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Message from the Chair

Greetings to Our Readers

It is with great pleasure that I assume the chair of the Master Lawyers Section Council for 2016-2017. We elected new officers and new council members at our September annual meeting held in Grand Rapids during the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting. We also featured a presentation on forced arbitration by section member Tom R. Pabst, which was both informative and enlightening.

During the annual SBM 50-Year Golden Celebration Luncheon, 59 members were honored for 50 years of State Bar membership. During the luncheon, State Bar President Lawrence P. Nolan called upon the honorees to give back to younger Bar members by reaching out to them and mentoring them. As Master Lawyers Section members, we should consider President Nolan's call to get involved with the younger lawyers.

There are 18,287 active members of the Master Lawyers Section. All but 54 reside in the United States; nearly 15,000 live in Michigan. Of the Michigan residents:

- More than 11,000 (75.6 percent) are baby boomers born between 1944-1960.
- More than 3,600 were born prior to 1944,
- Twenty-two are part of Generation X born between 1961-1980.

The council encourages its members to participate in the section's program planning process to help develop and support programs and events. We need your input to be successful.

The section bylaws are posted on the Master Lawyers Section website. Please visit the website and familiarize yourself with the purpose of the section's four standing committees: Service to Master Lawyers; Protection of the Public; Community Contributions; and Membership. You are invited to join a committee and participate in this year's planning process. If you decide to participate, please



Cynthia L. Johnson, Chair

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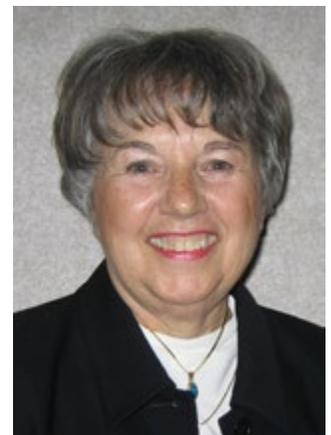
Notes from the Editor

The warmth of summer is fading, lemonade is replaced by cider, pumpkins can be seen on porches, the trees are bursting with color, bands are playing fight songs at football games, and ghosts and goblins are getting ready for their big night. Fall is here and the Master Lawyers Section is celebrating its arrival with this issue.

Our members have again provided thoughtful and entertaining articles. Our new chair, Cynthia Johnson, encourages members to become involved in our section. Charles Toy writes on succession planning and points out the resources available on the topic. Dick Fellrath reports on a successful Constitution Day presentation at Sacred Heart School in Dearborn.

Liisa Speaker and Jennifer Alberts of the Speaker Law Firm write of ethical violations of email scams. Tom Darnton, who was diagnosed with cancer, describes his successful transition from illness and an active law practice to health and real estate. Finally, Ed Pugh describes the wonderful time he and fellow travelers had on the first Master Lawyers train trip.

—Roberta



Roberta M. Gubbins, Editor

Master Lawyers Section Holds Annual Meeting

The Master Lawyers Section held its annual meeting September 23 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids in conjunction with the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting. The new officers were sworn in: Chair Cynthia Johnson; Chair Elect Ron Keefe; Secretary Kathleen Williams Newell; and Treasurer James Loree.

Following the business meeting, Tom R. Pabst spoke on forced arbitration, which he said is stripping Americans of their rights under the cover of fine print. A trial attorney for many years, Pabst was concerned about the elimination of trials to resolve disputes, especially in commercial transactions where purchasers are forced into arbitration without any other choice.

The meeting and program were followed by the 50-Year Golden Celebration Luncheon recognizing attorneys who have been State Bar members for 50 years.



New council chair Cynthia Johnson presents a dedicated service plaque to outgoing chair Dick Ruhala.



Ruhala presents Johnson with a gavel to preside over council meetings.



Attorney Tom R. Pabst speaks on the topic of forced arbitration.



Ruhala presents service awards to outgoing council members Charlotte Shoup and George S. Lilly.



