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The State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section is pleased to host the 9th Annual Young Lawyers Summit at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Novi from June 3-4, 2016. In the past, the Young Lawyers Summit has taken place in numerous locations throughout the state of Michigan, such as the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant, the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, the Westin Book Cadillac Detroit, Greektown Casino Hotel in Detroit, and the Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol.

However, the Young Lawyers Summit has never taken place in Oakland County, the home county of a plurality of members of the Young Lawyers Section. In the spirit of the SBM YLS Executive Council's goal this year of bringing events and programming to more areas of the state, we are proud to hold our signature event this year in Novi.

Please join us for the following exciting events:

- Networking reception Friday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Vendor exposition—including the opportunity to meet representatives from other State Bar of Michigan sections to learn more about the benefits of joining a substantive section
- Programming—featuring seminars on a wide range of topics designed to provide informational tidbits you can “take away” from the Summit. Subjects this year include motion practice, alternative dispute resolution, interviewing/resume building, federal agency practice, and many more.
- Keynote speech delivered by State Bar of Michigan President Lori A. Buiteweg
- Presentation of the 2015-2016 Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award
- Afterglow reception Saturday night at DUEL Novi

On behalf of the entire SBM YLS Executive Council, we hope to see you there!

Regards,  
Mark

# MI Young Lawyer Spotlight: Katherine J. Bennett

## New YLS Council Member Representing District 3 (Lansing)

**Employer/ Job Title:** Michigan Department of Attorney General/Assistant Attorney General

**Education:** B.A. political science and Spanish, Hillsdale College (Magna Cum Laude); J.D. Western Michigan University Cooley Law School (Magna Cum Laude)

**Michigan Bar Admission Date:** May 2012

**Other Licenses (if any):** I am also admitted in the Eastern District of Michigan and the Sixth Circuit.

**Where do you live?** Grand Ledge, MI

**Where are you from?** Monroe, MI

**Who or what inspired you to become a lawyer?** I wanted to be a lawyer for as long as I can remember, even as a very young child. There really was no single event that influenced me.

**What made you decide to go into the field of law you practice in?** I have always been interested in both government and law, and now I work in a field that involves both.

**What do you love about practicing in Michigan?** I have had the opportunity to appear in courts throughout the state—from Marquette to Detroit. It is so interesting to observe the unique aspects of each court. I also enjoy visiting the various courthouses, especially the historic ones.

**If you weren't a lawyer, what would you be doing?** Event planner or owner/operator of a bed and breakfast.

**What legal or civic associations do you belong to?** State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section (council member), Ingham County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (Board of Directors beginning July 2016), Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (Mid-Michigan Region Secretary).

**Besides your current job, what was your most memorable job (good or bad)?** In high school, I worked in a dermatopathology laboratory. We processed skin, hair, and nail biopsies. I spent my days filling specimen bottles with preservative. I was grateful for the job, but it was not a field I was interested in. It was a unique experience, and I learned a lot from it.

**What do you enjoy doing outside of work?** Reading, traveling, baking, and spending time with my husband, my family, and my cat.

**What is the best advice you've ever received (personal or professional)?** “[D]o not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.” Matthew 6:34



Katherine Bennett

**What book are you reading right now?** *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.

**What do you listen to in your car on your way to/from work?** Something on Sirius radio: I channel surf but I really enjoy 90s on 9.

**What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?** Becoming a lawyer.

**What are 3 things your peers probably don't know about you?** I was the lead in my high school musical, I cannot frown, and I previously lived in Spain.

**Describe yourself in 3 words.** Organized, passionate, and faithful.

**What is your favorite restaurant?** Els 4 Gats in Barcelona. I have only been there once, but it was the best meal of my life.

**What is your favorite vacation destination?** My family's cabin on Lake Superior in Grand Marais.

**What is something that you know now that you wish you knew as a law student or when you first started practicing?** The Michigan Court Rules.

**What advice do you have for other young lawyers and law students?** Hard work and experience pays off! Stay motivated and you will achieve your goals.

# Beyond Ferguson

By Choi Portis

While attending the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Spring Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, I noticed a recurring theme in some of the programming—Michael Brown, the Ferguson riots, and protesters’ rights. During the conference, I attended a session entitled “Beyond Free Speech: Understanding Protesters’ Legal Rights.” During this session, I received a crash course on the First Amendment rights of protesters. Additionally, I had the opportunity to hear, first hand, from a lieutenant from the St. Louis Police Department, who vividly described how law enforcement officers from the local area joined forces to control the situation in Ferguson. Continuing with the discussion on Ferguson, I attended a session entitled “What Happened in Ferguson and What Can Lawyers Do?”

