



Together Delivering More
to Bar Members

Hyatt Regency, Dearborn

September 16-18

2009

State Bar of Michigan
ANNUAL MEETING



Solo & Small Firm
INSTITUTE

COSPONSORS State Bar of Michigan
General Practice Section (Founding Sponsor)
Law Practice Management Section
Business Law Section
Practice Management Resource Center

Register at www.michbar.org/annualmeeting.cfm

CLE for the New Economy at Your Annual Meeting

In times of economic crisis you need strategies that WORK! Get CLE to pull you through and help you survive, PLUS updates and advice from your sections all in one place, at one time. Attend the *Solo & Small Firm Institute* and hear tried-and-true ways to market your practice and expand your revenue; get practical suggestions to cut overhead and save time; and learn technological, easy to implement solutions that streamline your operation at a reasonable cost. This year a star-studded faculty helps you meet your economic challenges head-on with realistic strategies tailored for the solo and small firm practitioner. Take home sound solutions you CAN implement immediately. Weather the economic storm with help from the *Solo & Small Firm Institute!*

Increase Your Revenue—Strategies that Work Even in a Down Economy

If others can do it, so can you! Learn what practices are succeeding in Michigan today.

- Market yourself, leverage specialties, and increase referrals with INEXPENSIVE techniques proven successful by others
- Reduce your taxes? You bet! Taking deductions and credits your practice is entitled to can add up—a tax expert shows you how
- Collect the fees you've earned with advice from the presenter who "wrote the book" on collection cases in Michigan

Reduce Your Costs—Find Efficiencies that Lower Your Expenses

There has never been a better time to reevaluate your business practices and learn to do things differently. Even small tweaks can save you money and headaches!

- Do more with less—take control of your workload with project management techniques for you and your staff
- Eliminate wasted time, rushed jobs, stress, and frustration—get the essentials of good communication
- Increase your productivity—diagnose your "style" of procrastination and what to do about it
- Explore outsourcing your business needs to cut overhead
- Go virtual and run your practice on hundreds of dollars a month



DON'T MISS Friday's Keynote Presentation—How to Survive the Crash! Critical Tools for Succeeding in Crisis Times

Dustin A. Cole explains how to focus on efficiencies and innovation in order to survive the current economic environment.

“This seminar improves every year—and it's hard to choose which session to attend!”

Judith Pfeiffer, Adkison Need & Allen, Bloomfield Hills

NATIONAL SPEAKERS AT THE Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE



Irwin D. Karp
Productive Time
Sacramento, CA

Mr. Karp is a productivity consultant, founder of Productive Time in Sacramento, California, and an attorney with over 30 years of experience, so he knows the obstacles that can get in the way of staying organized and focused. He presents seminars to bar associations and law firms

around the country in the areas of time management, personal and team productivity, organization, overcoming procrastination, e-mail management, communications, and workflow.



Dustin A. Cole
Attorneys Master Class
Longwood, FL

Mr. Cole has trained over 10,000 attorneys across the United States in how to build more successful practices and has more than 35 years of experience in every phase of marketing, advertising, public relations, and management. In 2002 he founded

his own organization, Attorneys Master Class, to focus on supporting larger firms in increasing attorney revenues. Mr. Cole is a frequent keynote and guest speaker at legal organizations nationwide.

“The information provided by speakers and materials can greatly improve my practice.”

Jana Hewitt, Flannery & Hewitt PLC, Troy

Improve Your Bottom Line with Technology— No Tech Guru Required

Embracing technology may be the single best way to improve your bottom line. Approachable tech experts share easy to understand advice to get you started or move you to the next level.

- Increase productivity—get the most out of your word processor
- Improve efficiency while you're on the road—take advantage of AFFORDABLE remote access
- Save money by reducing paper! Get a complete road map for taking your office paperless
- PDFs are becoming the practice standard—make the most of Adobe Acrobat to save time and money
- Learn to harness the power of Google and see what this free tool can do for you
- Stop wasting money—make sure you're taking full advantage of applications and functions on the Blackberry you already own
- Put your whole office on your iPhone and learn which Apps work best for a law practice

Energize Your Client Representation— Build Trust and Enhance Your Reputation

You increase business through client satisfaction and referrals. Meet all your client needs, make your clients happy, and maximize your representation by staying on top of critical issues.

