

UpFront

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Lawyers Team Up to Help Children of Incarcerated Parents



Over \$5,000 was raised and the more than 200 people who showed up December 27, 2007, to support the children of incarcerated parents had a great time while also doing a good deed. The organizers—the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section, and Wolverine Bar Association—had plenty to smile about. The money raised will go directly to providing monthly programming for the Save Kids of Incarcer-

ated Parents (SKIP). This is the third year that the groups have collaborated to benefit the children who attend elementary school in Detroit. Tax-deductible donations for the SKIP program can be sent c/o Angelique Strong Marks, Handleman Company, 500 Kirts Boulevard, Troy, Michigan 48084. From left to right: organizers Brandy Johnson, Lavonda Jackson, Angelique Strong Marks, Solon Phillips, Felicia Johnson, Timothy Gardner, and Carlos Escurel. ■

Ackerman to Head Wayne State University Law School



Robert M. Ackerman, a Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law professor and former dean of Willamette University College of Law, has been named the tenth

dean of Wayne State University Law School, effective this spring.

Professor Ackerman comes to Wayne State from the Dickinson School of Law, where he taught torts, dispute resolution, conflict resolution theory, negotiation, and mediation. He also served as chair of several committees and was the director of the Center for Dispute Resolution. ■

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Did You Know?

- Beginning late January, State Bar members will be able to customize their newly redesigned daily e-Journal by indicating what practice area summaries they would like to receive.
- A brand new section—Insurance and Indemnity Law—has been formed.
- Online Bar Journal subscribers now receive alerts informing them that the next issue is ready to “pick up.”
- The Computer Law Section has changed its name to the Information Technology Section.
- The State Bar of Michigan website had more than one million visitors in the last year, and more than 19 million pages were viewed on the site throughout the year. The most popular page on the website? The member directory. ■