



STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

2006 ANNUAL MEETING



Welcome to a Great Day of Golf

- Ms. Belle Siegel, age 100
- William N. Kritselis, MDTC Respected Advocate Award Winner
- Chief Justice Clifford Taylor addresses the audience
- Chief Justice Taylor administers the oath to the new State Bar officers: Ronald D. Keefe, Edward H. Pappas, Charles R. Toy, and W. Anthony Jenkins

1st Annual State Bar Golf Tournament
Today will not be a shotgun start. Instead all Golfers begin on Hole Number 1, teeing off every few minutes and playing through 18 Holes.



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Left Page top:

- Edward Haroutunian, accompanied by his daughter, Krista Licata Haroutunian, and his wife, Susan Licata Haroutunian, takes the oath as Representative Assembly chairperson
- Barry Scheck, Thomas W. Cranmer, and John W. Reed
- Roberts and Freatman Offices, a stop on the Historic Law Walk
- John Berry and Hon. Alfred Butzbaugh

Right Page:

- Representative Assembly in session
- Kimberly M. Cahill as new president of the State Bar
- Past and current presidents of the State Bar of Michigan: John Krsul Jr., Hon. Alfred Butzbaugh, Kimberly Cahill, Thomas Cranmer, Nancy Diehl, Bruce Neckers, and Dennis Archer
- Kimberly M. Cahill and family: front row, Lorraine VanOverbeke, aunt; Florence Schoenherr-Warnez, mother; and Pamela M. Cahill, sister; back row, Dana M. Warnez, sister, and Kimberly M. Cahill



Helping Seniors with Estate Planning Choices

Catherine O'Connell, assistant professional standards counsel at the State Bar of Michigan, gave some good advice to seniors who attended a seminar in Kalamazoo August 22. The program, entitled "Estate Planning: What's right for you?" was presented by AARP Michigan, the State Bar of Michigan, the Office of Financial and Insurance Services, and the Office of the Attorney General. The main aim of programs like these, which have attracted more than 700 seniors in the past year, is to protect them from the fraudulent practices of will and trust "kit" companies. Other panelists included Kathy Fitzgerald, Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division; Josh Ard, Howard and Howard; John Dresser, Dresser Dresser Haas & Caywood PC; and Anita Salustro, AARP.

(Photo by Naseem Stecker)

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Cooley Wins ABA Professionalism Award



The Thomas M. Cooley Law School has won the American Bar Association's E. Smyth Gambrell Professionalism Award. The Lansing law school was chosen for its "outstanding achievement in the design and implementation of a model professionalism program." Cooley adopted its Professionalism Plan in 2002. The plan takes a student from orientation through graduation with a focus on ethics and professionalism.

State Bar of Michigan Executive Director John T. Berry presented the award to Cooley representatives at the ABA convention in Hawaii in August. Berry was chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism. From left to right: Charles Mickens, associate dean of innovation and technology; John Nussbaumer, associate dean of the Oakland University campus; Helen Mickens, associate dean of community relations; Mara Kent, assistant professor; John T. Berry, executive director, State Bar of Michigan; Paul Zelenski, associate dean of enrollment and student services; Cynthia Dennis, assistant professor; Terry Carella, director of marketing; Otto Stockmeyer, emeritus professor; and Mable Martin-Scott, professor.

(Courtesy photo)

Supreme Court Learning Center Needs Volunteers

The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center is looking for volunteers to act as tour guides for school groups and other Learning Center visitors. Located on the first floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing, the Learning Center educates the public about the role of the Michigan court system in their everyday lives. The 3,800-square-foot museum-style gallery is filled with information, computer games, and hands-on activities. Volunteers who have an interest in the law and would like to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with others, particularly school-age children, are ideal for this opportunity. Tours last one hour and are scheduled during Learning Center hours, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Training will be offered in the fall and in March. For more details, visit the Learning Center website at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/plc/volunteer.htm> or call (517) 373-5027 for an application. Interviews and background checks will be required for all applicants.