulhauser, President

**Friday, September 23, 2005 *continued***

**2:00 pm–3:00 pm**

**AFTERNOON BREAK** ..... *Exhibit Room*

**2:00 pm–3:00 pm**

**Aviation Law Section** Business Meeting ..... *Room 105 A*  
Richard Durden, Chair

**2:00 pm–4:00 pm**

**General Practice Section** Business Meeting ..... *Room 105 B*  
Christopher Carlson, Chair

**2:00 pm–5:00 pm**

**Michigan District Judges Association** Business Meeting ..... *Room 104 B*  
Hon. Quinn Benson, President

**2:00 pm–5:00 pm**

**Asian American Bar Association** ..... *Corniche Room*  
Ricardo Villarosa, President

**3:00 pm–4:00 pm**

**Michigan State University College of Law Moot Courtroom Tour**  
BUS DEPARTS AT 2:45 PM AT FRONT ENTRANCE OF KELLOGG CENTER  
Please refer to tour description provided for 10:00 am tour on page 46.

**5:00 pm**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGAL ASSISTANTS SECTION FOUNDERS AWARD  
CELEBRATING FIFTEEN YEARS OF AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP  
1990–2005**

The Legal Assistants Section of the State Bar of Michigan concludes its 15-year anniversary celebration with special recognition of the individuals who helped make possible affiliate membership for legal assistants. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of these individuals and will show our appreciation by honoring them with the "Founders Award," to be presented at the section's Annual Meeting on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

The Founders are State Bar members and legal assistants who comprised the State Bar Task Force on Law-Related Professions, which worked to establish the section. Also being recognized are the legal assistants and legal assistant educators who contributed to the organization of the section upon its formation. The section's appreciation is extended to:

- Honorable Gene Schnelz, SBM Task Force on Law-Related Professions
- Robert McKenzie, Esq., *deceased*, SBM Task Force on Law-Related Professions
- Jennifer Cote, Esq., SBM Task Force on Law-Related Professions
- Kathleen Wilczewski, Legal Assistant Liaison, SBM Task Force on Law-Related Professions
- Charlotte Curiston, Legal Assistant Liaison, SBM Task Force on Law-Related Professions
- Dr. Margaret Rose, *deceased*, Paralegal Program Director, Macomb Community College
- John Mayer, Esq., *deceased*, Instructor, Macomb Community College, Paralegal Program
- Suzanne Fogle Schultz, Legal Assistant
- Maurine Payne, Legal Assistant

**For up-to-date information about the Annual Meeting and current list of exhibitors, visit**

**[http://www.michbar.org/news/releases/archives05/annual\\_meeting.cfm](http://www.michbar.org/news/releases/archives05/annual_meeting.cfm)**

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# 70th Annual Meeting Speakers

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70TH ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

**Martha Burkett** is the assistant program administrator for the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program. She has a master's in public administration and a master's in counseling education and counseling psychology. She has also earned limited licensure in professional counseling, international certification as a level II addictions counselor, a graduate certificate in holistic health, and certification as an auricular acudetox specialist.

**Jeanice Dagher-Margosian** is a criminal defense attorney with a concentration in post-conviction work. She has special expertise in psychological and state of mind defenses. She is past president of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and has served as adjunct faculty at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, teaching a course on battered women who kill in self-defense.

**Robert D. Fleischner** is an attorney at the Center for Public Representation in Northampton, Massachusetts where he specializes in mental health law. He litigates cases involving school desegregation, fair housing, civil commitment, right to treatment, community services, and prisoners' rights. He has authored articles in law reviews and professional journals and is the co-author of *Guardianship and Conservatorship in Massachusetts*.

**Gary M. Goss** is the deputy director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, where he serves on a workgroup for the Governor's Task Force on the Mentally Ill that concentrates on collaboration and cooperation between Community Mental Health, Criminal Justice, and Corrections. He retired as the director of public safety for the city of Farmington.

