CALENDAR
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008
9:00AM – 3:30PM

Hyatt Regency Dearborn
Great Lakes Conference Center, Section A
600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn

*Denotes Action Items

PLEASE NOTE: MEETING BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M.

9:00 a.m.  1. Introductory Matters
A. Call to order by Chairperson, Robert C. Gardella with Parliamentarian,
   Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens
   [Robert C. Gardella, PLLC, 134 N 1st St., Ste. 201, Brighton, MI 48116-1264
    phone: (810) 220-4200; email: bobgardella@yahoo.com]

   [Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens, 3rd Circuit Court, 2 Woodward Ave.,
    Rm 1421, Detroit, MI 48226
    phone: (313) 224-2451; email: cynthia.stephens@3rdcc.org]

B. Certification that a quorum is present by Assembly Clerk, Elizabeth M. Johnson, Esq.
   [409 Plymouth Rd., Ste 210, Plymouth, MI 48170-1834
    phone: (734) 455-9002]

C. Adoption of proposed calendar by Chair, Rules & Calendar Scott A. Wolfson, Esq.
   [Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn LLP, 660 Woodward Ave., Ste 2290,
    Detroit, MI 48226-3506
    phone: (313) 465-7610; email: swolfson@honigman.com]

D. Approval of the April 12, 2008 summary of proceedings

9:05 a.m.  2. Introduction of United States Congressman John Conyers, Jr.
   Mr. Robert C. Gardella
   Chairperson, Representative Assembly
   [Robert C. Gardella, PLLC, 134 N 1st St., Ste. 201, Brighton, MI 48116-1264
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9:10 a.m.  3. Report from United States Congressman John Conyers, Jr.
   Representing Michigan’s 14th District
   [2426 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515,
    phone: 202-225-5126]

9:35 a.m.  4. Presentation of the Michael Franck Award to Justice Thomas E. Brennan
   Presenter: Mr. Lawrence P. Nolan, Esq.
   Member, Representative Assembly
   [Nolan Thomsen & Villas PC, 239 S Main St., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827-1255
    phone: (517) 663-3306]
9:55 a.m.  5.  Presentation of the Unsung Hero Award to Susan Spagnuolo Dal, Esq.
Presenter: Ms. Kathleen M. Oemke, Esq.
Member, Representative Assembly
[Livingston County Attorney, Referee, Friend of the Court, 210 S Highlander Way,
Howell, MI 48843-1996
Phone: (517) 540-7730; email: koemke@co.livingston.mi.us]

10:15 a.m.  6.  Break

10:30 a.m.  7.  Filling Vacancies
Ms. Victoria Radke, Esq.
Chairperson, Assembly Nominating and Awards Committee
[524 Ludington St., Ste. 201, Escanaba, MI 49829-3900
phone: (906) 789-1022; email: vrlawpc@charterinternet.com]

10:35 a.m.  8.  Remarks from the Chair
Robert C. Gardella, Esq
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10:50 a.m.  9.  Remarks from the President
Mr. Ronald D. Keefe, Esq.
President, State Bar of Michigan
[Kendricks Bordeau Adamini Chilman & Greenlee PC, 128 W Spring St.,
Marquette, MI 49855-4608
phone: (906) 226-2543; email: keefer@kendrickslaw.com]
Questions & Answers

11:00 a.m.  10.  Remarks from the Executive Director
Ms. Janet Welch, Esq.
[State Bar of Michigan, 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933,
phone: (517) 346-6375; email: jwelch@mail.michbar.org]
Questions & Answers

11:10 a.m.  11.  *Consideration of Political and Judicial Endorsements by Assembly Officers
Proponent: Prof. Joan P. Vestrand, Esq.
Assistant Dean/Professor of Law and Member, Representative Assembly
[Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2630 Featherstone Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326
phone: (248) 751-7800 ; email: vestranj@cooley.edu]
- Invited to comment: All State Bar Sections, Committees & Members
- Assembly Debate

11:25 a.m.  12.  *Consideration of Canon 2(F) of the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct
Proponent: Mr. Matthew R. Abel, Esq.
Member, Representative Assembly
[450 W Fort St., Fl 200, Detroit, MI 48226-3169
phone: (248) 866-0864; email: attorneyabel@riseup.net]
- Invited to comment: All State Bar Sections, Committees & Members
- Assembly Debate

11:45 a.m.  13.  Inaugural Luncheon
2:00 p.m. 14. A Race to the Bottom – Speed & Savings Over Due Process: A Constitutional Crisis
Mr. David Carroll, Esq. Director of Research for the National
Legal Aid and Defender Association
[National Legal Aid & Defender Association, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 452-0620]
- Questions & Answers

2:30 p.m. 15. *Consideration of MCR 6.201(B) Preservation of Electronic Recordings
Proponent: Mr. Matthew R. Abel, Esq.
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- Invited to comment: All State Bar Sections, Committees & Members
- Assembly Debate

2:45 p.m. 16. *Consideration of MCR 6.425(B) & (C) Providing Copies of Presentence
Reports to Defendant and Defense Counsel
Proponent: Mr. Matthew R. Abel, Esq.
Member, Representative Assembly
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- Invited to comment: All State Bar Sections, Committees & Members
- Assembly Debate

3:00 p.m. 17. *Consideration MCR 6.425(B) Presentence Report: Adding Information To;
Adjournment Allowed When Not Timely Submitted Before Sentencing
Proponent: Mr. Stephen Gobbo, Esq.
Member, Representative Assembly Member and Chair, Special Issues Committee
[State of Michigan, PO Box 24222, Lansing, MI 48909-4222
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- Invited to comment: All State Bar Sections, Committees & Members
- Assembly Debate

*Consideration of MCR 6.610(F) Presentence Report District Court: Adding
Information to; Adjournment Allowed When not Timely Submitted Before Sentencing
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3:15 p.m. 18. Nomination and Election of Assembly Clerk

3:20 p.m. 19. Introduction of Hon Michael J. Talbot, Michigan Court of Appeals

3:35 p.m. 20. Swearing in of Kathy Kakish as 2008-2009 Chairperson of the Representative Assembly. (Kathy Kakish will be sworn in by Hon. Michael J. Talbot, Michigan Court of Appeals)

3:40 p.m. 21. Presentation of Recognition to Assembly Chair, Committee Chairs
and Assembly members completing their terms of service

3:50 p.m. 22. Adjournment

ATTENDANCE FORMS ARE CIRCULATED AND COLLECTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING