



**Michigan Appellate Bench
Bar Conference Foundation**

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**Shaping the Law:
Tools of Advocacy and Decision Making**



April 20-22, 2016

The Inn at St. John's Conference Center

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Schedule of Events

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

5:30-7:00 p.m. **Registration**
Grand Reception
Wisdom – Lower Level
An opportunity to socialize with Justices, Judges, court staff and fellow practitioners.

Thursday, April 21, 2016

7:30 a.m. **Registration**
Garden Gallery Lobby - First Floor

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
Garden Gallery – First Floor

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Welcome**
Grande Ballroom – First Floor
Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr., Michigan Supreme Court
Chief Judge Michael J. Talbot, Michigan Court of Appeals
Foundation Co-Chair Mary Massaron, Plunkett Cooney

8:45-10:30 a.m. **Plenary - Shaping the Law: Tools of Advocacy and Decision Making**
Grande Ballroom - First Floor

In this interactive and informative plenary session, a "mega-panel" of Court of Appeals judges will discuss ways in which both the bench and the bar shape the law, including topics such as approaches to precedent, development of the common law, publication of decisions, statutory interpretation, and judicial restraint.

Panel: Michigan Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Michael Talbot, Hon. Jane Beckering, Hon. Mark Boonstra, Hon. Michael Kelly, Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause, Hon. Patrick Meter, Hon. Michael Riordan, Hon. David Sawyer, Hon. Cynthia Stephens, Hon. Kurtis Wilder, Hon. Douglas Shapiro, Hon. William Saad, Hon. Peter O'Connell, Hon. Colleen O'Brien, Hon. Elizabeth Gleicher, Hon. Jane Markey, Hon. Michael Gadola and Hon. Christopher Murray

Moderator: Megan Cavanagh, Garan Lucow Miller, PC

Reporter: Bienenstock Nationwide Court Reporting & Video

10:30-10:45 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
Garden Gallery – First Floor

10:45-12:00 p.m. **Shaping the Law Break out Sessions**

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

Break Out 1 Kimberlee Hillock, Moderator – Nathan Scherbarth, Reporter
COA Judges: Hon. Jane Beckering and Hon. Michael Riordan
Executive Board Room - First Floor

Break Out 2 Sue Zitterman, Moderator – Anne Argiroff, Reporter
COA Judges: Hon. Mark Boonstra and Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause
Nazareth - First Floor

Break Out 3 Christina Ginter, Moderator – Dan Saylor, Reporter
COA Judges: Hon. Michael Gadola and Hon. David Sawyer
Ruth - 2nd Floor

Break Out 4 Joanne Geha Swanson, Moderator – Phil DeRosier, Reporter
COA Judges: Hon. Elizabeth Gleicher and Hon. Kurtis Wilder
Sarah - 2nd Floor

Break Out 5 Nancy Vayda Dembinski, Moderator – Julie McCann O’Connor, Reporter
COA Judges: Hon. Michael Kelly and Hon. Henry Saad
Esther - 2nd Floor

Break Out 6 Barbara Goldman, Moderator – Larry Saylor, Reporter
COA Judges: Chief Judge Michael Talbot and Hon. Jane Markey
Kings II - Lower Level

Break Out 7 Ann Sherman, Moderator – Liisa Speaker, Reporter
COA Judges: Hon. Patrick Meter and Hon. Cynthia Stephens
Judith - 2nd Floor

Break Out 8 Beth Wittman, Moderator – Sarah Nadeau, Reporter
Justice and COA Judge : Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr. and Hon. Christopher Murray
Samuels - Lower Level

Break Out 9 Jacquelyn Klima, Moderator – Stephanie Douglas, Reporter
COA Judges: Hon. Colleen O’Brien and Hon. Douglas Shapiro
Kings I - Lower Level

Break Out 10 Hilary Ballentine, Moderator – Caryn Ford, Reporter
Justice and COA Judge: Justice Brian Zahar and Hon. Peter O’Connell
Wisdom - Lower Level

12:05-2:00 p.m.

DeWitt C. Holbrook Memorial Fund Luncheon
Grande Ballroom – First Floor

“A Conversation with General Suter: Stories from the U.S. Supreme Court”
Speaker: General William Suter

General William Kent Suter, the 19th Clerk of the United States Supreme Court, will reflect on the Supreme Court Justices and landmark cases that marked his 22 years of service to the Court.