Newly elected State Bar President Larry Nolan and Johnson present 50-year service awards to attorneys at luncheon in their honor.

Now Is the Best Time for Succession Planning

By Charles Toy, Associate Dean of Career and Professional Development, Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School and 75th President of the State Bar of Michigan

According to the SBM publication “2016-2017 Statewide and County Demographics,” 45 percent of active Michigan resident attorneys are at least 56 years old. In 53 of the 83 Michigan counties, more than half of the active attorneys over 56 years old. Forty-eight percent of attorneys in the SBM Master Lawyers Section who are at least 56 years old are in private practice; of those, half are solo practitioners – 20.6% part-time and 29% full-time.

Leaving the practice of law, whether planned or not, is inevitable for every attorney, but it is certainly closer in time for the many attorneys who are at least 56 years old. Succession planning is –an ethical, professional, and practical necessity. Planning is the best strategy for succession; if you do not have a succession plan, now is the best time to start.

There are many resources to help practitioners plan for succession. For Michigan attorneys, the most comprehensive resource is the State Bar of Michigan. The Practice Management Resource Center has a 90-page *Planning Ahead Handbook* at <http://www.michbar.org/pmrc/planingahead>.

The *Handbook* is intended to help fulfill an attorney’s ethical obligations to protect clients’ interests in the event of death, disability, impairment, or incapacity, but it also simplifies the planned closure of a law office. The *Handbook* contains checklists and necessary forms which can be opened as Word documents with a simple click, allowing you to tailor the form to your specific needs.

The *Planning Ahead Handbook* comes with free personal counseling, a valuable part of your State Bar membership. Diane Ebersole, who did much of the work on the *Handbook*, is available to answer questions by email at debersole@mail.michbar.org or by phone at (517) 346-6411.

The American Bar Association website contains many articles about succession planning that can be found under searches for “retirement planning” or “succession planning.” Useful articles are found under Publications > GP Solo and Publications > Law

Practice Home.

Additional resources can be found on legal malpractice insurance carriers’ websites (i.e. <http://www.alpsnet.com/risk-management/>) and the websites of other state bars or regulatory agencies (i.e. https://www.iardc.org/Closing_a_Law_Practice.pdf).



Charles Toy

Some attorneys — especially those in smaller towns who have strong emotional ties to their community or work in areas with few other attorneys — may want to sell their practices. Generally, the attorney has time to find a successor attorney, assimilate the new attorney into the practice and community, and have the established attorney add a goodwill component to the sale by remaining in practice in some capacity and introducing clients to the new attorney.

Western Michigan University Cooley Law School’s Career and Professional Development Office matches practicing attorneys wishing to sell their practice with students or recent graduates who plan to go solo by design. Often, the practice is rural, the attorney has spent his or her life in the community and bristles at the idea of his or her clients having to travel to a neighboring city, and the most valuable asset is the building in which the office is located. The recent graduate seeks mentorship from an experienced attorney, understands legal fees will be less than large city attorneys, will have a general practice, desires smaller communities, and knows the local court will be located in a larger city. For more information about matching recent graduates who want to go solo by design, contact the author at toyc@cooley.edu.

Succession planning can be one of the most procrastinative topics. Break the task into little parts and tackle one part at a time. As for the answer to the question of when to start: the best time is now.

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Constitution Day

By Richard F. Fellrath



Dick Fellrath with 7th and 8th grade students at Sacred Heart School on Constitution Day

I celebrated Constitution Day on September 19 at with 7th and 8th graders at Sacred Heart School in Dearborn, his school. We examined and dissected the Japanese internment case of *Korematsu v. United States* (1944). The students were attentive and the discussions were lively.