This session included a panel that discussed what led to the social unrest in Ferguson, and communities like it. The panel included subject matter experts who were directly involved in drafting the Ferguson Commission report, entitled “Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equality.” For a more in-depth discussion and to review the report please visit <http://forwardthroughferguson.org/>



# Cover Letters for Practitioners

By Amy M. Krieg

Cover letters were difficult to write in law school, but they are even more difficult to write as a practitioner, especially when you no longer have career services around the corner from your locker. So here are some basic tips which can help. The format for every cover letter is straightforward: in the first paragraph you should introduce yourself (but never say “my name is...”), state what job you are applying for, and why you are motivated to work for the employer or live in that geographic area. In the second, and maybe third paragraphs, you really try to persuade the employer that you are the ideal candidate, and state how you have successfully used the skills in the past that the employer has mentioned in the job description. You should also research the employer to find news and information about the company that might tell you why the employer might need to hire you. You can then talk about your skills that might relate to that area of need in your cover letter. In the third, or maybe fourth, paragraph summarize precisely why you are the perfect candidate, state what other documents you have enclosed or attached, and ask the employer for an interview. Your cover letter is an example to the employer of how you communicate, and as we all know, written communication is king in the practice of law, so it needs to be absolutely perfect so edit it like your future depends on it, which it does.



# MI Young Lawyers Corner

## Showcasing local young lawyer groups around the state

### Ingham County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (ICBA-YLS)

#### 2015-2016 ICBA-YLS Board of Directors:\*

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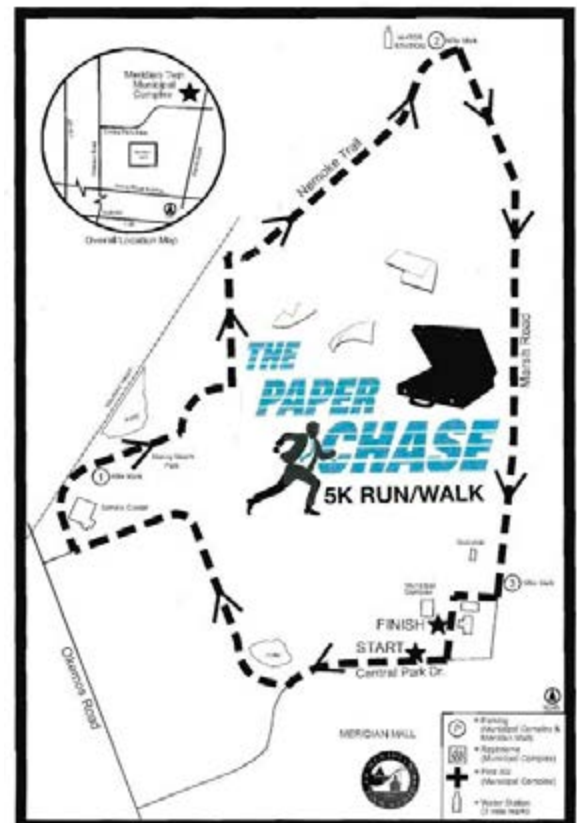
\* *Nicole Hughes (Alane & Chartier PLC) and Katherine Bennett (Michigan Department of Attorney General) will be joining the Board of Directors on July 1, 2016 as Lindsay Nicole Dangl and Reid S. Felsing end their tenure on the board.*

#### Showcase Project: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual The Paper Chase 5K Run/Walk

On Sunday, May 22, 2016, ICBA YLS hosted its third annual The Paper Chase 5K Run/Walk. This year's race was the biggest yet! Over 12 law firms and legal organizations had teams participating in the race. The team winner for the fastest time was the Thrun Law Firm. Murphy & Spagnuolo, PC won for the largest team. Stacia Buchanan was the overall female winner and Brian Jackson was the overall winner for the men. Congrats to all the winners!

ICBA YLS wants to thank everyone who came out for the race. ICBA YLS also sends a big thanks to its sponsors: Sinus Dramis Law Firm, White Schneider, the Ingham County Bar Foundation, Baird Zulkakis PC, Speaker Law, Alane and Chartier, Nichols Law, MCV Law, Murphy & Spagnuolo P.C., Church Wyble PC, and the Lansing Community College Paralegal Program.

