**2020 BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE**

**Program Veterans Memorial Courthouse** February 1, 2020

**313 W. Kalamazoo *Casual Attire Recommended***

**8:00-8:15 a.m. *Meet the Judges Continental Breakfast***

**8:15-8:30 a.m. *Welcome and Opening Remarks*** (Jury Assembly Room)

**Charles Barbieri, Hon. Richard J. Garcia**

**30th Circuit Court**

**Update on E-filing**

**8:40-9:40 a.m. *Breakout Sessions I***

1. **Update on New Michigan Court Rules/Civil Litigation/Business Courts**

Speakers: Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, Kevin Roragen, Patricia Scott, and Allison Collins

Description: Discussion on four main topics: new court rules regarding discovery; discovery - proportionality rule; discovery- protective orders; and attorney fee motions under *Smith v Khouri.*

1. **Criminal Law**

Speakers: Morgan Cole, Probate Register; Christy Granger, CMH

Description: Mental Health and Seeking Assistance from the Probate Court for a Criminal Client

**9:50-10:50 a.m. *Breakout Sessions II***

1. **Primer on Marijuana Legal Issues**

Speakers: John Fraser

Description: 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

1. **Update on Family Law**

Speakers: Larissa Zubac, Josh Pease, Hon. Janelle Lawless, FOC Director Helen Walker, Referee Janet Mendez

Description: 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)

Moderator: Lindsay Dangl

Judges: Hon. Stacia Buchanan, Hon. Cynthia Ward, Hon. Wanda Stokes, Hon. Shauna Dunnings, Hon. Kristen Simmons

Description: Observations and Tips from Ingham County Bench’s Newest Jurists

**11:40-12:30 p.m. Ask the Judges**(Jury Assembly Room)

Moderator: Charles Barbieri

Panelists: 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

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.

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