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# Inspiring CLE and Valuable Networking at Your Annual Meeting

Regain the joy of being a solo or small firm practitioner and mitigate the challenges at this year's Institute and State Bar Annual Meeting. Access to expert advice and networking with colleagues helps you come away recharged and retooled for success. Find and keep clients and save time and money with world-class technology and practice management tips. Have confidence in the advice you're giving by staying up-to-date on the latest trends in your practice areas. Plus, enjoy downtime when you venture out and explore the city of Grand Rapids.

## Attend and Learn to:

- Build your client base and convert potential clients into paying clients
- Make a business plan that will help you effectively focus your time and energy
- Get the most bang for your buck out of blogging and social media
- Help clients understand long-term care options and how they can pay for them
- Develop new business opportunities by strengthening relationships with existing clients
- Pay less for the technology you need to run your practice
- Boost your productivity with Barron K. Henley's fast-paced tech tips
- Avoid stress by clearing the clutter and managing your time effectively
- Create a comprehensive set of go-to forms to increase profitability and prevent malpractice
- Interpret and apply the new uncapping rules for real property assessment
- Translate your strengths and interests into a successful niche practice

## Keynote Presentation Highlights

### Client Development for 2014 and Beyond

Cordell M. Parvin discusses the old and new tools for client development and how to use them most effectively.

### Finding an Extra Hour Every Day: Time Management for Busy Professionals

Using humor and high energy, Randall F. Dean addresses common areas of productivity loss.

### It's Time for a Change—Better Methods for Generating Complex Documents

Consolidate your intellectual capital into first-rate templates—tips from tech expert Barron K. Henley.

## Interactive Lunch Events

Thursday—Grab lunch and then join your fellow SSFI attendees for a fun and educational walking tour of the best public art in downtown Grand Rapids. Visit [grtagtour.com](http://grtagtour.com) for more information.

Friday—Share your knowledge and get your questions answered at a free-flowing roundtable lunch compliments of the Law Practice Management & Legal Administrators Section.

(To attend, select the section event when registering)

## Featured Speakers at the Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE



**Rick Broida**  
CNET Blog Network  
*Commerce Township*

Rick Broida writes about consumer and business technology for CNET, eHow, PC World, Wired, and other outlets. His popular CNET blog, *The Cheapskate*, attracts over one million views every month, and he recently published *The Cheapskate Rules: 21 Easy Money-Saving Tech Secrets*, which is available in print and e-book formats. Mr. Broida regularly talks about tech-related issues on WJZR's *Internet Advisor* show. His career as a technology writer recently hit the 25-year mark.



**Robert E. Edick**  
Deputy Grievance Administrator,  
Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission  
*Detroit*

Robert E. Edick was a Wayne County assistant prosecuting lawyer for three years and then spent 17 years in private practice. He was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as deputy administrator of the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission in January 1996. He is a frequent lecturer at local law schools on the topic of professional responsibility.



**Cordell M. Parvin**  
Cordell Parvin LLC  
*Dallas, TX*

Cordell M. Parvin works with lawyers and law firms to help new lawyers find the right attitude, set appropriate goals, develop strategies for time management, and build networking skills. Previously, he practiced law for 34 years representing top U.S. transportation contractors. He is the author of three books and has published many articles on these subjects. You can follow Mr. Parvin on Twitter or learn from him through his LinkedIn Coaching Group, or through his daily blog, [www.cordellblog.com](http://www.cordellblog.com).



**Randall F. Dean**  
Randall Dean Consulting &  
Training LLC  
*East Lansing*

Randall F. Dean is a professional speaker, author, and expert on time and e-mail management, effective organization, and the related use of technology. For more than 20 years, he has led training and spoken at programs and presentations for corporate, academic, and association audiences. Obsessed with time management and personal productivity, Mr. Dean left a successful career as a graduate program admissions director, professional marketer, and manager to become a leading speaker and trainer.



**Barron K. Henley**  
Affinity Consulting Group  
*Columbus, OH*

Barron K. Henley is a lawyer, a “legal technologist” since 1990, and a founding member of Affinity Consulting Group (formerly Henley March & Unger Consulting, Inc.), a firm that handles all aspects of law practice automation including document and file management, server and personal computer issues, remote access, mobile lawyering, scanning and paper reduction strategies, electronic case filing, and many other topics. He is also a member of the ABA Law Practice Management Section.