General William Kent Suter was the 19th Clerk of the United States Supreme Court, serving with distinction from 1991 to 2013. His responsibilities included managing the Supreme Court's docket and calendar and overseeing the Supreme Court Bar. He also attended all oral arguments before the Court.

Chief Justice of the United States William Rehnquist hand-selected General Suter for the Clerk position when Supreme Court Clerk Joseph F. Spaniol, Jr. announced his plans to retire at the end of 1990. Before taking that position, General Suter was an Army Judge Advocate, retiring with the rank of Major General. While in the Army, he served in numerous positions around the world, including, Appellate Judge, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Staff Judge Advocate of the 101st Airborne Division, Commandant of the JAG school, and the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

General Suter is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and the Tulane University Law School. He attended Trinity on a basketball scholarship (experience that would serve him well when he played basketball with law clerks on the "highest court in the land") and Tulane on an academic scholarship. He was on the Tulane Law Review and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He is a graduate of the Judge Advocate General's School Graduate Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

General Suter is a prolific speaker about the Court. A popular figure in the national bar, he has received numerous honors for his frequent outreach efforts, including honorary degrees. He has been a leader among retired judge advocates and a mentor to hundreds of lawyers. At General Suter's retirement celebration on June 12, 2013, Chief Justice John Roberts praised the General's "inspirational leadership" and "good will and friendship" that "have reached all corners of the building and beyond." The Chief Justice noted that General Suter regularly met with school children, law students, and foreign dignitaries, greeting "them all with equal ease and grace, demonstrating both his good humor and his humanity." Chief Justice Roberts also extolled General Suter as having "managed the Court's docket with unparalleled organization and efficiency," "contributions to this Court [that] will not fade away."

Moderators: Mary Massaron, Plunkett Cooney and John Bursch, Warner Norcross & Judd, LLP

2:15-3:30 p.m.

Plenary – A Day in the Life of the Clerk's Office
Grand Ballroom – First Floor

In this plenary session, members of the clerk's offices of both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals will provide insight into how the offices handle an appeal or original action from initiation to resolution and discuss a wide variety of topics including: jurisdictional review, transcripts and record production, briefing, oral argument, motions and remand procedure.

Panel: Larry Royster, Chief of Staff/Clerk of Court, Michigan Supreme Court, Inger Meyer, Deputy Clerk, Michigan Supreme Court, Jerome Zimmer, Chief Clerk, Michigan Court of Appeals, Gary Chambon, Michigan Court of Appeals,

Angela DiSessa, District Clerk, Michigan Court of Appeals
Moderator: Sandra Mengel
Reporter: Bienenstock Nationwide Court Reporting & Video

3:30-3:45 p.m.

Refreshment Break

Garden Gallery - First Floor, Executive Boardroom Lobby – First Floor , Nazareth Balcony-Lower Level, 2nd Floor Lobby

3:45-4:45 p.m.

Law Practice Breakout Sessions – Sessions are offered twice

The breakouts will be participatory — not traditional lectures from a panel of speakers. This is what makes the bench bar conference unique. All who attend the breakouts will be encouraged to participate in the discussion.

Criminal

Unlocking *Lockridge*: The Key to Fact-Finding at Sentencing

Nazareth–First Floor

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Judges: Hon. Michael Gadola, Hon. Michael Riordan, Hon. Cynthia Stephens, Hon. Colleen O’Brien and Hon. Henry Saad

Moderator: Brett DeGroff, State Appellate Defender Office, & Tim Baughman, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office

Reporter: Linus Banghart-Linn, Assistant Attorney General

Court Staff: Mark Stoddard, District Commissioner, Grand Rapids Office

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Moderator: Eric Restuccia, Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney General, Jessica Zimbelman, State Appellate Defender Office, & Jason Williams, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office

Reporter: Marilena David-Martin, State Appellate Defender Office

Court Staff: Mary Ann Mercieca, Senior Research Attorney, Detroit Office

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The Challenge of Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claims on Appeal