**Dan Holloway** is the coordinator of the Oakland County Community Mental Health Jail Diversion Program; he has been in this position for just over two years. He is a licensed social worker, and has worked for 15 years in the public mental health system. He is also the father of two sons.

**Victoria V. Kremiski** is deputy regulation counsel at the State Bar of Michigan. She serves as staff counsel to the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and the Client Protection Fund. She is responsible for handling ethics inquiries from attorneys and for coordinating the State Bar's UPL and CPF programs. She is a graduate of the University of Denver School of Law and Fort Lewis College, and has authored several *Michigan Bar Journal* articles.

**James Martin** is the coordinator of the Kent County Mental Health Jail Diversion program; he has been in this position for the past year and a half. A graduate of the University of Michigan with a master's in social work, he worked in domestic violence probation in Washtenaw County (Ann Arbor) and home-based counseling with distressed families in Lansing before working in jail diversion in Kent County.

**Hon. Donald H. Passenger** serves the 61st District Court in Grand Rapids. A moderately advanced computer user, he has frequently taught computer skills to other judges and attorneys at seminars sponsored by the Grand Rapids Bar Association, the Michigan Judicial Institute, and ICLE. Judge Passenger also teaches in an adjunct capacity for the computer information department at Davenport University.

**John W. Reed** is an attorney and Thomas M. Cooley Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In addition to his decades of service on the Michigan faculty, Professor Reed has served as dean at the University of Colorado Law School and, in retirement, at Wayne State University School of Law. He has received distinguished service awards from the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Association of Continuing Legal Education Administrators, and the State Bar of Michigan. He is an Academic Fellow of the International Society of Barristers and serves as its administrative director and editor. Mr. Reed's law degrees are from Cornell and Columbia.

**Patricia A. Streeter** is licensed in Michigan and Illinois and practices civil rights, commercial, and international law in Ann Arbor. She earned her juris doctor degree from the Detroit College of Law and her masters of law degree in international business and trade law from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. She is an also an adjunct professor at the Vytutas Magnus University Law School in Kaunas, Lithuania.

**Nancy Werner** has been a licensed attorney in Illinois since 1982 (now retired) and in Michigan since 1998. She serves as a committee member for the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program and has worked with the LJAP since 1999 as a volunteer. Currently, Nancy authors "Holistically Speaking," a quarterly column, for the Law Practice Management Section newsletter. She also facilitated non-denominational meditation instruction for a variety of groups.

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## Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary • ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON • September 22, 2005

### Attention: All Attorney Spouses and MLA Members

Please join MLA at our Annual Meeting on September 22, 2005 at the State Bar of Michigan Building, followed by lunch at the Country Club of Lansing. Our special guest speaker will be Phyllis Grummon, PhD, Director: Planning and Education, Society for College and University Planning, who was a member of the first unassisted all-female trek to the North Pole. Phyllis will share memories of her month-long journey of true grit with the group of 12 women on their journey through the icy tundra. All attorney spouses and MLA members are welcome to attend. Guests are also welcome for lunch. We look forward to seeing all of you.

If you have any questions, please call Marty Triantafillou (989-791-2046) or e-mail: martytrian@newedgetech.net.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

<b>9:30-10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Complimentary Continental Breakfast</b>	<i>State Bar Building</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<i>State Bar Building</i>
<b>12:30-3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Luncheon and Speaker</b>	<i>Country Club of Lansing, 2200 Moores River Drive, Lansing, Michigan</i>
	<i>SPEAKER: Phyllis Grummon</i>	

LUNCHEON REGISTRATION: (Please Print)—Submit one form per registrant.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Luncheon: Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ × \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

I will  will not  be attending the Annual Meeting and Breakfast.

Mail completed form WITH PAYMENT (Payable to MLA) by September 16, 2005 to:  
Marty Triantafillou, President, MLA, 2835 Dorset, Saginaw, MI 48603