**Janet K. Welch**  
Executive Director, State Bar of Michigan  
*Lansing*

Janet K. Welch is executive director of the State Bar of Michigan. She has had an extensive career in state government, beginning in the Michigan legislature where she served as a legislative analyst in the House and as the first director of the Senate's nonpartisan legislative analysis office. After graduating from the University of Michigan Law School, she was a law clerk for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert P. Griffin. She stayed at the Court for over a decade in a variety of positions, culminating in a position as Supreme Court counsel.

## State Bar of Michigan Events

(additional registration required)

### State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet

**Wednesday, September 17 6:30pm–9:00pm**

Join us as we pay tribute to our members who have achieved the highest honors in areas of leadership, professional integrity, and community service.

### State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Luncheon

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### Celebrating Diversity Reception

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### State Bar of Michigan

#### 50-Year Golden Celebration Luncheon

**Friday, September 19 12:00pm–2:00pm**

Celebrate and honor colleagues being recognized for 50 years of membership in the State Bar of Michigan. This is a great opportunity to network with your peers and mentors.

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State Bar of Michigan Commissioner Committees Meetings & Lunch

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Annual Meeting Registration Open

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4:15pm–4:30pm

Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation Annual Business Meeting

4:30pm–6:00pm

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6:30pm–9:00pm

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## Schedule at a Glance—Solo & Small Firm Institute and SBM Annual Meeting

**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

LEVEL: BASIC/INTERMEDIATE CLE: 10 NALA/NFPA CREDIT: CALL ICLE\*\*

	Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE	SBM ANNUAL MEETING
8:00am	Continental Breakfast, Vendor Showcase, and Registration	8:00am–5:00pm Registration and Vendor Showcase Open
8:15am	Put the ICLE Partnership Resources to Work for Your Practice— Demonstration by ICLE Staff	8:00am–9:30am Continental Breakfast
9:00am	Welcome and Introductions Tanisha Monique Davis, Chair, General Practice—Solo & Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Michigan, Law Offices of Tanisha M. Davis PLLC, <i>Detroit</i>	8:30am–12:00pm Agricultural Law Section Business Meeting & Program
9:20am	Report from the Executive Director Janet K. Welch, Executive Director, State Bar of Michigan, <i>Lansing</i>	9:00am–10:00am Casemaker Training
9:40am	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:</b> Client Development for 2014 and Beyond Cordell M. Parvin, Cordell Parvin LLC, <i>Dallas, TX</i>	9:00am–12:00pm Family Law Section Business Meeting
10:40am	Vendor Showcase Break	

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## Schedule at a Glance—Solo &amp; Small Firm Institute and SBM Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2014 *continued*