- Help clients fight off foreclosure and hang onto the family home by taking charge of the process with negotiation strategies and new approaches to loss mitigation
- Draft financial durable powers of attorney that meet the needs of an aging population
- Defend your clients effectively when charged with drunk driving or misdemeanors
- Understand the nuances of Medicaid—and help clients plan for an uncertain future

Network with Hundreds of Colleagues

Take advantage of opportunities to network with your peers at one of these many functions throughout the event.

Wednesday, September 16

State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet

Thursday, September 17

State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Luncheon
Celebrating Common Ground Reception

Friday, September 18

State Bar of Michigan Luncheon



Barron K. Henley

Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc.
Columbus, OH

Mr. Henley is an attorney, a “legal technologist,” with 14 years of experience, and a founding member of Henley March & Unger Consulting, Inc. (HMU), a firm specializing in law office automation and technology.

He is a frequent speaker on legal-specific technology issues throughout the United States for state and local bar associations and CLE providers.



Randall F. Dean

Randall Dean Consulting & Training LLC
East Lansing

Mr. Dean is a professional speaker, author, and expert on time and e-mail management, effective organization, and the related use of technology. His speaking and training programs leave audience members with applicable tools, strategies, and skills on

how to better manage their time, technology, e-mail, and office clutter immediately following their program experience.

State Bar of Michigan Events (Separate registration required)

State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet

Wednesday, September 16 6:30pm–9:30pm

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

State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Luncheon

Thursday, September 17 12:00pm–2:00pm

Share in the celebration with the swearing-in of the 75th State Bar president, Charles R. Toy, along with other State Bar officers.

Celebrating Common Ground Reception

Thursday, September 17 6:30pm–8:30pm

From access to justice to continuing legal education, the State Bar works in partnership with over 100 affinity bar associations to achieve improvements in the administration of justice. This social event informally showcases the work of several bar associations in Michigan and encourages continuing partnerships with the State Bar of Michigan.

State Bar of Michigan Luncheon

Friday, September 18 12:00pm–2:00pm

Take this opportunity to network with fellow colleagues and help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the State Bar of Michigan.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

SBM ANNUAL MEETING

- 12:00pm–1:00pm
State Bar of Michigan Commissioner Committees Meetings
- 12:00pm–2:00pm
Real Property Law Section Council Meeting & Lunch
- 12:00pm–4:30pm
Law Practice Management Section Business Meeting & Program
- 1:00pm–2:00pm
Administrative Law Section Business Meeting
- 1:30pm–3:30pm
State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 2:00pm–4:00pm
Michigan State Bar Foundation Members/ Trustees Annual Business Meeting
- 2:00pm–4:30pm
Environmental Law Section Program
- 2:30pm–4:00pm
Administrative Law Section Program
- 4:00pm–5:00pm
New Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 4:15pm–4:30pm
Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation Annual Business Meeting
- 4:30pm–5:00pm
Environmental Law Section Business Meeting
- 4:30pm–6:00pm
Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation Annual Reception (by invitation)
- 6:30pm–9:30pm
State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet

Thursday, September 17, 2009

LEVEL: BASIC/INTER/ADVANCED CLE: 10.5 PARALEGAL: 11* (Actual CLE awarded may vary by state.)

Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE		SBM ANNUAL MEETING
7:30am	Registration	7:30am–5:30pm Registration
7:30am	Starting a Law Practice—Hanging Out Your Shingle** <i>John J. Conway, John J. Conway PC, Detroit; Heidi L. Salter-Ferris, Ferris & Salter PC, Ann Arbor</i>	7:30am–9:00am Starting a Law Practice—Hanging Out Your Shingle**
8:00am	Continental Breakfast and Vendor Showcase	8:00am–9:30am Continental Breakfast
9:00am	Introduction and Welcome <i>Clark S. Davis, Chair, General Practice Section of the State Bar of Michigan, Pontiac</i>	8:00am–5:30pm Vendor Showcase
9:20am	Report from the Executive Director <i>Janet K. Welch, Executive Director, State Bar of Michigan, Lansing</i>	8:30am–9:30am International Law Section Business Meeting
9:30am	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Project Management—Take Control of Your Workload and Find Relief! <i>Irwin D. Karp, Productive Time, Sacramento, CA</i>	9:00am–10:00am Family Law Section Business Meeting
10:10am	Vendor Showcase Break	9:00am–11:30am Young Lawyers Section Business Meeting
10:30am	SUBSTANTIVE LAW Top 10 Things You Absolutely Must Know About Medicaid <i>Dustin S. Foster, Visiting Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills</i>	9:30am–11:30am Litigation Section Business Meeting
	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT Effective Communication with Clients, Associates, and Staff <i>Irwin D. Karp, Productive Time, Sacramento, CA</i>	9:30am–12:00pm International Law Section Program
	TECHNOLOGY Don't Get Caught in a Blackberry Jam: Time Management and Productivity Strategies for Blackberry Users, Part One of Two <i>Randall F. Dean, Randall Dean Consulting & Training LLC, East Lansing</i>	9:30am–5:00pm Representative Assembly Business Meeting
	PAPERLESS OFFICE Is Your Office Drowning in Paper? Now There's a Way Out! <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	10:00am–11:00am Insurance & Indemnity Law Section Program
		10:00am–11:30am Family Law Section Program

