

2018 BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE

Program

Veterans Memorial Courthouse
313 W. Kalamazoo

February 10, 2018

Casual Attire Recommended

- 8:15-8:30 a.m.** *Meet the Judges Continental Breakfast*
- 8:30-8:40 a.m.** *Welcome and Opening Remarks* (Jury Assembly Room)
Charles Barbieri, Hon. Louise Alderson, Chief Judge, 54A District Court; Hon. Richard J. Garcia, Chief Circuit and Probate Judge, 30th Circuit Court
- 8:40-9:10 a.m.** *Full Session*
(Jury Assembly Room)
E-filing, Developments in Ingham Courts: Shauna Dunnings
Overview of “Practices” Book for Ingham Courts: Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, Tom Woods
- 9:20-10:20 a.m.** *Breakout Sessions I*
- A. Family Law** (Jury Assembly Room)
Speakers: **Barbara Herdus; Robert Hotchkiss; Torree Breen; Hon. Laura Baird, 30th Circuit Court**
Description: This topic will cover Family Law Judges’ Practices, Friend of the Court procedures and best practices, recent case law, the intersection between abuse/neglect and domestic relations, and ongoing meeting opportunities for practitioners.
- B. Business Court/Civil Litigation** (Judge Draganchuk’s Courtroom)
Speaker: **Paul Nieuwma** Panelists: **Tom Woods; Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, 30th Circuit Court; Kevin Roragen** Moderator: **Patricia Scott**
Description: Paul Nieuwma, computer forensic expert with the Michigan State Police, will explain what ESI is, how it is stored, and how it is retrieved. If you have ever wondered what metadata is or why you need files in native format, your questions will be answered. Panelists Tom Woods, Kevin Roragen, and Judge Joyce Draganchuk will lead a discussion about preserving ESI, responding to discovery requests, and using ESI protocols.
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.** *Breakout Sessions II*
- A. Criminal Law** (Jury Assembly Room)
Speakers: **Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, 30th Circuit Court; Hon. Hugh Clarke, 54A District Court/Hon. Andrea Larkin, 54B District Court; Mary Chartier**
Description: This session will cover motion practice (MRE 404(b), Motions in Limine, Competency/Criminal Responsibility; Motion for Appointments of Experts/Investigators, Motion for Extraordinary Fees), best practices for probable cause conference and preliminary exams, and motions to quash.
- B. Appellate Law** (Judge Jamo’s Courtroom)
Speakers: **Hon. James Jamo, 30th Circuit Court; Hon. Brock Swartzle, Court of Appeals; Lisa Ward**
Description: This topic will consider appellate electronic filing, circuit court appeal procedures, applications for leave to appeal practices and tips, framing of questions on appeal, creation and production of appellate record, citations to precedent and non-published cases, and courtroom manner and attire.
- 11:40-12:30 p.m.** *Ask the Judges* (Jury Assembly Room)
Moderator: **Edwar Zeineh**
Panelists: **Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, 30th Circuit Court; Hon. James Jamo, 30th Circuit Court; Hon. Hugh Clarke, 54A District Court/Hon. Andrea Larkin, 54B District Court; Hon. Laura Baird, 30th Circuit Court; Hon. Janelle Lawless, 30th Circuit Court; Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause, Court of Appeals**
Description: Panel of judges and lawyers will identify positive aspects of the bench-bar relationship and discuss how to avoid discord. Questions may include expert evidence, sanctions, discovery abuses, courthouse security, civility, and other issues.