Solo & Small Firm INSTITUTE			SBM ANNUAL MEETING
11:00am	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	Family Law Update Devin R. Day, RizzoBryan PC, <i>Grand Rapids</i>	9:00am–12:00pm Michigan Lawyers Alliance Business Meeting
	MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	How to Develop an Effective Business Plan Cordell M. Parvin, Cordell Parvin LLC, <i>Dallas, TX</i>	9:00am–5:00pm Representative Assembly Business Meeting
	TECHNOLOGY	Does Microsoft Office 365 Suit Your Law Office? Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	9:30am–11:30am Insurance & Indemnity Law Section Business Meeting & Program
12:00pm	Lunch and Annual Meeting Functions		10:00am–12:00pm Litigation Section Business Meeting
2:00pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	Criminal Law Update Timothy K. McMorrow, Kent County Prosecutor's Office, <i>Grand Rapids</i>	10:00am–12:00pm Michigan Indian Legal Services Business Meeting
	MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	Blogging and Social Media Cordell M. Parvin, Cordell Parvin LLC, <i>Dallas, TX</i>	11:30am–2:00pm Real Property Law Section Council Meeting
	TECHNOLOGY	Access Your Documents from Anywhere and Share Them with Others Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	12:00pm–2:00pm <b>State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Luncheon</b>
2:50pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	Planning for Long-Term Care Christopher W. Smith, Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices PLLC, <i>Jackson</i>	1:00pm–3:00pm Administrative & Regulatory Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	Little Big Firm JoAnn L. Hathaway, Practice Management Advisor, State Bar of Michigan, <i>Lansing</i>	1:00pm–4:00pm American Indian Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	TECHNOLOGY	Case/Matter Management Software Update Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	1:30pm–4:00pm Appellate Practice Section Business Meeting & Program
3:35pm	Vendor Showcase Break		1:30pm–4:30pm Labor & Employment Law Section Business Meeting & Program
3:55pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	Basics of Employment Law for Small Businesses C. John Holmquist Jr., Holmquist Employment Law Firm PLLC, <i>Troy</i>	1:30pm–6:00pm Environmental Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	Expanding Relationships with Existing Clients Cordell M. Parvin, Cordell Parvin LLC, <i>Dallas, TX</i>	2:00pm–3:00pm Casemaker Training
	TECHNOLOGY	What is a Virtual Practice? Diane Ebersole, Practice Management Advisor, State Bar of Michigan, <i>Lansing</i>	2:00pm–3:30pm Attorney Discipline Board Panel Member Workshop
4:45pm	SUBSTANTIVE LAW	Trends in Criminal Law: Drug Recognition Experts Jeffery S. Crampton, Koerneke & Crampton PC, <i>Grand Rapids</i>	2:00pm–4:00pm Michigan Retired Judges Association (Circuit & Court of Appeals) Business Meeting
	MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	Cutting Costs, Not Corners Patrick J. Crowley, Crowley Cornish Rockafellow & Sartz PLLC, <i>Lansing</i>	2:00pm–5:00pm Young Lawyers Section Business Meeting
	TECHNOLOGY	50 Tech Tips in 50 Minutes Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	2:30pm–4:00pm Consumer Law Section Business Meeting & Program
			4:30pm–6:00pm <b>Law School Receptions</b> Michigan State University Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School University of Detroit Mercy University of Michigan Wayne State University
			6:30pm–8:30pm <b>Celebrating Diversity Reception</b>

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10:50am	Vendor Showcase Break		9:00am–11:15am Master Lawyers Section Business Meeting & Program
11:10am	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	Best Estate Planning Practices for Nontraditional Families Michael P. Witzke, Witzke Berry Carter & Wander PLLC, <i>Bloomfield Hills</i>	9:00am–12:00pm Criminal Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</b>	Ending the Office Clutter: Key Strategies for Managing Info Overload Randall F. Dean, Randall Dean Consulting & Training LLC, <i>East Lansing</i>	9:00am–12:00pm Military & Veterans' Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Buying Great Tech at a Low Price Rick Broida, CNET Blog Network, <i>Commerce Township</i>	9:30am–11:30am General Practice—Solo & Small Firm Section Business Meeting & Program
12:00pm	Lunch and Annual Meeting Functions		10:00am–11:00am Casemaker Training
2:00pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	Navigating the New Tax Assessment Uncapping Rules Nyal D. Deems, Varnum LLP, <i>Grand Rapids</i>	10:00am–12:00pm Judicial Section Business Meeting
	<b>MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</b>	Earning Your Fame and Fortune with a Niche Practice Elizabeth C. Jolliffe, Your Benchmark Coach, <i>Ann Arbor</i>	11:00am–4:00pm Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Buying a Laptop Today Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	12:00pm–1:30pm Criminal Law Section, Prisons & Corrections Section, and Criminal Issues Initiative Program & Lunch
2:55pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	Hot Topics in Marijuana Law Gerald A. Fisher, Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, <i>Auburn Hills</i>	12:00pm–2:00pm Law Practice Management & Legal Administrators Section Business Meeting & Lunch
	<b>MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</b>	How to Prepare to Wind Down or End Your Practice Robert E. Edick, Deputy Grievance Administrator, Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission, <i>Detroit</i>	12:00pm–2:00pm <b>State Bar of Michigan 50-Year Golden Celebration Luncheon</b>
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Efficient Billing and Accounting for a Small Firm Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	1:30pm–3:30pm Animal Law Section Business Meeting
3:45pm	Networking Break		2:00pm–3:00pm Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section Business Meeting
4:00pm	<b>SUBSTANTIVE LAW</b>	Rules of Evidence from the Judge's Side of the Bench Dennis C. Kolenda, Of Counsel, Dickinson Wright PLLC, <i>Grand Rapids</i>	2:00pm–4:00pm Negligence Law Section Business Meeting & Program
	<b>MARKETING/ LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</b>	Closing the Deal: Turning Prospects into Clients Timothy A. Dinan, Dinan & Associates PC, <i>Grosse Pointe Park</i>	3:00pm–4:00pm Aviation Law Section Business Meeting
	<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Communication Breakdown—It's Always The Same Barron K. Henley, Affinity Consulting Group, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	

