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Mark the Date

NALS of Detroit to hold February CLE meeting Feb. 8

NALS of Detroit will conduct its February CLE meeting on Monday, Feb. 8. The guest speaker will be Pamela Kramer, vice president of Business Development with Assets International, LLC who will speak on the topic titled "When Heirs Aren't Apparent." The group will gather for a light dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the speaker's presentation will begin at 6 p.m. at Miller Canfield, 150 West Jefferson, Suite 2500 in Detroit. In order to make a reservation or for any additional information about this upcoming meeting and dinner, contact Mary Tortomose at (313) 965-9725, ext. 319 or mtortomose@bsdd.com no later than Thursday, Feb. 4.

Wolverine Bar Association hosts Appellate Practice forum Feb. 9

The Wolverine Bar Association will host an Appellate Practice Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bodman LLP located at 5th Floor of Ford Field, 1901 St. Antoine Street in Detroit. The Forum is being co-sponsored by the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section. Featured Speakers include Hon. Kurt Wilder of the Michigan Court of Appeals, Hon. Elizabeth Gleicher of the Michigan Court of Appeals, Jerome Watson of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC and Mary Massaron Ross of Plunkett Cooney. These esteemed panelists will make an informative presentation about appellate practice and address topics such as procedural formalities, effective brief-writing and oral advocacy techniques. The audience members will also have an opportunity to ask questions. Contact the WBA office at (313) 962-0250 for more information.

Program for International Legal Studies Speaker Series Feb. 11

The Program for International Legal Studies at Wayne State University Law School will hold its Winter 2010 Speaker Series "U.S. Ratification of the Women's Rights Treaty: Fabulous, Horrendous, or Meaningless?" Thursday, Feb. 11, at 12:15 p.m. in the Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium with Julia L. Ernst, Georgetown University Law Center. Lunch will be served. For additional information regarding this event, contact Holly Hughes at (313) 577-3620 or at hhughes@wayne.edu.

Legal Aid and Defender to hold free legal aid clinic Feb. 12

Legal Aid and Defender Association (LADA) will hold a free legal aid clinic for income eligible residents under 60 years of age who qualify for services on Friday, Feb. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at Oakland Livingston Human Services located at 345 East Nine Mile Road in Ferndale. Those seeking assistance are asked to arrive before 10 a.m. to register as LADA staff will assist only those persons registered before 10 a.m. For more information, contact Stacey Felder at (248) 253-1548 ext. 4005 or 1-877-964-4700.

Women's Franchise Network hosts David A. Brandon for his lecture 'Change to Grow' Feb. 16

Join the Women's Franchise Network (WFN) of Southeast Michigan, an affiliate of the International Franchise Association, when David A. Brandon, CEO of Domino's Pizza, shares his vision for franchising and Michigan, entitled "Change to Grow" on Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Domino's Pizza, 30 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive in Ann Arbor. To register, become a member of the WFN or for more information, contact Virginia Herrick, herrick@millercanfield.com or (313) 496-7548.

SBM president to speak at 'Celebrating our Diverse Bar' Feb. 18

Several local bar associations have joined together to co-host "Celebrating Our Diverse Bar" on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in Detroit. The evening's guest speaker will be State Bar of Michigan President Charles Toy. The cost to attend is \$10 per person. A cash bar will be available. To make a reservation to attend this event, contact Mitzy Sharp Futro at (313) 961-6120 ext. 201 or msharpfutro@detroitlawyer.com; or visit www.fbamich.org.

OCBA holds 'Anatomy of a Criminal Case—Year XI' Feb. 16

The Oakland County Bar Association Criminal Law Committee will continue its "Anatomy of a Criminal Case—Year XI" brown bag lunch lecture series Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the OCBA Center in Bloomfield Hills. Guest speaker Steven P. Lynch will discuss "Abuse and Neglect Cases in Family Court." The cost to attend is \$10 for OCBA members and \$20 for non-members. To register, visit www.ocba.org. For more information, call (248) 334-3400.