A portion of the race proceeds are donated to Legal Services of South Central Michigan.





# YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit • June 3-4, 2016

### Crowne Plaza Hotel Detroit-Novı • 27000 S Karevıch Dr • Novı • 7 p.m., Friday - 11 p.m., Saturday

# Registration

Registration Deadline: May 27, 2016

### Three Ways to Register

**Online:** visit <http://e.michbar.org>

**Mail:** your check, or credit card information, and completed registration form to:

State Bar of Michigan  
Attn: Seminar Registration  
Michael Franck Building  
306 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933

**Fax:** (ONLY if paying by debit/credit card) the completed form and debit/credit card information to:

Attn: Seminar Registration at (517) 372-5921

### Hotel Information

**Hotel reservations cannot be made with this form.**

A block of rooms at the the Crowne Plaza Hotel are being held until May 13, 2016. Reservations can be made by visiting [http://crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=novmi&\\_PMID=99801505&GPC=BYL](http://crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=novmi&_PMID=99801505&GPC=BYL) You will need to indicate your check in and check out dates.

### Questions

Contact Mark Jane at (734) 995-3110 or [jane@butzel.com](mailto:jane@butzel.com).

**Seminar Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be received at least 48 business hours before the start of the event and registration refunds are subject to a \$20 cancellation fee. Cancellations must be received in writing by e-mail ([tbellinger@mail.michbar.org](mailto:tbellinger@mail.michbar.org)), fax (517-372-5921 ATTN: Tina Bellinger), or by U.S. mail (306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933 ATTN: Tina Bellinger.) No refunds will be made for requests received after that time. Refunds will be issued in the same form payment was made. Please allow two weeks for processing. Registrants who cancel will not receive seminar materials.

### Cost: (Please check your payment fees)

#### Before or on May 13, 2016

- Section Members.....\$45  
(includes seminars, meals, and receptions)
- Non Section Members ..... \$70  
(includes meals and receptions)
- Law School Student..... \$45  
(includes seminars, meals, and reception) **Law Students MUST register by mail or fax option to receive this rate.**

#### After May 13, 2016

- Section Members..... \$60  
(includes seminars, meals, and reception)
- Non Section Members ..... \$70  
(includes meals and reception)
- Law School Student..... \$60  
(includes seminars, meals, and reception) **Law Students MUST register by mail or fax option to receive this rate.**

Registration total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Breakfast

- I plan to attend Saturday's breakfast (starts at 8:30 a.m.)

### Keynote Luncheon Options

- NO**, I will not be attending the luncheon program
- YES**, I will attend the luncheon program  
**Meal Option:**  Fish  Chicken  Vegetarian

### Receptions

- I plan to attend the Friday evening reception (starts at 7 p.m.)
- I plan to attend the Saturday evening reception (starts at 7 p.m.)

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# State Bar Of Michigan Young Lawyers Section Announces 2016 Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Recipient And Finalists

The State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section is pleased to announce the winner and finalists for the 2016 Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The award is presented annually to a Michigan young lawyer who has demonstrated an overwhelming commitment to public service, service to the bar, and exceptional leadership.

The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award is named in honor of Regeana Myrick, who was an active member of the YLS and also served on its executive council. From the time of her swearing-in to the bar to her untimely passing, Ms. Myrick exemplified the commitment to public service that the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award represents. She is remembered as a bright and charitable woman with many talents who was always mindful of those less fortunate than herself.

The winner and finalists will be recognized during an award presentation at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section Summit on **Saturday, June 4, 2016** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Novi, Michigan. The Summit contains a full day of seminars that will cover substantive and skill-based tracks on such topics as family law, civil rights law, insurance law, mediation, trial skills and advocacy, practice management and client development. It will also feature a keynote address from State Bar of Michigan President Lori A. Buiteweg. Those interested in attending the YLS Summit may find more information by visiting <http://connect.michbar.org/yls/home/> or by contacting Shenique A. Moss at [sheniquemoss@gmail.com](mailto:sheniquemoss@gmail.com)

## Winner



Imran Syed  
Assistant Clinical Professor  
of Law  
University of Michigan Law  
School Innocence Clinic  
Ann Arbor, MI

**Imran Syed** is an assistant clinical professor of law. He teaches in the Michigan Innocence Clinic, and also teaches a seminar on forensic science. Imran graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in political science before going on to Michigan Law. While in law school, he worked for two years in the Innocence Clinic as a student attorney and, upon graduation, served as a clinical fellow and staff attorney in the clinic for three years. As part of teaching in the Innocence Clinic, Imran has supervised

students investigating and litigating a wide variety of cases, including several of the clinic's forensic science-based cases.

