

2020 BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE

Program	Veterans Memorial Courthouse 313 W. Kalamazoo	February 1, 2020 <i>Casual Attire Recommended</i>
8:00-8:15 a.m.	<i>Meet the Judges Continental Breakfast</i>	
8:15-8:30 a.m.	<i>Welcome and Opening Remarks</i> (Jury Assembly Room) Charles Barbieri, Hon. Richard J. Garcia 30 th Circuit Court Update on E-filing	
8:40-9:40 a.m.	<i>Breakout Sessions I</i> A. Update on New Michigan Court Rules/Civil Litigation/Business Courts <u>Speakers:</u> Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, Kevin Roragen, Patricia Scott, and Allison Collins <u>Description:</u> Discussion on four main topics: new court rules regarding discovery; discovery - proportionality rule; discovery- protective orders; and attorney fee motions under <i>Smith v Khouri</i> . B. Criminal Law <u>Speakers:</u> Morgan Cole, Probate Register; Christy Granger, CMH <u>Description:</u> Mental Health and Seeking Assistance from the Probate Court for a Criminal Client	
9:50-10:50 a.m.	<i>Breakout Sessions II</i> A. Primer on Marijuana Legal Issues <u>Speakers:</u> John Fraser <u>Description:</u> Overview of job and licensing matters (grower, transporter, etc.); practical issues (e.g. facilities, banking) and impact on other legal areas (e.g. landlord/tenant, custody, employment) arising from legalization of marijuana B. Update on Family Law <u>Speakers:</u> Larissa Zubac, Josh Pease, Hon. Janelle Lawless, FOC Director Helen Walker, Referee Janet Mendez <u>Description:</u> Discussion on domestic violence issues, personal protective orders, ADR Court Rule, MCR 3.224; Do's and Don'ts with Court Referee	
11:00-11:40 a.m.	Meet the New Judges (Jury Assembly Room) <u>Moderator:</u> Lindsay Dangl <u>Judges:</u> Hon. Stacia Buchanan, Hon. Cynthia Ward, Hon. Wanda Stokes, Hon. Shauna Dunnings, Hon. Kristen Simmons <u>Description:</u> Observations and Tips from Ingham County Bench's Newest Jurists	
11:40-12:30 p.m.	Ask the Judges (Jury Assembly Room) <u>Moderator:</u> Charles Barbieri <u>Panelists:</u> Hon. Louise Alderson, Hon. Richard Ball, Hon. Donald Allen, Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, Hon. Andrea Larkin, Hon. James Jamo, Hon. Janelle Lawless, Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause, Hon. Douglas Shapiro <u>Description:</u> 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.	