BWLA of Michigan hosts Harriet Tubman Award brunch Feb. 20

In celebration of African American History Month the Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan is hosting the Harriet Tubman Award Brunch. The Brunch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African History, located at 315 East Warren at Brush Street in Detroit. The keynote speaker for the event is Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Cynthia Stephens. For ticket information, contact attorney Angela Williams at (313) 877-8774.

Program for International Legal Studies Speaker Series Feb. 24

The Program for International Legal Studies at Wayne State University Law School is pleased to announce as part of its Winter 2010 Speaker Series "International Promotion of Democratic Government: The Strange Case of the 2009 Honduran Coup," Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 12:15 p.m. in the Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium with Brad Roth,

Wayne State University Law School, and Sharon Lean, Wayne State University Department of Political Science. Lunch will be served. For additional information regarding this event, contact Holly Hughes at (313) 577-3620 or at hhughes@wayne.edu.

Incorporated Society for Irish American Lawyers to host its general meeting Feb. 24

The Incorporated Society for Irish American Lawyers (ISIAL) will host its general meeting with guest speaker State Bar of Michigan President Charles Toy on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club located at 2068 Michigan Ave in Detroit. For more information, visit www.irish-lawyers.org.

First annual Kaye Tertzag Tribute Dinner Feb. 25

The first annual Kaye Tertzag Tribute Dinner and inaugural Purple Sportcoat Award presentation will be held Feb. 25 at the Park Place Banquet Hall at Park and Outer Drive in Dearborn, just south of Michigan Avenue. For more information or to reserve a seat at this inaugural event, call Michael J. Butler at (734) 776-0231 or e-mail him at mbutler@twmi.rr.com.

Legal Aid and Defender to hold free legal aid clinic Feb. 26

Legal Aid and Defender Association (LADA) will hold a free legal aid clinic for income eligible residents under 60 years of age who qualify for services on Friday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at Southfield Human Services located at 26080 Berg Road in Southfield. Those seeking assistance are asked to arrive before 10 a.m. to register as LADA staff will assist only those persons registered before 10 a.m. For more information, contact Stacey Felder at (248) 253-1548 ext. 4005 or 1-877-964-4700.

Program on "The Michigan Supreme Court and Stare Decisis" March 2

The Michigan Chapter and the Wayne State University Law School Student Chapter of the American Constitution Society present "The Michigan Supreme Court and Stare Decisis," featuring Robert A. Sedler, Distinguished Professor of Law, Wayne State University Law School, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Professor Sedler will speak in the Partrich Auditorium at Wayne State Law School, 471 West Palmer Street in Detroit. The event is free of charge. Professor Sedler will discuss his study of the Court's 1999-2000 jurisprudence, including several decisions overruling prior decisions of the Court. Based upon his conclusion that the decisions lack legitimacy, Professor Sedler will discuss arguments and strategies available to those litigants who may wish to ask the current Supreme Court to "overrule the overrulings" by the prior Supreme Court.

To include your event in "Mark the Date," send information to bcox@legalnews.com.

Bottom Line



Photos by John Mei

A seminar on "Effective Strategies to Increase Your Law Firm's Bottom Line" was conducted Thursday, Jan. 28, at Automation Alley in Troy. Presenting at the program were (l-r) David E. Benjamin, social media strategist; emcee Elisabeth F. Garbel, business coach with EFG Consulting LLC; Jason T. Ryan with Vision Fuel Media; attorney Lori T. Williams with Your Legal Resource PLLC; and attorney Timothy P. Flynn with Clarkston Legal. "We put this workshop together to help solo and small firm attorneys grow their practice by getting better at creating referrals and using the latest technology tools and social media applications effectively," said Williams.



Representing the program's sponsors were (l-r) Rod Lowe with Spectrum Computer Forensics; Colleen Theuerkauf with Stroko MacWilliams-Wolf wealth management team of Raymond James & Assoc.; Stott Matthews Spectrum Computer Forensics; Susan Virginia with Derderian, Kann, Seyferth, & Salucci PC; and Jason T. Ryan with Vision Fuel Media.