Thursday, September 17, 2009 continued

Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE			SBM ANNUAL MEETING
11:15am	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	Family Law Update <i>Elizabeth A. Silverman, Elizabeth A. Silverman PC, Farmington Hills</i>	11:00am–11:30am Insurance & Indemnity Law Section Business Meeting
	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	Overcoming Procrastination—How to Kick the Habit <i>Irwin D. Karp, Productive Time, Sacramento, CA</i>	12:00pm–2:00pm State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Luncheon
	TECHNOLOGY	Don't Get Caught in a Blackberry Jam: Time Management and Productivity Strategies for Blackberry Users, Part Two of Two <i>Randall F. Dean, Randall Dean Consulting & Training LLC, East Lansing</i>	1:00pm–2:00pm American Indian Law Section Business Meeting
	PAPERLESS OFFICE	PDFing for Lawyers Using Adobe Acrobat <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	2:00pm–2:15pm Labor & Employment Law Section Business Meeting
12:00pm	Lunch and Annual Meeting Functions		2:00pm–2:30pm Consumer Law Section Business Meeting
2:00pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	Drafting a Financial Durable Power of Attorney—The 10 Essentials Revealed <i>Michele C. Marquardt, DeMent and Marquardt PLC, Kalamazoo</i>	2:00pm–3:00pm General Practice Section Business Meeting
	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	Overcoming Procrastination—How to Kick the Habit (Repeat Session) <i>Irwin D. Karp, Productive Time, Sacramento, CA</i>	2:00pm–3:00pm Information Technology Law Section Business Meeting
	TECHNOLOGY	Taming the E-mail and Information Overload Beasts! Part One of Two <i>Randall F. Dean, Randall Dean Consulting & Training LLC, East Lansing</i>	2:00pm–4:00pm American Indian Law Section Program
	PAPERLESS OFFICE	Essential Hardware and Software for the Paperless Office <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	Appellate Practice Section Program
2:50pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	10 Tips for Successfully Defending the Misdemeanor Case <i>Catherine D. Hoort, Law Office of Catherine D. Hoort, Portland</i>	Michigan Retired Judges Association Business Meeting
	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	You've Earned Those Fees—You Should Be Able to Collect Them! <i>Steven A. Harms, Muller Muller Richmond Harms & Myers PC, Birmingham</i>	2:15pm–5:00pm Labor & Employment Law Section Program
	TECHNOLOGY	Taming the E-mail and Information Overload Beasts! Part Two of Two <i>Randall F. Dean, Randall Dean Consulting & Training LLC, East Lansing</i>	2:30pm–4:00pm Consumer Law Section Program
	PAPERLESS OFFICE	My Office, My iPhone <i>Randy Arden Musbach, Musbach & Ritter, Chelsea</i>	Taxation Section Business Meeting
3:40pm	Vendor Showcase Break		3:00pm–4:00pm Information Technology Law Section Business Program
4:00pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	A Practitioner's Guide to Tax Deductions and Tax Credits for Small Law Firms <i>George W. Gregory, George W. Gregory PLLC, Birmingham</i>	4:00pm–5:00pm Appellate Practice Section Business Meeting
	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	A Practitioner's Guide to Marketing Your Services: Tips from the Field <i>Shelley A. Kester, Wilson Kester PLC, Traverse City; Julie I. Fershtman, Zausmer Kaufman August Caldwell & Tayler PC, Farmington Hills; Vincent A. Romano, Attorney Services Marketing, Grosse Pointe Park</i>	4:30pm–6:00pm Law School Receptions
	TECHNOLOGY	The \$6,000 Law Office—Champagne Technology on a Beer Budget <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	Michigan State University
	PAPERLESS OFFICE	The Perils of Going Paperless—There's Always a Catch! <i>JoAnn L. Hathaway, Practice Management Advisor, State Bar of Michigan, Lansing</i>	Thomas M. Cooley
4:50pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	Operating in an Economic Downturn: Reducing the Size of Your Office Staff Without Getting Sued! <i>Rebecca Simkins, Barris Sott Denn & Driker PLLC, Detroit</i>	University of Detroit Mercy
	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	Starting a Virtual Law Practice in 2009 <i>William A. McNeil, McNeil Law Office PLC, Portage</i>	University of Michigan
	TECHNOLOGY	Remote Access—Working from Home or On the Road <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	University of Toledo
	PAPERLESS OFFICE	E-Filing in the Bankruptcy Court <i>Katherine B. Gullo, Clerk of the Court, United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit</i>	Wayne State University
			6:30pm–8:30pm Celebrating Common Ground Reception

