CALENDAR
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014
9:00AM – 11:45AM

DeVos Place
Ballroom A
303 Monroe Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids

*Denotes Action Items

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

9:00 a.m.  1. Introductory Matters
A. Call to order by Chair Kathleen M. Allen with Parliamentarian Hon. John M. Chmura

Ms. Kathleen M. Allen
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[Hon. John M. Chmura, 37th District Court, 8300 Common Rd., # 104, Warren, MI 48093
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B. Certification that a quorum is present by Assembly Clerk, Mr. Daniel D. Quick
[Dickinson Wright PLLC, 2600 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 300, Troy, MI 48084
phone: (248) 433-7242; email: dquick@dickinsonwright.com]

C. Adoption of proposed calendar by Chair, Rules & Calendar, Ms. Katherine Kakish
[Assistant Attorney General, Revenue and Collections Division, 3030 W Grand Blvd., Suite 10-200, Cadillac Place, Detroit, MI 48202
phone: (313) 456-0140; email: kakishk@michigan.gov]

D. Approval of the April 26, 2014 summary of proceedings

9:05 a.m.  2. *Filling Vacancies
Hon. Jeffrey C. Nellis
Chair, Assembly Nominating and Awards Committee
[Mason County Probate Court, 304 E. Ludington Ave., Ludington, MI 49431
phone: (231) 843-8666; email: jnells@masoncounty.net]

9:10 a.m.  3. *Consideration of Amendment to MCR 7.109 – Record on Appeal
Proponent: Ms. Lorray S.C. Brown
Co-Chair, Justice Policy Initiative Committee
[Michigan Poverty Law Program, 220 E Huron St., Suite 600A, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
phone: (734) 998-6100 x113; email: lorrayb@mplp.org]

Mr. Michael J. Blau
Co-Chair, Justice Policy Initiative Committee
[35145 Oakland St., Farmington, MI 48335-3344
phone: (248) 943-6148; email: mikeblau924@gmail.com]
-Invited to comment: All State Bar Sections, Committees & Members
-Assembly debate
9:30 a.m. 4. Presentation of the Unsung Hero Award to Susan F. Reed  
Presenter: Ms. Elizabeth Jolliffe  
[Your Benchmark Coach, 543 5th St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
phone: (734) 663-7905; email: elizabeth@yourbenchmarkcoach.com]  
Presenter: Mr. William J. Winters, III  
[Reed Winters PLLC, 547 E Jefferson Ave., Suite 201, Detroit, MI 48226  
phone: (313) 510-3316; email: freezewinters@aol.com]  

9:45 a.m. 5. Presentation of the Michael Franck Award to Julie I. Fershtman  
Presenter: Mr. Webb A. Smith  
[Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC, 313 S Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933  
phone: (517) 371-8157; email: wsmith@fosterswift.com]  

10:00 a.m. 6. Break  

10:15 a.m. 7. Inward Look of the State Bar – Year in Review – Challenge to a Mandatory Bar  
Ms. Janet K. Welch – National Perspective  
Executive Director, State Bar of Michigan  
[State Bar of Michigan, 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933,  
phone: (517) 346-6375; email: jwelch@mail.michbar.org]  
Mr. Brian D. Einhorn – Response from the State Bar  
President, State Bar of Michigan  
[Collins Einhorn Farrell PC, 4000 Town Center, Suite 909, Southfield, MI 48075  
phone: (248) 351-5414; email: brian.einhorn@ceflawyers.com]  
Ms. Kathleen M. Allen – Representative Assembly Perspective  
[Legal Aid of Western Michigan--Grand Rapids, 89 Ionia Ave., NW, Suite 400,  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
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Mr. Thomas C. Rombach – The Year Ahead  
President-Elect, State Bar of Michigan  
[Law Offices of Thomas C. Rombach, 51249 Washington St., New Baltimore, MI 48047  
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11:00 a.m. 8. *Nomination and Election of Assembly Clerk  

11:10 a.m. 9. Presentation of Recognition to Assembly members completing their terms of service and Committee Chairs  

11:20 a.m. 10. Introduction of Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens, Michigan Court of Appeals by Chair, Kathleen M. Allen  

11:25 a.m. 11. Swearing in of Vanessa Peterson Williams as 2014-2015 Chairperson of the Representative Assembly. (Vanessa Peterson Williams will be sworn in by Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens)  

11:35 a.m. 12. Presentation of Recognition to the Immediate Past Assembly Chair  

11:45 p.m. 13. Adjournment  

12:00 p.m. 14. Inaugural Luncheon (Ballroom B)  

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