Foster, Swift donates \$10K to non-profits

As an alternative to their traditional holiday party Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. opted to divide a \$10,000 donation among three organizations in the names of their top clients. The firm sent holiday greeting cards with information about Cabrini Clinic, Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan and The Heat & Warmth Fund (THAW) and allowed the clients to select which contribution they would like their name to appear on.

To celebrate the 2009 holiday season and the relationship Foster, Swift shares with their top clients, they elected this donation program in place of their usual expression of gratitude. The firm felt that the current economic times called for action that would benefit those that are struggling.

Cabrini Clinic is a nonprofit organization that appoints volunteer clinicians to provide low-cost or free health care to uninsured applicants. The clinic is supported by Most Holy Trinity Church, and by

donations like the one made by Foster, Swift.

Gleaners Community Food Bank turns surplus food into nourishing meals for hungry people in southeast Michigan. The organization puts 95 cents of every dollar donated toward food programs like partner soup kitchens and shelters, and just one dollar makes three healthy meals for someone in need.

THAW is a nonprofit agency that supplies emergency energy support to low-income applicants in 70 counties throughout Michigan. The organization also campaigns for long-term solutions to energy concerns for families in need. THAW's services are available to those whose energy is off or who have obtained a shut-off notice, and they pay the utility or fuel provider directly.

For more information or to make a donation to one of these organizations, visit www.cabriniclinic.org, www.gcfb.org or thawfund.org.

ICLE Calendar

Basics Litigation in Bankruptcy Court: Part 3 of ICLE's Bankruptcy Certificate Series, Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. This basic level course offers 3.25 CLE credits. The general admission fee is \$165 and ICLE partners pay \$145.

The New Michigan Trust Code, Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. This basic level course is co-sponsored by the Probate & Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan and offers 3.25 CLE credits. The general admission fee is \$165, members of co-sponsoring sections pay \$145, and Michigan new lawyers pay \$95. ICLE partners should consult their agreement for details.

19th Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents, Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. This basic level course is co-sponsored by the Probate & Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan and offers 3 CLE credits. The general admission fee is \$165, members of co-sponsoring sections pay \$145, and Michigan

new lawyers pay \$95. ICLE partners should consult their agreement for details.

E-Discovery 2010, Thursday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at the ICLE Building in Ann Arbor. This basic level course offers 2.75 CLE credits.

The general admission fee is \$165 and Michigan new lawyers pay \$95. ICLE partners should consult their agreement for details.

2010 LLC & Business Entity Update, Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. This intermediate level course, co-sponsored by the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, offers 3.25 CLE credits.

The general admission fee is \$165, members of co-sponsoring sections pay \$145, and Michigan new lawyers pay \$95. ICLE partners should consult their agreement for details.

After Hours Tax Law Series: Hot Topics in Estate & Gift Tax, Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. This intermediate level course, co-sponsored by the Taxation Section of the State Bar of Michigan, offers 2.75 CLE credits.

The general admission fee is \$105 and members of co-sponsoring sections pay \$185. ICLE partners should consult their agreement for details.

Masters in Litigation - The Cybersleuth's Guide to the Internet: Super Search Engine Strategies, Social Network & Other Investigative Research and Tech Tips, Tuesday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. This intermediate/advanced level course, co-sponsored by the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Michigan, offers 5.5 CLE credits.

The general admission fee is \$195, members of co-sponsoring sections pay \$160, and Michigan new lawyers pay \$130. ICLE partners should consult their agreement for details.

Course books, audio cassettes, and video cassettes for most seminars are available if unable to attend program. Video replays for some programs are also offered. For additional information or to charge reservations to VISA, MasterCard, or Discover, call (877) 229-4350. Fax reservations can be made to (877) 229-4351. Visit ICLE's Web site at <http://www.icle.org>.


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February Auction Dates

Friday the 12th At 6:30 p.m.	Saturday the 13th At 11:00 a.m.	Sunday the 14th At Noon
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