Friday, September 18, 2009

Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE		SBM ANNUAL MEETING
7:30am	Registration	7:30am-4:30pm Registration
7:30am	Starting a Law Practice—Hanging Out Your Shingle (Repeat Session)** <i>John J. Conway, John J. Conway PC, Detroit; Heidi L. Salter-Ferris, Ferris & Salter PC, Ann Arbor</i>	7:30am-9:00am Starting a Law Practice—Hanging Out Your Shingle (Repeat Session)**
8:00am	Continental Breakfast and Vendor Showcase	7:30am-9:30am Continental Breakfast
9:00am	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: How to Survive the Crash! Critical Tools for Succeeding in Crisis Times <i>Dustin A. Cole, Attorneys Master Class, Longwood, FL</i>	7:30am-4:00pm Vendor Showcase
10:05am	SUBSTANTIVE LAW 10 Things Every Lawyer Should Know About Defending Foreclosure Procedures <i>Lorray S.C. Brown, Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Project Director, Michigan Poverty Law Program, Ann Arbor; Tracie Coffman, Home Repair Services, Grand Rapids</i>	9:00am-10:00am Criminal Law Section Business Meeting
	ECONOMIC SURVIVAL Critical Tools for Succeeding in Crisis Times: Firm Operations, Focusing, Right Sizing and Innovating, Part One of Three <i>Dustin A. Cole, Attorneys Master Class, Longwood, FL</i>	9:00am-11:00am Negligence Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	TECHNOLOGY Time Billing and Accounting Software for the Small Firm <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	9:00am-12:00pm Michigan Association of Bar Executives Business Meeting
10:50am	Vendor Showcase Break	Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary Business Meeting
11:10am	SUBSTANTIVE LAW Drunk Driving Update <i>David G. Butler, Butler Durham & Toweson PLLC, Parchment</i>	10:00am-10:30am Children's Law Section Business Meeting
	ECONOMIC SURVIVAL Critical Tools for Succeeding in Crisis Times: Firm Operations, Focusing, Right Sizing and Innovating, Part Two of Three <i>Dustin A. Cole, Attorneys Master Class, Longwood, FL</i>	10:00am-11:00am Antitrust, Franchising and Trade Regulation Section Business Meeting
	TECHNOLOGY Anatomy of a Google-fied Law Practice <i>Jeffrey E. Kirkey, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ann Arbor</i>	10:00am-12:00pm Criminal Law Section Program
12:00pm	Lunch and Annual Meeting Functions	Law Student Section Business Meeting
2:00pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW 10 Top Tips for Dealing with a Family Business in Transition <i>Cynthia L. Umphrey, Kemp Klein Law Firm, Troy</i>	10:30am-12:00pm Children's Law Section Program
	ECONOMIC SURVIVAL Critical Tools for Succeeding in Crisis Times: Firm Operations, Focusing, Right Sizing and Innovating, Part Three of Three <i>Dustin A. Cole, Attorneys Master Class, Longwood, FL</i>	12:00pm-2:00pm State Bar of Michigan Luncheon
	TECHNOLOGY Legal Technology Tips, Tricks, Gadgets and Cool Stuff <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	1:30pm-2:00pm Paralegal & Legal Assistants Section Business Meeting
2:50pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW Turning Out the Lights: Succession Planning for Your Retirement, Disability, or Worse <i>Robert E. Kass, Barris Sott Denn & Driker PLLC, Detroit</i>	1:30pm-4:00pm Animal Law Section Business Meeting
	ECONOMIC SURVIVAL Critical Tools for Succeeding in Crisis Times: Maximizing Your Income Stream, Part One of Two <i>Dustin A. Cole, Attorneys Master Class, Longwood, FL</i>	2:00pm-4:00pm Aviation Law Section Business Meeting
	TECHNOLOGY Web Sites Are Wonderful <i>Brendan B. Chard, The Modern Firm LLC, Brighton</i>	Justice Initiatives Open House
3:40pm	Networking and Telephone Break	
4:00pm	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT Dealing with Clients Who Make You Crazy <i>Sharon R. Hobbs, Ph.D., Abbott Road Center for the Family, East Lansing</i>	
	ECONOMIC SURVIVAL Critical Tools for Succeeding in Crisis Times: Maximizing Your Income Stream, Part Two of Two <i>Dustin A. Cole, Attorneys Master Class, Longwood, FL</i>	
	TECHNOLOGY 25 Ways to Make Your Word Processor More Productive <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	
4:50pm	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT 15 Tips for Marketing Your Practice on a "Shoestring" Budget <i>Timothy P. Flynn, Karlstrom Cooney LLP, Clarkston</i>	
	ECONOMIC SURVIVAL Outsourcing Your Business Practice Needs <i>Diane Ebersole, Practice Management Advisor, State Bar of Michigan, Lansing; J.R. Maddox, Director of Intellectual Property Services, Lexadigm Solutions LLC, Minneapolis, MN</i>	
	TECHNOLOGY Disaster Planning and Recovery—Surviving Digital Tech Meltdowns <i>Barron K. Henley, Henley March & Unger Consulting Inc, Columbus, OH</i>	

