



# OBITER DICTUM



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## Kids say thanks for Christmas fun

Their faces said it all—thanks for making Christmas something special. And the MCBA thanks those who helped make it happen by donating to the annual Child Haven Christmas Party.

“These children are often the forgotten ones at Christmas-time.” said Jenny McNeill, MCBA VP.

A special thank you to the following for their donations and time: Pat & Christine Nolan; The Victim Witness Staff of the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office; Parmenter O'Toole; Bob Engel; Judge James Graves; Tom Andrews; Ladas & Hoopes; Judge Michael Nolan; Jim Kobza; Jordan Mundt; Williams, Hughes & Cook; Cara Fisher; Judge Maria Ladas-Hoopes; and Jennifer Hyl-land.

### CALENDAR ITEMS

Noon, Holiday Inn, Downtown

#### Wednesday, March 12:

MCBA : Victoria Kremski, Deputy Director of the Professional Standards Vision of the SBM: "Non-Refundable" Retainer and the Attorney Discipline Board's September 2007 decision.

#### Wednesday, April 9:

JoAnn Hathaway, SBM's Practice Management Resource Center on "60 Firm and Practice Management Tips is 60 Minutes." RSVP - jonesam@comcast.net.

## Future lawyers seek your call

Payback can be tough, or a blessing. For many area kids, *your* payback can be a ticket to a better life to an area child.

Through Big Brothers/Big Sister of the Lakeshore, you can share career - decisions you made early on, what and where you studied—with area kids who have few other windows into their possible futures.

And you can do it electronically.

“E-mentoring is a quick and easy way to share your career with a high school student who has expressed interest in your profession,” said Brian Obits, CEO of the local BB/BS Lakeshore. “All correspondence is made

directly by e-mail and no face-to-face contact occurs.

According to Mr. Obits, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore carefully selects volunteers to ensure they are responsible and committed to being an E-mentor.

“It's easy and fun! Most E-mentors send and receive one e-mail a week,” Mr. Obits said. “You will have the opportunity to share your experiences from your profession and help guide a young person along your career path.”

E-mentoring starts by answering 7 questions:

1. Where are you employed?
2. What is your position



and responsibilities?

3. How long have you worked in this field?

4. What schooling was required for your position?

5. What school did you attend?

6. Why did you go into this field of work?

7. What do you want to share with a high school student about your career

To get started, please contact LaVetta Bruce today at Big Brothers Big Sisters at 231-728-2447

## Judge Beckering here for Law Day

Hon. Jane M. Beckering, Michigan Court of Appeals judge, will be the keynote speaker for the MCBA's 50th celebration of Law Day.

Gov. Granholm appointed Judge Beckering in October 2007 to the MCOA's Third District. This encompasses a 16-

county area, including Muskegon County.

The Michigan Women Lawyers Association named Attorney Beckering one of the top ten women lawyers in Michigan. A gifted trial lawyer, she's served on many executive boards, including the Hillman Trial Advocacy Program board.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Friday, May 2, 2008:

Law Day Celebration, the nation's 50th, at noon, at Muskegon Holiday Inn. Theme: "The Rule of Law."

Urge your local schools—elementary, middle, and high schools—to participate. And think about nominees.