

# UpFront

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## 2006–2007 State Bar Board of Commissioners



Left to right (seated): W. Anthony Jenkins, treasurer; Charles R. Toy, secretary; Kimberly M. Cahill, president; Ronald D. Keefe, president-elect; Edward H. Pappas, vice president; Kiffi Y. Ford; Standing left to right, first row: Lori A. Buiteweg; Laurin' C. Roberts Thomas; Lambro Niforos; Julie I. Fershtman; Margaret A. Costello; Robert C. Gardella; Beverly Hall Burns; Bruce A. Courtade; Francine Cullari; Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.; Gregory L. Ulrich; Second row: Kurt E. Schnelz; Eric J. Pelton; Brian D. Einhorn; Michael J. Riordan; Donald E. McGinnis, Jr.; Craig H. Lubben; Robert K. Fergan; Thomas C. Rombach; Jeffrey E. Kirkey; Richard L. Cunningham; and Hon. William B. Murphy. Not pictured: Edward L. Haroutunian, Katherine A. Kakish, John J. Conway, and Scott C. Strattard. (Photo by Doug Elbinger)

### Retiring BOC Members Honored



Retiring SBM Commissioners Allyn Kantor and Richard D. McLellan were presented with plaques and praised for their hard work, dedication, and years of service to the State Bar at a Board of Commissioners meeting recently. Photo on the left: Lori A. Buiteweg presented the plaque and read a resolution honoring Allyn Kantor. Photo on the right: SBM Commissioner Charles Toy (left) presented Richard McLellan his plaque. Judge Cynthia Diane Stephens prepared the resolution honoring McLellan.



## State Bar Brings Jenni Cup Home Again



After a yearlong absence, the coveted Jenni Cup Trophy, named after Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, is back in the state, thanks to a State Bar golf team. The golfers defeated the Ontario Lawyers Golfing Association in a Ryder Cup format competition in September 2006 at Arcadia Bluffs. Stop by the State Bar building in Lansing to see the Jenni Cup trophy, which will be on display. The 2007 event will be played in Niagara Falls. Members of the 2006 Michigan Jenni Cup Team are (back row, left to right): John P. Racine, Jr. (Traverse City); James D. Mequio (Portage); Hon. Milton L. Mack, Jr. (Wayne County Probate Court); Hon. William W. Carmody (Alger/Schoolcraft County Probate Court); Charles E. Nebel (Munising); Patrick J. Wilson (Traverse City); and Bruce F. Trogan (Saginaw). Front Row (l-r): Daryl J. Mumford (Battle Creek); Thomas G. Moher (Sault Sainte Marie); David J. Anderson (Lansing); Richard J. Jaskowski (Grayling); Jason C. Bomia (Marshall); and, Hon Douglas C. Dossan, captain (Roscommon County Probate Court). Not pictured: Hon. Steven M. Timmers (62A District Court, Wyoming). *(Courtesy photo)*

## Bobbie Tetreault Retires After 28 Years

A familiar face at the State Bar for over 28 years, Facilities Manager Bobbie Tetreault bid her farewell to staff December 29, 2006. In retirement, she plans to do "nothing much." However, 2007 will usher in some quality time with her family, traveling, and ice fishing. Bar members may recall episodes in the parking lot (some involving towing), which was guarded vigilantly by Bobbie over the years. She went by the book and her no-nonsense approach to life and parking issues will long be remembered and talked about. Bobbie's dedication, strong work ethic, friendship, and heart of gold will be sadly missed by all.



## Kalamazoo "Lunch with a Judge" Program Gets Recognition

Having lunch with a judge is a great opportunity, as members of the Kalamazoo Young Lawyers Section have discovered. The mentoring, guidance, and insight from those on the bench not only benefited the young attorneys, but also brought recognition from the American Bar Association. The Kalamazoo County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section co-chairmen, Shaun Willis and Jonathan Jilek, report that the group was recently awarded an ABA certificate of performance and honorable mention for its services, in particular for the successful "Lunch with a Judge" program.

## Young Lawyers Teach High-School Students Legal Rights

About 15 volunteer attorneys from the Young Lawyers Section took time from their busy schedules October 3, 2006, to help students at Pontiac Northern High School learn more about their legal obligations. Program chairperson Tim Gardner said the primary aim was to prepare students turning 18 to make good decisions. "Understanding your legal rights prepares you for adulthood," Gardner added. Lawyers gave the students real-world examples on issues like landlord-tenant law, effects of bad credit, and the legal requirements for operating a motor vehicle.

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