## Need-Based Scholarships

Scholarships made possible by the generous support of the State Bar of Michigan, the Business Law Section, and ICLE

Scholarships cover the registration fee for the *Solo & Small Firm Institute* and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference will be given to those who did not receive a scholarship to last year's program. Don't wait—apply today!

**To apply**, send a statement of need and indicate attendance (Thursday only, Friday only, or both days) to:

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“The *Solo & Small Firm Institute* is for you if you are interested in effective, profit producing, efficient practice of law.”

—R. Timothy Kohler  
R. Timothy Kohler Law Office,  
*Clinton Township*

“So much information is packed into a session that you'll wonder how the time went by so quickly and wish it would last longer.”

—Judith Leppke  
Adkison Need & Allen,  
*Bloomfield Hills*



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For a reservation, call 800-253-3590. Identify yourself as being with the State Bar of Michigan to receive the group discounted rate. Reservations must be made by August 17, 2014. Registrants are responsible for their own hotel expenses.

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#### Champion of Justice Award

Bridgette A. Carr, Brian L. Morrow, Michael L. Pitt, Dawn A. Van Hoek, *DeBoer et al v Snyder* et al plaintiff legal team (Kenneth M. Mogill, Dana M. Nessel, Robert A. Sedler, Carole M. Stanyar)

#### Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award

Corbin R. Davis

#### John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award

Susan M. Kornfield

#### Kimberly M. Cahill Bar Leadership Award

Thomas G. McNeill

#### Liberty Bell Award

Matilyn Sarosi, Gary B. Lasceski

#### Roberts P. Hudson Award

Francine Cullari, Carl E. Ver Beek

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8:00am–5:00pm

### Registration and Vendor Showcase

8:00am–9:30am

### Continental Breakfast

8:30am–9:30am

### Agricultural Law Section Business Meeting

9:30am–12:00pm

### Agricultural Law Section Program

The Agricultural Law Section will hold its 2nd Annual Meeting and Program in conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting. The half-day program will highlight two significant topics faced by Michigan's agriculture and food industry: the 2014 farm bill and the farm-to-table legal issues. Presenters include professionals from Michigan agriculture and food industry groups, as well as government and agricultural and food law attorneys.

9:00am–10:00am

### Casemaker Training

9:00am–12:00pm

### Family Law Section Business Meeting

9:00am–12:00pm

### Michigan Lawyers Alliance Business Meeting

9:00am–5:00pm

### Representative Assembly Business Meeting

9:30am–10:00am

### Insurance & Indemnity Law Section Business Meeting

10:30am–11:30am

### Insurance & Indemnity Law Section Program

### Cyber Liability: Will Your Client— or Your Firm—Be the Next Target?

Learn about the types of coverages to help your clients and firm manage cyber risk exposures.

10:00am–12:00pm

### Litigation Section Business Meeting

10:00am–12:00pm

### Michigan Indian Legal Services Business Meeting

11:30am–2:00pm

### Real Property Law Section Council Meeting

12:00pm–2:00pm

### State Bar of Michigan Inaugural Luncheon

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Brian D. Einhorn  
SBM President  
2013–2014



Thomas C. Rombach  
SBM President  
2014–2015

1:00pm–2:00pm

### Administrative & Regulatory Law Section Business Meeting

2:00pm–3:00pm

### Administrative & Regulatory Law Section Program

### Perspective of the Supreme Court from the former Michigan Solicitor General, John Bursch

John Bursch will recount his recent experiences arguing several different high-profile cases before the U.S. and Michigan Supreme Courts.

