



# Every Hour Matters

I just returned from Big Spring, Texas. It is not big and I saw no spring. What it is, however, is home to my stepson and three-year-old granddaughter.

My work schedule only allowed me a couple of days with my granddaughter to celebrate her third birthday, but every hour was precious to me—every hour.

You work hard also, and as much as you may like your work, every hour you can have for your family or personal interests is precious.

We at the State Bar of Michigan want to help you get a few of those hours back. We won't claim to solve all the conflicts taking your hours away, but it is possible to work with you to help regain some. Every hour does count.

Plans are well under way for the unveiling of the Practice Management Resource Center. This new department will coordinate efforts and facilitate the use of resources of the Law Practice Management Section, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, and private sources to help you save hours.

Much has been written in Michigan and nationally about the need to help lawyers improve their quality of life. Helping you to be more efficient is a core function of ours as a result of the overwhelming input from you to focus more on you.

We are not alone in Michigan. There is much to learn and share from the best programs nationwide. We will share every good idea we can find and every good idea you provide us.

We ask for your help. What has worked for you? What are your greatest needs?

I will not insult your intelligence. There is no silver bullet to find the perfect balance of professional and personal lives, but together we can help in small ways that cumulatively may help in significant ways.

Examples of help on the way:

- Help with selecting and using software packages
- Help with deciding what technology can be most helpful to you
- Law office policy manuals
- Tickler systems

- Time management techniques
- Career information
- Help with career changes, including starting a solo firm
- Marketing assistance
- Trust account management help
- Staff and employee advice
- Aid in dealing with the stress of running a law office

Jayden is her name. Evidence of her being the most wonderful three-year-old can be e-mailed to you upon request! Every hour matters. Send us your ideas at [voice@mail.michbar.org](mailto:voice@mail.michbar.org). ♦

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