I am pretty sure the kids understood the legal premises; they defended their positions well. This was my first year at Sacred Heart and I thought the topic was particularly relevant in a community which is largely Arabic, though I admit much of the discussion

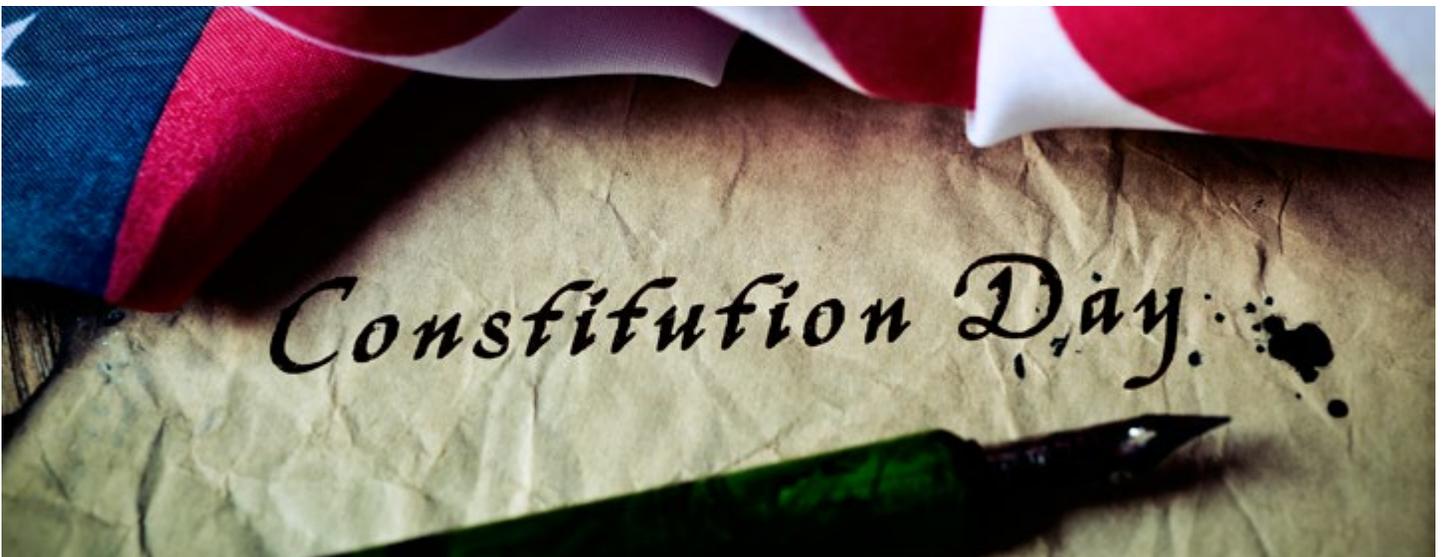
concerned the Second Amendment and gun control. I look forward to future presentations such as this.

About the Author

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Dick Fellrath



Ethics Pitfalls of Email Scams

By Liisa R. Speaker and Jennifer M. Alberts

Just about everyone who has an email account has received spam mail from people purporting to be attorneys, offering them a grand business opportunity that will net them millions of dollars with zero effort. The senders of these messages may not actually be attorneys as they claim. But what if they are? Shouldn't these "attorneys" be subject to discipline for professional misconduct?

Recently, I received an email from a "Mario Sanchez," asking me to pretend to be the next of kin to someone who had passed away in order to collect 12,700,000 euros from a bank:

"My name is Barr. Mario Sanchez, a personal Attorney to Late Mr. Michael who died along-side his entire family on the 11th March 2004 train bombing in Madrid. . . .

"My purpose of contacting you is for you to help secure a cash deposit left behind by my late client, to avoid it being confiscated or declared un-serviceable by the Bank where this cash deposit valued 12,700,000 euros was deposited by my late client before his accidental death.

"Since this account is secret and there is no one left to claim the fund I am contacting you. I am actually asking for your consent to present you to the Bank as the Next of Kin/beneficiary of my late client's fund, since you have the same last name, so that the fund will be released to you as his next of kin."