**Separate registration required

State Bar of Michigan— Working to Help You Weather the Economic Storm

Starting your own practice? Get time-tested advice when you attend *Starting a Law Practice—Hanging Out Your Shingle*.** FREE whether you sign up for the *Solo & Small Firm Institute* or not. When times are tough, your *State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting* is the perfect place to be. Take advantage of numerous networking

opportunities and accessibility to potential employers; and don't miss the FREE session offered both Thursday and Friday. Whatever your needs, count on the State Bar of Michigan to provide you with access to the tools you need to run your practice during tough economic times.



NEW THIS YEAR! EXPANDED NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships made possible by the generous support of the State Bar of Michigan, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education, and the General Practice Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Financially strapped? The State Bar of Michigan and ICLE are here to help you! This year we are increasing the number of need-based scholarships we offer for Michigan attorneys. Scholarships cover the registration fee for the *Solo & Small Firm Institute* and are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Previous scholarship recipients will not be excluded. Don't wait—apply today!

To apply, send a statement of need to:

ICLE, Attn: Joyce Gates
1020 Greene Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1444

**Separate registration required.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

General Practice Section
of the State Bar of Michigan
Founding Sponsor

Business Law Section
of the State Bar of Michigan

Law Practice Management Section
of the State Bar of Michigan

Practice Management Resource Center
of the State Bar of Michigan



Nonprofit corporations and independent licensees
of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association



ANNUAL MEETING SECTION PROGRAMS

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

12:00pm–12:30pm

Law Practice Management Section Business Meeting

12:35pm–4:00pm

Law Practice Management Section Program

Lawyers Must Learn to Keep the Firm Profitable in a Down Market

Speakers: Austin G. Anderson, Austin Anderson Consulting, LLC, Ann Arbor, MI; John J. Peterburs, executive director of Quarles Brady, Milwaukee, WI; Barry L. Brickner, Law Office of Barry L. Brickner, Bingham Farms, MI; Wesley P. Hackett, Jr., Law Office of Wesley P. Hackett, Jr., Saranac, MI; Rebecca Simkins, Detroit, MI; Elizabeth Jolliffe, Ann Arbor, MI

1:00pm–2:00pm

Administrative Law Section Business Meeting

2:00pm–4:30pm

Environmental Law Section Program

State of the Law

The program will address timely environmental law matters.