Sarah–2nd Floor

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Judge: Hon. Douglas Shapiro

Moderator: Robyn Frankel, Defense Attorney, Anica Letica, Attorney General's Office & William Vaillencourt, Prosecuting Attorney, Livingston County Prosecutor's Office

Reporter: Chris Allen, Attorney General's Office

Court Staff: Patricia Murray, Research Supervisor, Grand Rapids Office and Erin Birkam, Senior Research Attorney, Detroit Office

Criminal

The Importance of Staying in Motion: Effective Motion Practice in the Court of Appeals

Ruth–2nd Floor

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Judges: Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause & Hon. Kurtis Wilder

Moderators: Stuart Friedman, Defense Attorney, & James Benison, Kent County Prosecutor's Office

Reporter: Marla McCowan, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission

Court Staff: Gary Chambon, Jr., Michigan Court of Appeals and Julie Isola Ruecke, Research Director

Civil

Technology and Appellate Advocacy

Judith–2nd Floor

The finer points of e-filing; maximizing the effect of a digital brief; lawyers and cyber security; remote law office practice; tools for collaboration; what to anticipate next.

Judge: Hon. Elizabeth Gleicher

COA Staff: Denise Devine, Michigan Court of Appeals and Kimberly S. Hauser, District Clerk, Michigan Court of Appeals

Moderator: Barbara Goldman, Barbara H. Goldman, PLLC

Reporter: Scott Bassett, Michigan Family Law Appeals

Civil

Civil Appeals: The Basics and Beyond

Samuels–Lower Level

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Judges: Hon. Christopher M. Murray & Hon. Patrick Meter

Court Staff: Matthew C. Dawson, Michigan Court of Appeals, Michelle Harrison, Senior Research Attorney, Detroit Office and Clare Cylkowski, Michigan Court of Appeals

Moderator: Julie McCann O’Connor, O’Connor DeGrazia Tamm & O’Connor, PC

Reporter: Elizabeth Sokol, Law Offices of Elizabeth L. Sokol, PLLC

Civil

Interlocutory and Emergency Appeals

Kings II–Lower Level

When is an interlocutory appeal justified? What factors does the Court consider in determining whether an appeal presents an “emergency”? How do I maximize my chances of receiving timely relief? This breakout session will explore these and other issues relating to requests for interlocutory and emergency relief in the Michigan Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Justice: Justice Brian Zahra

Judge: Hon. Jane Markey

COA Commissioner Neal Villhauer, District Commissioner, Troy Office and Jack Walrad, District Commissioner, Troy Office

Supreme Court Commissioner: Daniel Brubaker, Chief Commissioner

Moderator: Larry Saylor, Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone, PLC

Reporter: Phillip DeRosier, Dickinson Wright, PLLC

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Writing to Win – From Basics to Brilliance

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Tips and tools for improving appellate briefs and motion papers. Court staff, commissioners, judges, justices, and practitioners—including session attendees—will discuss what works and what does not, what’s just wrong, and what really makes an impact and changes perceptions.

Justice: Chief Justice Robert Young

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COA: J. Michael Thomas, Senior Research Attorney, Detroit Office and Julie Van Groningen, Senior Research Attorney, Detroit Office

Moderator: James Rose, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, PC

Reporter: Mark Magyar, Dykema Gossett, PLLC

Family

Domestic Relations Appeals: The Domestic Relations track will focus on recurring jurisdictional issues.

Kings I–Lower Level

Track I. Jurisdiction 101 – Final Order Issues in Domestic Relations Appeals. This session will address bifurcation under MCR 7.202(6)(a)(i) and what post-judgment attorney fee, custody, parenting time, change of residence, and other orders are appealable by right under MCR 7.202(6)(a)(iii) & (iv).

Judges: Hon. David Sawyer & Chief Judge Michael Talbot

Jurisdictional Clerk: John P. Lowe, District Clerk

Moderators: Anne Argiroff, Anne Argiroff PLC,
and Liisa Speaker, Speaker Law Firm PLLC

Reporter: Rebecca Shiemke. Michigan Poverty Law Program

Child Welfare

Child Welfare Appeals 101: The Procedure.

