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8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.: Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Vendor Displays

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.: Keynote Speaker

John T. Berry is the executive director of the State Bar of Michigan. He has almost three decades of practice and management experience in the legal arena. An acknowledged leader in the field of ethics and professionalism, he is a 2001 recipient of the American Bar Association's Michael Franck Award — the highest award given nationally by the ABA for achievement in ethics and professionalism.

Before joining the State Bar in November 2000, he served as director of the Center of Professionalism at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. He has held previous positions as assistant executive director of the State Bar of Arizona (1998-2000), and as staff counsel and legal division director of the Florida Bar (1983-1998). While at the Florida Bar, Mr. Berry also served as director of lawyer regulation (1983-1984) and as assistant state attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Fraud Division (1976-1983).

Mr. Berry is trained and approved by the Florida Supreme Court as an instructor in judicial education. He is a frequent lecturer nationally on ethics and professionalism, and is responsible for the establishment of the ethics schools in Florida, Arizona, and Michigan. He is also a member of over 15 consulting teams that evaluate the ethics and professionalism efforts of other states. In 2002, Mr. Berry was part of a two-person U.S. Department of Justice team sent to Nigeria to help deal with corruption within its government, corporations, and businesses.

Mr. Berry is a member of the ABA House of Delegates and the ABA Consultation Team on Office Efficiency and Resource Analysis. For the past three years, he has served as the chairperson of the ABA Professionalism Committee. The committee has been studying and improving legal education nationally to make lawyers more competent, professional, and ethical. Mr. Berry is also an officer of the National Organization of Bar Counsel and served as the organization's president in 1990.

Mr. Berry received his B.A., magna cum laude, in political science from the University of Florida in 1973 and his J.D. from Stetson University College of Law in 1976.

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.: Legal Writing in Plain English II

Professor Buttrey joined Cooley's full-time faculty after having served as a Legal Methods instructor, a research and writing grading assistant, and visiting professor. Her legal work experience includes having served as a research attorney for a circuit court judge in Livingston County, and doing appellate work.

As a Cooley student, Professor Buttrey won seven American Jurisprudence Awards and Certificates of Merit. She was also a member of the Thomas M. Cooley Law Review, where she served as a managing associate.

Professor Buttrey is a member of the Cooley Legal Authors Society. She was the faculty adviser for the former Michigan Opinion Notes, and is the program director for Introduction to Law I and II. She is a faculty specialist with the Academic Resource Center at Cooley.

10:30 a.m. to Noon: Breakout Session #1

Bankruptcy Track: "Credit Counseling,"
Jill Stroinski and Rachel Hood, Consumer Credit Management

Jill Stroinski has a bachelor of science degree in finance from Oakland University and was previously employed by Plante & Moran as a financial planner. Jill has been with Consumer Credit Management for the past two years and is a certified credit counselor. Rachel Hood joined Consumer Credit Management this past year and received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan. Previously, Rachel was employed by the Institute for Behavioral Research at the University of Georgia.

Litigation Track: "Identity Theft," Mark Koerner, Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, P.C

Mark Koerner of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, P.C was born in Lansing, Michigan. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 2000 and the Michigan Bar in 2004. He graduated with a B.A. in political theory and constitutional democracy in 1995 from Michigan State University. Mr. Koerner graduated with both a J.D. and an L.L.M. in information technology and privacy law in 2000 from The John Marshall Law School. He is a member of the State Bars of Illinois and Michigan. Mr. Koerner provides legal service in the areas of business law, e-commerce, information technology, intellectual property and privacy law, and general litigation.

Noon to 1:00 p.m.: Networking Luncheon

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Breakout Session #2

Bankruptcy Track: Panel Discussion: view on the new bankruptcy laws

A panel of three Legal Assistants/Paralegals will discuss how each handles the changes in the new Bankruptcy Laws with a Paralegal from a Creditor's Law Firm point of view, from the Trustee's office and a Debtor's point of view.

Litigation Track: "Securities Litigation," Joseph Spiegel of Joseph H. Spiegel, P.C.

Joseph Spiegel of Joseph H. Spiegel, P.C. is a lecturer in areas of securities and commodities law and federal civil procedure for: Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association/Midwest Securities Law Institute; Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education; Chicago Bar Association; United Auto Workers National Pre-Paid Legal Services; American Arbitration Association; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Institute of Certified Financial Planners; Commodity Education Institute, Ltd.; and Futures Symposium International. Co-author: "Standing of Securities Plaintiff: Which Way the Trend?" De Paul Law Review, Survey of Illinois Law, Fall, 1974; "Securities Arbitration" Section, Michigan Pleading and Practice-Alternative Dispute Resolution, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, 1994. Arbitrator/Mediator: New York Stock Exchange (arbitrator); National Association of Securities Dealers Regulation, Inc. (special arbitrator for large and complex cases; past co-chairman, Continuing Education, Michigan Arbitrators); American Arbitration Association (special mediator, special arbitrator for the Michigan Regional Large, Complex Case Dispute Resolution Program).

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Breakout Session #3

Bankruptcy Track: "10 Things Every Legal Assistant Needs to Know about Bankruptcy under the New Bankruptcy Laws," Stuart Gold, Gold Lange & Majoros, PC

Stuart A. Gold of Gold Lange & Majoros, PC, Southfield, Michigan, practices in the area of bankruptcy law. He is board-certified by The American Board of Certification for both consumer and business bankruptcy law, is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, and has been appointed a life delegate by the Federal Court of Appeal for the Sixth Circuit. Mr. Gold earned his J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where he graduated with distinction. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Florida Bar, the Federal Bar Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Commercial Law League of American, and the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Detroit Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and is currently a U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee and mediator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Mr. Gold is the past president of the Consumer Bankruptcy Association, co-chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the Eastern District of Michigan Bankruptcy Court, and past chairman of the OCBA Bankruptcy Committee. He frequently lectures for ICLE, American Bankruptcy Institute, Oakland University, and other professional organizations.

Litigation Track: "Eminent Domain" Michael Woodworth & Geoffrey Seidlein,
Hubbard Fox Thomas White & Bengtson PC

Michael Woodworth of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, P.C. was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. Entering the practice of law in 1976, he has been admitted to appear before all Michigan courts, both state and federal, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. He graduated magna cum laude from Central Michigan University (B.S., 1970) and cum laude from Wayne State University Law School (J.D., 1976). He maintains an "AV" legal ability rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, the highest rating attainable. Mr. Woodworth is a member of the Federal Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, and the Ingham County Bar Association. He is affiliated with the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is a former pre-hearing attorney of the Michigan Court of Appeals and served as chief appellate counsel for the Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney. He is also a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Mr. Woodworth specializes in municipal and land use law, as well as commercial, environmental, and products liability litigation.

Geoffrey Seidlein of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, P.C was born in Spokane, Washington. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and U.S. District Courts in 1981. He graduated with his B.S. from Illinois State University in 1976 and, through the Sangamon State University Legislative Internship Program, served as staff analyst for House Republican Staff, Illinois General Assembly. He earned his J.D. cum laude from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1980. He was formerly an assistant prosecuting attorney in Ingham County. Mr. Seidlein is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Eaton County Bar Association, and the Ingham County Bar Association. He is also affiliated with the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners and serves as its general counsel and legislative liaison. Mr. Seidlein has received an "AV" legal ability rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, and specializes in drain law, construction law, municipal law, and environmental law.



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