Moderator: Kurt M. Brauer

2:30pm–4:00pm

Administrative Law Section Program

The Golden Minute and a Half: Arguing to the Bench

Speaker: Judge William C. Whitbeck, Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Judge, Lansing, MI
Moderator: Michael J. Watz, Kitch Druchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook, Detroit, MI

4:30pm–5:00pm

Environmental Law Section Business Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2009

2:00pm–2:15pm

Consumer Law Section Business Meeting

2:00pm–3:00pm

Information Technology Law Section Business Meeting

2:00pm–4:00pm

Justice Initiatives Open House

Please plan on attending the Justice Initiatives Open House and learn how approximately 100 Justice Initiatives volunteers have contributed their time and legal talent to implement important projects on issues ranging from domestic violence and veterans rights to assigned counsel practices. Enjoy complimentary wine and cheese and enter to win one of numerous door prizes, including a gift certificate redeemable for specified 2010 SBM Annual Meeting events, a prize worth up to \$300. Come early—be one of the first 25 attendees and receive a t-shirt!

2:00pm–4:00pm

Appellate Practice Section Program

No More Pencils, No More Books: A Practical Guide to E-filing in the Court of Appeals and the Technology You Need to Be on the Cutting Edge

A nuts-and-bolts discussion of e-filing and technology for the appellate practitioner.

2:30pm–4:00pm

Consumer Law Section Program

Arbitration Update and Trends

Update of binding mandatory pre-dispute arbitration trends, cases, and the proposed federal arbitration fairness act.

Speaker: F. Paul Bland, Public Justice, Washington, DC
Moderator: Terry Adler, Terry Adler PLLC, Grand Blanc, MI

3:00pm–4:00pm

Information Technology Law Section Program

An Introduction to Cloud Computing

Our speakers will explain what cloud computing is and how it works, and will highlight some of the important legal issues practitioners should consider when confronted with cloud computing.

Speakers: Charles A. Bieneman, Rader Fishman & Grauer PLLC, Bloomfield Hills, MI; Christopher J. Falkowski, Falkowski PLLC, Novi, MI

4:00pm–5:00pm

Appellate Practice Section Business Meeting

Strength • Stability • Commitment



You expect it. You deserve it. With ProNational's professional liability protection, you get it.

With ProNational's LawyerCare® coverage, you receive years of experience, unwavering support and tough defense. Combined with LawyerCare's unique features and customizable options, it adds up to a comprehensive solution.

- Generous limits of liability
- PracticeGuard® (extra value at no additional cost)
- Prior Acts Coverage
- Three-year "tail" at no additional cost

ProNational has over twenty years of experience in professional liability coverage. With an A- (Excellent) A.M. Best rating, financial strength and stability, you're choosing a company you can count on when it matters most.

For more information, call a ProNational sales representative at 800/292-1036, or contact your local ProNational agent.

 **LawyerCare®**
Professional Liability Policy for Lawyers and Law Firms

 **ProNational**
INSURANCE COMPANY
A ProAssurance Company

Rated A- "Excellent" by A.M. Best
www.ProAssurance.com • 800/292-1036

Register me for the following FREE Annual Meeting Events:

SECTION AND ANCILLARY GROUP MEETINGS TIMES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

- ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 1:00PM-4:00PM
- ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 2:00PM-5:00PM
- LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 12:00PM-4:30PM
- REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING & LUNCH 12:00PM-2:00PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

- STARTING A LAW PRACTICE—HANGING OUT YOUR SHINGLE 7:30AM-9:00AM
- AMERICAN INDIAN LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 1:00PM-4:00PM
- APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 2:00PM-5:00PM
- CONSUMER LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 2:00PM-4:00PM
- GENERAL PRACTICE SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 2:00PM-3:00PM
- FAMILY LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 9:00AM-11:30AM
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 2:00PM-4:00PM
- INSURANCE & INDEMNITY LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 10:00AM-11:30AM
- INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 8:30AM-12:00PM
- LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 2:00PM-5:00PM
- LITIGATION SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 9:30AM-11:30AM
- MICHIGAN RETIRED JUDGES ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING 2:00PM-4:00PM
- REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING 9:30AM-5:00PM
- TAXATION SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 2:30PM-4:00PM
- YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 9:00AM-11:30AM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

