

# Justices, Judges, and Court Staff

## 2019 Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference

### Just the Facts: The Importance of Facts and the Appellate Record to Responsible Decision-Making and Appellate Advocacy Wednesday, March 27 through Friday, March 29, 2019

Advance Registration Deadline: March 6, 2019  
**Conference Free for Justices, Judges, and Court Staff**  
The Inn at St. John's Conference Center  
44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Registration includes program materials, Wednesday's Grand Reception, Thursday breakfast, Thursday's luncheon at the conference, Thursday's reception and dinner with the justices and judges, and Friday's luncheon.

All conference participants will attend plenary sessions & the advocacy breakouts, but space for other breakout sessions is limited. Assignments to breakout sessions will be made on a first-come / first-serve basis according to your preferences noted below.

Check all that apply to you:  Justice  Judge  Court Staff

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ \* Required for messages during the conference.

E-Mail Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*required - Link for electronic handouts.

**I will attend the following events: Food is ordered based on your attendance, please confirm your attendance by checking the boxes.**

Wednesday, March 27: Grand Reception – 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28: Luncheon – 12:30-2:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Paul Clement

Thursday, March 28: Dinner with the Bench – 6:00 p.m.  
**\*Please confirm your attendance for seating arrangements**

Guest/Spouse name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I will pay separately for guest/spouse meal fee \$50.00**  
Include check to Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation -OR- pay online at  
<https://benchbar.org/conferences/2019-conference>

Friday, March 29: Luncheon – 11:45-12:45 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 28 - Plenary 9:15-10:45 a.m.

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#### Thursday, March 28 - Advocacy Breakout Sessions - 11:00-12:15 p.m.

These breakout sessions will provide an opportunity for members of the bench and bar to further explore issues raised in the plenary session.

#### Thursday, March 28 – Law Practice Breakout Sessions - 2:15-3:30 p.m.

Yes  No

#### Breakout Session Preferences

Please indicate your first (1) and second (2) preferences in each time period for the following breakout sessions (your area of law):

#### Thursday, March 28 – 2:15-3:30 p.m.

##### Criminal:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Expanding the Facts on Appeal: Motions to Remand and Judicial Notice  
\_\_\_\_\_ Evidentiary Standards and Changes in Technology  
\_\_\_\_\_ Offense Variables, Juvenile Lifer Resentencings, and Other Fact-Intensive Sentencing Questions  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stating the Facts in the Statement of Facts

##### Civil:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Brief Writing: Basics and Beyond (A)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Oral Argument: Basics and Beyond (A)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Nuts and Bolts of E-Filing  
\_\_\_\_\_ Taking It Up – Applications and Appeals in the Supreme Court

*Family:*

\_\_\_\_\_ The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Family Law Appellate Jurisdiction

*Child Welfare:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Show Me the Money! A Discussion About Court-Appointed Fees in Termination of Parental Rights Appeals

*Michigan Supreme Court:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mini-Oral Arguments (MOAs) – How Are They Working?

**Thursday, March 28 – Plenary  
3:45-5:45 p.m.**

Thinking Outside the Box: What's Working and What Might Be Improved in Our Appellate Courts

**Friday, March 29 – Plenary  
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**

Technology and the Record

**Friday, March 29 –Law Practice Breakout Sessions  
10:30-11:30 a.m.**

*Criminal:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Expanding the Facts on Appeal: Motions to Remand and Judicial Notice
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Offense Variables, Juvenile Lifer Resentencings, and Other Fact-Intensive Sentencing Questions
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*Civil:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Brief Writing: Basics and Beyond (B)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oral Argument: Basics and Beyond (B)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fast Action – Motions, Emergencies and Unusual Cases
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dealing With the Facts and the Record

*Family:*

\_\_\_\_\_ What's Your Standard (of Review)?

*Child Welfare:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Keeping Up with The Joneses (Cases You Should Know)

*Michigan Supreme Court:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mini-Oral Arguments (MOAs) – How Are They Working?

**Friday, March 29 – Plenary  
12:45 – 1:45 p.m.**

Supreme Court Practice Tips

**Return completed form to:**

Michigan Appellate Bench Bar  
Conference Foundation  
P.O. Box 66  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
Phone: 517-627-8700  
Fax: 517-627-3950

*Please list any special needs:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Dietary restrictions for all meals:* \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Rec: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

***Hotel Room Reservation: For justices and judges, or court staff traveling from the Lansing or Grand Rapids areas, please let us know if you would like to stay at the hotel on Wednesday and/or Thursday nights (does not include incidentals).***

***Advance Registration Recommended.***

**Hotel Reservation Deadline: March 6, 2019**

**The Inn at St. John's ~ 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 48170**

A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved for conference participants.

Call 734-414-0600 for reservations and communicate to the hotel staff you are a justice, Judge, or court staff to have your room placed on the master bill (does not include incidentals).