*Speaker: John Bursch, Warner Norcross & Judd, Grand Rapids*

1:00pm–2:00pm

### American Indian Law Section Business Meeting

2:00pm–4:00pm

### American Indian Law Section Program

### Michigan v. Bay Mills

A look at the key issues in the recent Supreme Court case, *Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community* et al.

*Speakers: Riyaz Kanji, Kanji & Katzen PLLC, Ann Arbor; Kathryn Tierney, Bay Mills Indian Community, Brimley; Louis Reinwasser, State of Michigan, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Lansing*

1:00pm–1:45pm

### Appellate Practice Section Business Meeting

2:00pm–4:00pm

### Appellate Practice Section Program

### Preserving and Presenting the Record on Appeal

Speakers will discuss issues concerning the record on appeal, including use of video evidence, *de bene esse* deposition transcripts and videos, and how the Court of Appeals accesses and views electronic versus paper records.

*Moderator: Nancy Vayda Dembinski, Landry, Mazzeo & Dembinski PC, Farmington Hills*

*Panelists: Judges from the Michigan Court of Appeals; Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk of the Michigan Court of Appeals, Lansing; Angela DiSessa, District Clerk, Michigan Court of Appeals, Troy; Beth A. Wittmann, Kitch Druchas Wagner Valiuzzi & Sherbrook, Detroit*

1:30pm–2:15pm

### Labor & Employment Law Section Business Meeting

2:30pm–4:30pm

### Labor & Employment Law Section Program

1:30pm–4:45pm

**Environmental Law Section Program**

The section promises timely, interesting, and thought-provoking speakers and topics, to be announced and updated on its web pages, always just a click away at [www.michbar.org/environmental/](http://www.michbar.org/environmental/), and in its listserv, and LinkedIn messages starting June 16.

5:00pm–6:00pm

**Environmental Law Section Business Meeting**

2:00pm–3:00pm

**Casemaker Training**

2:00pm–3:30pm

**Attorney Discipline Board Panel Member Workshop**

Appointed members of Attorney Discipline Board hearing panels will meet with ADB staff and learn about pretrial procedure, conducting hearings, important cases and court rules, and other updates.

2:00pm–4:00pm

**Michigan Retired Judges Association (Circuit & Court of Appeals) Business Meeting**

2:00pm–5:00pm

**Young Lawyers Section Business Meeting**

2:30pm–3:00pm

**Consumer Law Section Business Meeting**

3:00pm–4:00pm

**Consumer Law Section Program**

4:30pm–6:00pm

**Law School Receptions**

Michigan State University  
Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School  
University of Detroit Mercy  
University of Michigan  
Wayne State University

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**Continental Breakfast**

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**Equal Access Initiative of the Committee on Justice Initiatives Program****Best Practices for Language Access in Michigan Courts**

The Michigan Supreme Court adopted language access court rules in September of 2013. All trial courts and communities in Michigan are actively working to implement the new rules. This program will review MCR 1.111, MCR 8.127, and the ABA Standards for Language Access in Courts. Interpreting demonstrations and best practice discussions are part of the program.

9:00am–10:00am

**Children's Law Section Program**

10:00am–11:00am

**Children's Law Section Business Meeting**

9:00am–9:30am

**Master Lawyers Section Business Meeting**

9:45am–11:15am

**Master Lawyers Section Program****Planning Ahead—A Succession Road Map**

This session will provide you with the information required to implement a succession plan and the tools to help you do it. The Practice Management Resource Center has developed a succession planning handbook for Michigan attorneys. This handbook will provide you with tools so that you, your staff, your family, other attorneys, judges, and clients can have predictability and calm in the event of personal crisis.

*Speaker: Diane Ebersole, State Bar of Michigan—Practice Management Resource Center, Lansing*

9:00am–10:00am

**Criminal Law Section Business Meeting**

10:00am–12:00pm

**Criminal Law Section Program****Drunk and Drugged Driving in Michigan**

Under Michigan law, it is illegal to drive while intoxicated or impaired. Intoxicated or impaired driving can be the result of using alcohol, illegal drugs, and even some prescribed medications (whether used as directed or abused). The penalties for these offenses can be severe. But what is intoxicated or impaired driving? Come hear the newest updates on drunk and drugged driving laws, learn the science behind breath and blood tests that support criminal charges, and find out how to prosecute cases and how to challenge them.