Wisdom – Lower Level

Explore how child welfare cases are managed at the Court of Appeals; address final orders in child welfare cases and appealing dispositional, adjudication, and removal orders; examine the parts of the child welfare file contained in the record for appeal; discuss appellate motion practice for child welfare appeals; and address the scope of appointment for appeal (and whether it continues beyond the issuance of the COA opinion).

Judge: Hon. Peter O’Connell

COA Clerk: Jerome Zimmer, Jr. Chief Clerk

Supreme Court Clerk: Inger Meyer, Deputy Clerk

Moderator: John Ceci, John Ceci, PLLC

Reporter: Rita White, Law Office of Rita O. White

4:50–5:45 p.m.

Plenary – The Commissioner's Office: Behind the Scenes

Grande Ballroom – First Floor

In this plenary session, commissioners will give a glimpse behind the scenes of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals and offer tips for navigating your appeal through the courts and avoiding common pitfalls.

Panel: Daniel Brubaker, Chief Commissioner, Michigan Supreme Court, Shari Oberg, Deputy Chief Commissioner, Michigan Supreme Court, Neal Villhauer, Michigan Court of Appeals, Mark Stoddard, District Commissioner, Michigan Court of Appeals and Jack Walrad, District Commissioner, Michigan Court of Appeals

Moderator: Julie Isola Ruecke, Research Director, Michigan Court of Appeals

Reporter: Bienenstock Nationwide Court Reporting & Video

6:00 p.m.

Reception and Dinner

Atrium – Lower Level

The Appellate Practice Section's Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Justice Maura D. Corrigan, Retired, Michigan Supreme Court.

Maura Corrigan served as Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court from 1999 to 2011 and was Chief Justice from 2001 to 2004. Building on a lifetime of service to children and families, Corrigan left her seat on the bench to answer a call from Michigan's Governor to lead the state's Department of Human Services, where she focused on improving child welfare programs.

History of Prior Recipients

1998 Justice Charles Levin

2001 Justice Patricia Boyle

2004 Judge Harold Hood

2007 Judge James Ryan

2010 Kathleen McCree Lewis

2012 Justice Marilyn Kelly

2013 Sandra Schultz Mengel

2015 Justice Michael Cavanagh

2016 Justice Maura Corrigan

Dinner tables will be hosted by members of the bench.

Friday, April 22, 2016

7:30 a.m.

Registration

Garden Gallery Lobby – First Floor

8:00-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Garden Gallery/Lobby – First Floor

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Plenary - Tech 2016: Gadgets, Widgets and Apps for Appellate Practice

Grande Ballroom – First Floor

The latest and greatest in hardware and software for lawyers and judges.

Panel: Scott Bassett, Michigan Family Law Appeals and Stuart Friedman, Attorney at Law

Court Staff: Julie Isola Ruecke, Michigan Court of Appeals and Patricia Murray, Research Supervisor, Grand Rapids Office

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Reporter: Bradley Hall, Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System

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Court Staff: Dawn Lemon, District Commissioner, Detroit Office and JoAnn Lank, District Commissioner, Detroit Office

Moderator: Kimberlee Hillock, Willingham & Cote`, PC
Reporter: Paul Hudson, Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone, PLC

Civil

Effective Oral Advocacy: From Preparation to Presentation

Kings II–Lower Level

Oral argument is considered by many to be the pinnacle of appellate advocacy, but others question whether oral argument makes any difference in the majority of appeals. This session is designed to assist the appellate practitioner in preparing and presenting an effective oral argument that maximizes the opportunity for success on appeal. Participants in this session will discuss the best way to prepare for oral argument, effective methods for influencing the panel, practical advice for the day of oral argument, and tips and tricks for dealing with a hot, cold, or even hostile bench.

Justice: Chief Justice Robert Young

Judge: Hon. Mark Boonstra

Moderator: Beth Wittmann, The Kitch Firm

Reporter: C. Thomas Ludden, Lipson Neilson Cole Seitzer & Garin, PC

Civil

What You Can Do To Make Your Michigan Supreme Court Application More Appealing.

Judith–2nd Floor

It's a well-known fact that only a small percentage of requests for leave to appeal are found to merit the consideration of the Michigan Supreme Court. This session will explore applications for leave to appeal from the Court's perspective: What do the Commissioners screen for? Do the Judicial Clerks have a checklist? What makes an issue "jurisprudentially significant"? When will the Court correct error? Why does the Court sometimes schedule a mini oral argument? How does the Court decide whether to grant peremptory relief? Does no really mean no and/or when is a reconsideration motion warranted? These are just a handful of the questions that will be addressed at what promises to be a lively bench/bar discussion.