Liisa Speaker

Jennifer Alberts

He, of course, wanted half of the money for his part in the transaction, and ensured me that the transaction was absolutely risk free:

"Upon the completion of the transaction, I wish to point out that I want 10% of this money to be shared among the charity organizations, while the remaining will be shared equally between us. Please be assured that this transaction is entirely risk free as I guarantee the legality and success of this transaction."

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Unfortunately, Mr. Sanchez did not pay much attention in his professional responsibility class as he violated a number of rules in proposing this transaction. Model Rule of Professional Conduct 7.3, for example, is the rule regarding solicitation of clients. It requires that electronic communications soliciting clients contain the words “advertising material” at the beginning and end of each communication. As you could guess, Mr. Sanchez included no such phrase in his email.

Mr. Sanchez should also be warned of rule 1.8 against engaging in business transactions with clients. Assuming Mr. Sanchez was proposing to represent me in this business transaction, the transaction could not include his involvement unless he advised me of the desirability of seeking independent counsel—which, of course, he did not—and obtained my informed consent in writing, which he did not.

On a somewhat related note, Mr. Sanchez cannot request substantial gifts from clients unrelated to him. Half of 12.7 million euros is a pretty substantial gift, isn't it? It doesn't seem like a reasonable fee for his services.

And, of course, there's rule 8.4 prohibiting attorneys from engaging in crimes and dishonesty, such as pretending a person is someone's next of kin when, in truth, they are not. Mr. Sanchez also would have violated rule 4.1, which prohibits lying generally.

If I had taken him up on his offer, I would also be in violation of the rules.

Rule 4.1 prohibits attorneys from knowingly making false statements to others, and rule 8.4 prohibits attorneys from engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. I chose to follow Mr. Sanchez's “business proposal” and falsely claim to be the kin of someone, I would violate both rules.

Mr. Sanchez may not be very ethical, but the recipients of his emails should be!

Liisa R. Speaker and Jennifer M. Alberts are appellate attorneys at the Speaker Law Firm.



Lake Monitor and A Lawyer's Tale of Transitioning

By Tom Darnton

Several times each summer on sunny, quiet mornings, I'll walk out on our dock, take the cover off my little utility boat, load my science kit aboard, pull the starter rope on the 4-cycle Mercury, and head out to a spot midway between Evergreen Pointe and Olds Point in the west basin of Lake Charlevoix to test the water. I'm continuing a practice that began more than 20 years ago by the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC). The goal is to gather baseline data on the health of Lake Charlevoix.

TOMWC watches three sites on Lake Charlevoix and has monitors like myself on most of northern lower Michigan's lakes.

Monitoring the water quality of Lake Charlevoix is a long way from practicing family law and ADR in Washtenaw County, which I did for 40 years from 1972 to 2012. In early 2012, I was diagnosed with a stage 4 cancer. What followed were two very challenging years of treatment and recovery. As my health and life expectancy improved, I faced another reality—namely, I had nowhere near the funds needed for 20 or so years of retirement. I am now pursuing a career in real estate from my family's waterfront home on Lake Charlevoix, which is how I found myself in a position to volunteer for the water monitoring assignment.

My testing kit, which I store in a rectangular plastic bucket, consists of a Secchi disk used to gauge water transparency, a 100-foot measuring tape on a reel, an old coffee can with a handle fashioned from a coat hanger in which a one-quart plastic bottle with a hole in the screw-top cap is embedded in concrete, a one-pint plastic bottle with an screw-top cap intact, a thermometer on a string, and a clipboard with data sheet and carpenter's pencil clasped to its face. I motor out to my designated spot, make notes about the weather, record the air temperature, tie the thermometer to one of my stern lines and put it over the side to take the water temperature. I hook the Secchi disk to the measuring tape, lower it into the lake until it disappears from view, and record the depth where it just goes out of sight.