*Moderator: Opolla Brown, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Detroit*

*Speakers: Kenneth Stecker, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), Lansing; Michael Nichols, The Nichols Law Firm, East Lansing*

9:00am–10:30am

**Military & Veterans' Law Section Business Meeting**

10:45am–12:00pm

**Military & Veterans' Law Section Program****Military Family Law Training**

Everything you need to know about handling family law matters involving military members.

*Speakers: Lt. Col. John J. Wojcik, Michigan National Guard, Lansing; Thomas J. Hetchler, Law Office of Thomas Hetchler, Lansing*

9:30am–10:30am

**General Practice—Solo & Small Firm Section Business Meeting**

10:30am–11:30am

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**Casemaker Training**

10:00am–12:00pm

**Judicial Section Business Meeting**

11:00am–12:00pm

**Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports Section Business Meeting**

1:00pm–4:00pm

**Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports Section Program****Crowdfunding: The Next Frontier of Financing Start-Ups and the Legal Issues Associated with it**

The explosion of crowdfunding has allowed start-ups to fund everything from creative enterprises needing a small amount of capital to entertainment-based projects requiring millions of dollars. This panel will discuss legal issues related to crowdfunding from the use of websites such as Kickstarter and Indiegogo, to peer-to-peer lending and equity crowdfunding through the JOBS Act.

*Moderator: Todd Redden, Legal Pathworks PLC, Bloomfield Hills*

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12:00pm–1:30pm

## Criminal Law Section, Prisons & Corrections Section, and Criminal Issues Initiative Program and Lunch

### Sentencing and Justice Reinvestment in Michigan

*Applying a Justice Reinvestment Approach to Improve Michigan's Sentencing System* summarizes analyses using a justice reinvestment approach of Michigan's felony sentencing system for its impacts on public safety, recidivism trends, and state and local spending. The report outlines areas for policy development, including opportunities to improve the state's sentencing system to achieve more consistency and predictability in sentencing outcomes, stabilize and lower costs for the state and counties, and direct resources to reduce recidivism and improve public safety. Available at: <http://csgjusticecenter.org/jr/michigan/publications/applying-a-justice-reinvestment-approach-to-improve-michigans-sentencing-system/>.

*Speaker: Carl Reynolds, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor to the Council of State Governments Justice Center, Austin, TX*

12:00pm–2:00pm

## Law Practice Management & Legal Administrators Section Business Meeting & Lunch

### Q&A Open Forum

We will be holding a Q&A session discussing relevant issues to law practice management. It is an open-mic forum and guests are encouraged to answer each other's questions, provide ideas, and share information. Lunch is provided.

*Moderator: Stacey L. Dinser-Hohl, Stacey L. Dinser  
Attorney At Law, Hamburg*

12:00pm–2:00pm

## State Bar of Michigan 50-Year Golden Celebration Luncheon

Celebrate and honor colleagues being recognized for 50 years of membership in the State Bar of Michigan. This is a great opportunity to network with your peers and mentors. *Additional registration required.*

1:30pm–3:30pm

## Animal Law Section Business Meeting

2:00pm–3:00pm

## Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section Business Meeting

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## Negligence Law Section Business Meeting & Program

3:00pm–4:00pm

## Aviation Law Section Business Meeting

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<input type="radio"/> AGRICULTURAL LAW SECTION*	8:30AM-12:00PM
<input type="radio"/> AMERICAN INDIAN LAW SECTION*	1:00PM-4:00PM
<input type="radio"/> APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION*	1:00PM-4:00PM
<input type="radio"/> ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD PANEL MEMBER WORKSHOP	2:00PM-3:30PM
<input type="radio"/> CASEMAKER TRAINING	9:00AM-10:00AM
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<input type="radio"/> CONSUMER LAW SECTION*	2:30PM-4:00PM
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<input type="radio"/> ANIMAL LAW SECTION	1:30PM-3:30PM
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<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014</b>		
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CELEBRATING DIVERSITY RECEPTION	_____ x	<input type="radio"/> \$10
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