Justice: Justice Stephen Markman

COA Judge: Hon. Cynthia Stephens

Court Staff: Daniel Brubaker, Chief Commissioner, Michigan Supreme Court

Moderator: Joanne Geha Swanson, Kerr Russell & Weber, PLC

Reporter: Jacquelyn Klima, Kerr Russell & Weber, PLC

Family

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Kings I–Lower Level

Track II Jurisdiction 201 -- Subject-matter jurisdiction, Personal Jurisdiction, and Venue issues in Domestic Relations Appeals. This session will address the nuances of subject matter jurisdiction and personal jurisdiction, when they can be raised, and how much a

party can participate in the litigation before waiving an objection to jurisdiction. This session will also cover the interplay of subject matter jurisdiction with the statutory venue provision for divorce proceedings.

Judge: Hon. Michael Riordan

Court Staff: Clare M. Cylkowski, Assistant Clerk, Detroit Office and Julie Isola Ruecke, Research Director

Moderators: Scott Bassett, Michigan Family Law Appeals Attorney and Judith Curtis, Family Law and Appellate Practice Attorney

Reporter: Rebecca Shiemke, Michigan Poverty Law Program

Child Welfare

Child Welfare Appeals 101: The Substance

Wisdom – Lower Level

Receive a recap of the significant legal events (and there were many!) since the last Appellate Bench Bar Conference. Exchange ideas on issue spotting for child welfare appeals – what issues should counsel be looking for in the record, which issues have not been resolved by the courts, which issues do counsel need to keep on challenging.

Judge: Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause

Moderator: Liisa Speaker, Speaker Law Firm, PLLC

Case law update: Vivek Sankaran, Clinical Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School

Reporter: Rita White, Law Office of Rita O. White

Court Staff: Douglas Messing, Assistant Research Director and Patricia Murray, Research Supervisor, Grand Rapids Office

11:30-11:45 a.m.

Break

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Dewitt C. Holbrook Memorial Fund Luncheon

Grande Ballroom – First Floor

Friday's luncheon will be a special time for advocates and justices, judges, and court personnel to meet each other informally over the meal. Since practice before appellate tribunals is formal and there are few opportunities for bench and bar to talk to each other less formally than in a courtroom argument, don't miss this chance to spend an hour together getting to know those we work with.

Moderator: Mary Massaron, Plunkett Cooney

12:45-1:45 p.m.

Plenary - The Michigan Supreme Court's view on Judging and Advocacy

Grande Ballroom – First Floor

In this ever-popular session, justices of the Michigan Supreme Court will provide insight into appellate practice before the Supreme Court including discussing the application for leave process and how the justices consider requests for leave, oral argument on applications and what the advocates approach is most helpful, and merits appeals

including briefing, oral argument, and motion practice.

Justices: Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr., Justice Joan Larsen, Justice Stephen Markman, Justice Bridget McCormack, Justice David Viviano, and Justice Brian Zahra

Moderator: Mary Massaron, Plunkett Cooney

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Registrant Confirmation Details

Name Badges

Justices, judges, and court staff can be identified by a peach-colored name badge.

Continental Breakfast - Garden Gallery - First Floor

Breaks - Located strategically throughout the building in the first floor, second floor lobby and lower level.

Table Assignments - Thursday's Dinner with the Bench - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner tables will be hosted by members of the bench. Your personal itinerary will indicate your assigned table. Table assignments are made in advance of the program. Thank you for sitting at your assigned table.

Mobile App

The mobile app will be on the Apple App Store, Google Play, and a web version will be available. The app will have your schedule, handouts, maps, interactive polls, attendee communication, and much more. An email will be sent with login credentials. Login credentials will also be available at check in.

Survey Following Event

Following the Conference, please watch your email for two separate mailings:

- An electronic survey to record your thoughts and comments about the conference, for use in planning the next conference.
- A summary report of the 2016 conference sessions, in which you can read reports from sessions that you were unable to attend.

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