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SBM 21st Century Practice Task Force Begins Work



Members of the 21st Century Practice Task Force convened for the first time on April 27 in Lansing. The task force will recommend how the State Bar of Michigan can best serve the public and support lawyers' professional development in a rapidly changing legal marketplace. The task force will also look at the potential for modernizing Michigan's attorney regulation in response to those changes. SBM past presidents Bruce Courtade and Julie Fershtman co-chair the task force. ■

Representative Assembly Meets April 25 in Lansing



SBM Representative Assembly members enjoy a moment of levity at the spring meeting on April 25 at Lansing Community College. For a full photo gallery from the meeting, visit facebook.com/sbm.news.



SBM Representative Assembly Chair Vanessa Peterson Williams speaks to the members of the Assembly as Vice Chair Daniel D. Quick and Clerk Fred K. Herrmann listen.

Young Lawyers Triumph Over SBM Board in Laser Tag Battle



The SBM Young Lawyers Section leaders prevailed over the Board of Commissioners in their first-ever laser tag challenge, raising \$173 for the Access to Justice Fund. The young lawyers wore green.



The SBM Board wore blue in the laser tag challenge. More photos from the event are in a gallery at facebook.com/sbm.news.

SBM Presents McCree Awards at Journalism Hall of Fame Banquet

On April 19, the State Bar of Michigan presented Wade H. McCree Awards for the Advancement of Justice to reporters at the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame banquet in East Lansing. The McCree Awards are given each year to reporters who foster a greater public understanding of the legal and judicial system. ■



Front row, left to right: Joan Isabella, Mark Stryker, Jennifer Guerra, and Sarah Alvarez; second row: Sandra Svoboda, SBM President-Elect Lori Buiteweg, and Courtney Hurtt; third row: SBM Law and the Media Committee Chair Robin Luce Herrmann, John Gallagher, and Nathan Bomey; fourth row: SBM President Tom Rombach, Mike Martindale, and Brad Devereaux. View other photos of the McCree winners at facebook.com/sbm.news.

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