- STARTING A LAW PRACTICE—HANGING OUT YOUR SHINGLE (REPEAT SESSION) 7:30AM-9:00AM
- ANIMAL LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 1:30PM-4:00PM
- ANTITRUST, FRANCHISING AND TRADE REGULATION SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 10:00AM-11:00AM
- AVIATION LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 2:00PM-4:00PM
- CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 10:00AM-12:00PM
- CRIMINAL LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 9:00AM-12:00PM
- JUSTICE INITIATIVES OPEN HOUSE 2:00PM-4:00PM
- LAW STUDENT SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 10:00AM-12:00PM
- MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF BAR EXECUTIVES BUSINESS MEETING 9:00AM-12:00PM
- MICHIGAN LAWYERS AUXILIARY BUSINESS MEETING 9:00AM-12:00PM
- NEGLIGENCE LAW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM 9:00AM-11:00AM
- PARALEGAL & LEGAL ASSISTANTS SECTION BUSINESS MEETING 1:30PM-2:00PM

Register me for the Solo & Small Firm Institute:

(Includes materials on CD-ROM. Register for printed handbook and meals separately.)

DATES	INSTITUTE FEES
BOTH DAYS 09/17-18/09	<input type="radio"/> \$145 EARLY BIRD* <input type="radio"/> \$195 REGULAR
THURSDAY ONLY 09/17/09	<input type="radio"/> \$80 EARLY BIRD* <input type="radio"/> \$105 REGULAR
FRIDAY ONLY 09/18/09	<input type="radio"/> \$80 EARLY BIRD* <input type="radio"/> \$105 REGULAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

STARTING A LAW PRACTICE SESSION FREE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

STARTING A LAW PRACTICE REPEAT SESSION FREE

Attending AND want the printed handbook?

PRINTED HANDBOOK TITLE	PRINTED HANDBOOK FEE
2009 SOLO & SMALL FIRM INSTITUTE	<input type="radio"/> \$55

Can't attend? Order the printed handbook!

(Price includes tax, shipping, and handling.)

PRINTED HANDBOOK TITLE	PRINTED HANDBOOK FEE
2009 SOLO & SMALL FIRM INSTITUTE	<input type="radio"/> \$232

Register me for the following Networking Events and Meals:

(Contact Amy Casner to reserve tables at meal events. 517-346-6322 or acasner@mail.michbar.org)

EVENT TITLE	# OF TKTS	EVENT FEES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009		
STATE BAR AWARDS BANQUET	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> \$66 EARLY BIRD* <input type="radio"/> \$70 REGULAR
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009		
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> FREE
STATE BAR INAUGURAL LUNCHEON	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> \$44 EARLY BIRD* <input type="radio"/> \$48 REGULAR
STATE BAR RECEPTION	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> \$10
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009		
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> FREE
STATE BAR LUNCHEON	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> \$44 EARLY BIRD* <input type="radio"/> \$48 REGULAR

NAME _____ MI P # _____

FIRM _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

SPECIAL AND DIETARY NEEDS _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION	
2009 SOLO & SMALL FIRM INSTITUTE REGISTRATION SUBTOTAL	\$ _____
2009 SOLO & SMALL FIRM INSTITUTE PRINTED HANDBOOK SUBTOTAL	\$ _____
EVENTS REGISTRATION SUBTOTAL	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ _____

CHECK # _____ CHARGE MY: VISA MASTERCARD

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN


CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP DATE _____ SIGNATURE FOR CREDIT CARD _____

***Early bird pricing guaranteed through August 31, 2009.**
Cancellation Policy: Cancellation requests must be made in writing to the State Bar of Michigan before August 31, 2009 for a full refund. After August 31 a \$25 fee applies. No refunds will be made after September 4, 2009.
Accommodations: Discounted rates are available at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn. See www.michbar.org/annualmeeting.cfm for details or call 800-233-1234.
Reservations must be made by August 15, 2009.

Register Today! Early Bird Savings End Aug. 31, 2009
 3 Convenient Ways to Register with the State Bar of Michigan

 **REGISTER ONLINE**
www.michbar.org/annualmeeting.cfm

 **FAX**
 517-346-6365

 **MAIL**
 State Bar of Michigan, Attn: Annual Meeting Registration
 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933-2012

E
D
C
B
A