After attaching the coffee-can apparatus to the tape, I slowly lower it to twice the depth I recorded for the disk and bring it back to the surface. The hole in the top of the collecting bottle emits a string of bubbles as water enters the bottle; the idea is to have it completely full as I bring it back to the surface. Once surfaced, I transfer a pint of the collected water to the smaller bottle, retrieve the thermometer, record the water temperature, crank up the engine, and head back to my dock.



Tom Darnton

In my basement, I set out my sampling equipment and run 240 ccs of my water sample through special filters which collect the particles suspended in the water column. These filters are sealed in a test tube labeled with the date and location and wrapped in aluminum foil and stored in my freezer. When the collection season is over at the end of August, I deliver them along with my data sheet to TOMWC headquarters in Petoskey. The whole process takes about an hour and produces a sense of satisfaction which lasts for days.

One of the questions I am frequently asked—especially by other lawyers—is whether I miss practicing law. During the final months of my recovery as my vision of the future began to include the idea that I might have a life to live, I did find myself longing for the sense of engagement in meaningful work and belonging to a profession. A big piece of my sense of self had been defined by my engagement with the law and helping others solve problems. Now that I've gotten a start in real estate where my legal background has proved useful, I have a new sense of belonging. Even on days when I can't find an excuse to get out on the lake, I am grateful for the blessing of waking up every morning with the opportunity to engage fully with the art of living.

Riding the Train

By Ed Pugh

Riding the train through 27 tunnels—one of which was more than miles long—and following the Colorado River after venturing through the Donner Pass and finally receiving a Colorado salute* was the route the first group of master lawyers took on their return to Chicago from America's West during the debut Vacations by Rail trip sponsored by the Master Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

The group included the retired circuit court judge Hon. Paul Clulo and his wife, Carolyn, of Frankfort; 71A District Court Magistrate Gregory Wise and his wife, Darlene, of Lapeer; and me and my wife, Sharon.

Paul, Greg, and I had no problem encouraging their wives to hit the rails and see the West. The high points of the tour consisted of the train ride, our motor coach, and the fantastic guides who led us to places most of us had only seen from the windows of an airplane.

The 14-day trip took us from Chicago to Arizona, old Route 66, Grand Canyon National Park, Las Vegas, Sacramento, Pier 39 in San Francisco, Yosemite National Park, Muir Woods, Salt Lake City, and so much more.



Gregory and Darlene Wise enjoying a cold beer and Chocolate Cherry Waffle Ice Cream in Utah

Heading west on Amtrak's Southwest Chief and making our return on the California Zephyr gave us views of our country that can't be seen anywhere except by train. We're all looking forward to our rail excursion.

"The tour was a wonderful 14-day adventure," Greg Wise said. "We saw so many parts of our great

country from the beauty of national parks to the excitement of vibrant cities and enjoyed it all. Our traveling companions were friendly and interesting people. The tour guide, Robin, was fantastic and provided us with information and humor."

"A very nice trip and a very tiring trip," said Paul Clulo, who has driven west many times. "All in all, we enjoyed it very much."

I felt the food, accommodations, people, places, and everything that we encountered were first rate, and I would absolutely take the trip again.

* As we learned from our tour guide, the Colorado salute is given to passengers on the California Zephyr from folks rafting on the Colorado River, who turn around, bend over, and drop their trousers as the train passes.

Edgar W. Pugh Jr. has 45 years of experience in estate planning, probate, and corporate matters. He serves as vice president of Pugh Moak PC.. Pugh has been a member of the Probate, Estate, and Trust Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association for more than 40 years and served as chairman in 1983 and 1984. He is admitted to practice before all of the courts of the State of Michigan, the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, and the United States Supreme Court. In 2010-2011, Pugh served as first Master Lawyers Section chair. He and his wife of 50 years, Sharon, live in Beverly Hills. They are very proud of their two attorney daughters and their families.



Hon. Paul J. Clulo, Carolyn Clulo, Ed Pugh, and Sharon Pugh sightseeing in the West



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