



**Michigan Appellate Bench
Bar Conference Foundation**

Advance Registration Deadline: By April 14, 2025 - Conference Fee \$450.00

Late Registration Deadline: After April 14, 2025 - \$475.00; Onsite Registration - \$500.00

The conference fee includes program materials, Wednesday’s pre-conference reception, Thursday’s breakfast, Thursday’s lunch at the conference, and Friday’s lunch. Resort room fees are not included.

*Registration is free for Justices, Judges, and Court Staff (including the Thursday Dinner).

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell*: _____ Fax: _____

Email*: _____

* Email and cell phone number required to access the conference app and receive notices during the conference

Check all that apply: Justice Judge Court Staff Commissioner Reporter Moderator

Check all Practice areas that apply:

- Civil (Defense Plaintiff)
- Criminal (Defense Prosecution)
- Family Child Welfare

Scholarship Request

Are you applying for a scholarship? Yes No
If yes, you must submit your scholarship application with this form.

Indicate which events you will or will not be attending and if you will be Moderating/Reporting

**Note: Blank sessions will be considered as not attending*

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Grand Reception – 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

- Attending Not Attending

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Plenary - 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Reporting Moderating
- Attending Not Attending

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Plenary Breakouts – 11:00 - 12:15 p.m.

- Moderating
- Attending Not Attending

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Law Practice Breakouts – 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

- Reporting Moderating
- Attending Not Attending

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Law Practice Breakouts – 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

- Reporting Moderating
- Attending Not Attending

Friday, May 16, 2025

Plenary - 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

- Moderating
- Attending Not Attending

Friday, May 16, 2025

Law Practice Breakouts – 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

- Reporting Moderating
- Attending Not Attending

Friday, May 16, 2025

Plenary – 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

- Moderating
- Attending Not Attending

Dinner and Lunch

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Lunch – 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Ross Guberman, *Legal Writing Pro LLC*

Attending Not Attending

Friday, May 16, 2025

Lunch – 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Attending Not Attending

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Reception/Dinner – 6:00 p.m. - **\$55.00**

Attending Not Attending

Dinner Guest - **\$55.00**

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Do you or your guest require a vegetarian meal? Yes Yes Guest No

Payment Information - You may pay by check or through Eventbrite, which accepts all credit cards.

To pay by check, enclose your form and payment, payable to Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation

To pay with Eventbrite, visit <https://benchbar.org/>

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Onsite Registration \$500.00

Remember to include your Reception Dinner fee. Dinner \$55.00 Dinner Guest \$55.00

Amount Paid: _____

Check #: _____

Form submission with check:

Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation

P.O. Box 66

Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Cancellation/Refund Policy: To obtain a refund, a cancellation notice must be received in writing at least 15 business days before the event (4/23/2025), less a \$100 administrative fee.

Resort Reservation Deadline: April 26, 2025

Space is limited. Onsite registration is allowed only if space is available.

St. John's Resort ~ 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

Call 734-414-0600 for a reservation and ask for the conference rate of \$169

Contact the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation at:

Phone: 517-627-8700 | Email: support@benchbar.org | Web: www.benchbar.org

All conference participants are encouraged to attend plenary sessions & the plenary breakout, but space for law practice breakout sessions is limited. See the brochure for the complete schedule. Assignments to breakout sessions will be made on a first-come / first-serve basis according to your preferences, and blank sessions will be treated as you not attending that session.

Law Practice Breakout Sessions

Please number your **top 5** preferred breakout sessions (not per day), with 1 being the most preferred.

Failure to indicate a preference will result in auto-assignments where availability remains.

(Note: Some sessions repeat)

Thursday, May 15, 2025, Law Practice Breakouts – 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Criminal:

- ___ Appellate Lawyers Navigating Trial Territory
- ___ Understanding Wrongful Convictions from the Appellate Bench and Bar
- ___ Preservation! Waiver! Forfeiture! Oh my!
- ___ Posey's Implication on Appellate Sentencing Review

Child Welfare:

- ___ Top 20 Child Welfare Appeal Cases

Civil:

- ___ The Ins and Outs of Stays on Appeal
- ___ Writing Effective Applications for Leave to Appeal in the Court of Appeals
- ___ The Latest in Effective Brief Writing
- ___ Adding Value: The Benefits of Embedded Appellate Counsel at Trial and Tips for Success

Family:

- ___ The "New" Custody Final Order Rule 6 Years Later: What the Case Data Tells Us About Its Impact

Thursday, May 15, 2025, Law Practice Breakouts – 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Criminal:

- ___ Appellate Lawyers Navigating Trial Territory
- ___ Understanding Wrongful Convictions from the Appellate Bench and Bar
- ___ Preservation! Waiver! Forfeiture! Oh my!
- ___ Posey's Implication on Appellate Sentencing Review

Child Welfare:

- ___ Reasonable Efforts and Ferranti Appeals: Focusing Appeals on Issues that Matter

Civil:

- ___ Avoiding Defective Initial Filings and Costly Jurisdictional Mistakes
- ___ Behind the Curtain: An Inside Look into Court of Appeals' Processes for Panel Assignments
- ___ The Ins and Outs of Stays on Appeal
- ___ Writing Effective Applications for Leave to Appeal in the Court of Appeals

Family:

- ___ Hot Issues in Family Law Appeals: Whatever Happened to Peremptory Reversal? Why Can't I Get Timely Transcripts? When to Use and Not to Use Immediate Consideration Motions

Friday, May 16, 2025, Law Practice Breakouts – 10:30 -11:45 a.m.

Criminal:

- ___ Understanding Wrongful Convictions from the Appellate Bench and Bar
- ___ Preservation! Waiver! Forfeiture! Oh my!
- ___ Posey's Implication on Appellate Sentencing Review

Child Welfare:

- ___ The Appellate Landscape for Incarcerated Parents: Reflections on 15 years of *In re Mason*

Civil:

- ___ The Latest in Effective Brief Writing
- ___ Adding Value: The Benefits of Embedded Appellate Counsel at Trial and Tips for Success
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Date Rec: _____

Date Entered: _____

Staff: _____

Staff: _____

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