



**FEDERAL LAW PROGRAM**  
Tuesday, December 6, 2011  
Theodore Levin Courthouse, Room 115

**MORNING SESSION**

Moderator: Sarah Resnick Cohen  
Assistant United States Attorney

- 8:00 - 8:30      **REGISTRATION**  
Coffee and Bagels
- 8:30 - 8:40      **WELCOME TO THE SEMINAR**  
Hon. Gerald E. Rosen, Chief Judge  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- 8:40 - 9:00      **THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF PRACTICING IN THE LEVIN COURTHOUSE**
- PART I: GETTING IN THE DOOR & ON THE DOCKET**  
David Weaver, Court Administrator/Clerk of the Court  
Mark Jankowski, U.S. Marshals Service, Judicial Security Division  
Patrick Read, Deputy U.S. Marshal, Enforcement Division
- 9:00 - 9:15      **PART II: ELECTRONIC FILING & THE PAPERLESS COURT**  
Victoria Lung, Eastern District of Michigan, CM/ECF Internal Support
- 9:15 - 9:45      **PART III: FUNDAMENTAL DO'S AND DON'TS --THE LAW CLERKS' LIST**  
Linda S. Hylenski, Law Clerk to the Hon Gerald E. Rosen  
Lauren Mandel, Law Clerk to the Hon Patrick J. Duggan  
Bryan M. Schneider, Law Clerk to the Hon Paul Komives
- 9:45 - 10:00    **SURVEY OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATES**  
Hon. R. Steven Whalen, Executive Magistrate Judge.  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- 10:00 - 10:30   **PRE-FILING PITFALLS, INITIAL DISCLOSURES & DISCOVERY**  
Thomas G. McNeill, Esq., Dickinson Wright PLC
- 10:30 - 10:40   **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:40 - 11:10   **CIVIL MOTION PRACTICE IN FEDERAL COURT**  
Hon. Patrick J. Duggan  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- 11:10 - 11:30   **PRE-TRIAL & FINAL PRE-TRIAL PROCEEDINGS IN A CIVIL CASE**  
Mark A. Aiello, Esq., Foley & Lardner LLP
- 11:30-12:00    **TRIAL OF A CIVIL CASE**  
Hon. Stephen Murphy  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- 12:00 - 1:00    **LUNCH (on your own)**

## AFTERNOON SESSION

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- 1:00 - 1:30      **BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE**  
                    Stan Bershada, Esq., Goldstein, Bershada & Fried, P.C.
- 1:30 - 2:00      **PROVIDING EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL TO THE INDIGENT**  
                    Daniel E. Manville, Esq., The Areas of Pro Bono Practice  
                    Richard M. Helfrick, Esq., Federal Defender Office
- 2:00 - 2:30      **GRAND JURY PRACTICE**  
                    David F. DuMouchel, Esq., Butzel Long
- 2:30 - 3:45      **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:**  
                    **CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE FROM THE MAJOR PERSPECTIVES**
- PRE-TRIAL PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES**  
                            Discussion Leader: Jill L. Price, Esq.,  
                            Federal Defender Office
- TRIAL IN A CRIMINAL CASE**  
                            Discussion Leader: Thomas M. Cranmer, Esq.  
                            Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone  
                            Past President, Michigan State Bar
- POST-TRIAL MATTERS FROM SENTENCING THROUGH PAROLE**  
                            Discussion Leader: Michael C. Leibson, Esq.,  
                            Assistant United States Attorney
- 4:15              **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**  
                    In Courtrooms to be posted during afternoon session  
                    Separate registration required.

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**STATE LAW PROGRAM**  
Wednesday, December 7, 2011  
Theodore Levin United States Courthouse  
Room 115

**MORNING SESSION**

- MODERATOR:** Melissa J. Houghton, Esq.  
The Law Office of Melissa J. Houghton
- 8:00 - 8:30**            **COFFEE AND DONUTS**
- 8:30 - 8:45**            **WELCOME**  
Brandy Y. Robinson  
2011 Chairperson of Young Lawyers Section
- 8:45 - 9:15**            **BASIC MICHIGAN CIVIL PRACTICE**  
Bradley S. Defoe, Esq.  
Varnum
- 9:15 - 9:45**            **THE HANDLING OF A CRIMINAL CASE IN STATE COURTS**  
Brian M. Legghio, Esq.  
Law Offices of Brian M. Legghio
- 9:45 - 10:00**         **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:00 - 10:30**        **AN OVERVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT LAW**  
Ellen Hoepfner, Esq.  
Clark Hill, PLC
- 10:30 - 11:00**        **ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INJURY PRACTICE**  
Joseph Conrad Smith, Esq.  
Smith & Gibson, P.C.
- 11:00 - 11:30**        **BASIC MICHIGAN REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**  
Robert Berg, Esq.  
Simon, PLC
- 11:30 - 12:00**        **CASE EVALUATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
Timothy D. Wittlinger, Esq.  
Clark Hill, PLC
- 12:00 - 1:30**         **LUNCHEON – DOUBLETREE FORT SHELBY HOTEL**  
Hon. Virgil C. Smith, Chief Judge, Wayne County Circuit Court  
Procedures in Circuit Court

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:45 - 2:15**      **PRACTICING IN THE MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT AND FAMILY COURT**  
Lawrence S. Pepper, Esq.  
Law Offices of Lawrence S. Pepper
- 2:15 - 2:45**      **AN OVERVIEW OF A GRIEVANCE PROCEEDING**  
Robert L. Agacinski, Esq.  
Attorney Grievance Administrator
- 2:45 - 3:00**      **COFFEE BREAK**
- 3:00 - 3:30**      **THE HANDLING OF A MICHIGAN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE**  
Donald Hannon, Esq.  
Humphrey, Hannon, Moriarity & Schoener, PC
- 3:30 - 4:00**      **THE HANDLING OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES**  
Danielle A. Smith, Esq.  
Danielle A. Smith PLLC