Having litigated several arson wrongful convictions that were based on outdated fire science, Imran has also coauthored (along with Innocence Clinic colleague Caitlin Plummer) articles discussing the novel litigation strategies needed to address wrongful convictions based on scientific evidence that is valid when used, but later comes to be repudiated.

Imran has spoken and written about a variety of topics related to wrongful convictions, such as compensation for exonerates, the fallacies of eyewitness testimony, and the need for reform in Michigan's system of public defense. In 2014, Professor Syed wrote and produced a documentary film, *The Price of Providence*, about one of the Innocence Clinic's wrongful conviction cases.

## Finalists



Mitra Jafary-Hariri  
Associate  
Honigman Miller Schwartz and  
Cohn LLP  
Detroit, MI

**Mitra Jafary-Hariri** is an attorney with Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn where she litigates complex commercial disputes, representing private equity firms and their portfolio companies in litigation involving allegations of fraud, as well as insurance disputes. Mitra also represents media outlets, counseling and representing them in court on Freedom of Information Act, First Amendment, and defamation matters. She works on intellectual property matters and serves as outside general counsel for start-up businesses.

Mitra earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Howard University School of Law, where she was the managing editor of the *Howard Law Journal*. She has served as a law clerk to the Honorable Arthur J. Tarnow of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and for the Honorable Damon J. Keith on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Before law school, Mitra served as a public school teacher in Bronx, New York as a Teach for America Corps member. She holds a B.A. from Wayne State University and a M.S. in education from Pace University in teaching students with disabilities. Mitra is active in the community and works with

various non-profit organizations. Mitra is an active member of the Wolverine Bar Association and has served on its Judicial Externship Program Committee. She is also a member of the Federal Bar Association's Law Clerk Committee. Mitra has been involved in the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy for more than four years. She was a founding member of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy's auxiliary group for young professionals—Riviere28. She was also the first young professional liaison to the organization's Board of Directors. Mitra serves on the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy's Programming and Annual Campaign committees. Recently, Mitra was asked to lead the Music Hall for the Performing Arts Board's efforts in engaging young people to attend Music Hall events and volunteer their support. She is passionate about the practice of law and giving back to the community.



Emily Thomas  
Associate  
Reiter & Walsh, PC  
Bloomfield Hills, MI

**Emily G. Thomas** has focused her legal career on aiding clients with special needs and disabilities. Her first experience with the interaction between the law and injury occurred while in high school, when her mother became disabled. Prior to college, Emily assisted traumatic brain injured individuals with their financial, healthcare and legal matters. She continued to assist the disabled during law school helping represent clients before administrative law judges in Social Security Disability

cases. Following graduation from law school and admission to the State Bar of Michigan, Emily began her career as an attorney at a leading medical malpractice firm investigating birth trauma cases.

Emily is passionate about advocacy. In school, she was a semi-finalist in the Wayne State Law School Moot Court Competition and a member of the American Association for Justice National Mock Trial Team at Wayne State Law, winning trials in competition against other law schools. Over the course of her education, Emily drafted appeals to the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court.

In 2010, she received the Wayne Law Bacow Scholarship for high ethical and professional standards. In 2012, Emily published an article with a leading medical malpractice attorney on the economic contribution of medical malpractice actions to Medicare and Medicaid. In 2014, 2015, and 2016, she co-authored articles on birth trauma and medical malpractice litigation for the American Association for Justice's Birth Trauma Litigation Group newsletter. She was recently added to the "Rising Stars 2014 and 2015" list by *Super Lawyers* magazine. In 2015, she was recognized as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

Emily actively participates in several bar associations, including the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and the Oakland County Bar Association, where she is chair of the Medical Legal Committee and an associate of the Inn of Court. Emily is also a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), where she serves on the executive board of Birth Trauma Litigation Group and Professional Negligence Section. She is editor of the AAJ Professional Negligence Section newsletter. Since 2014, Emily has served as chair of the New Lawyers Division at the Michigan Association for Justice.

Emily received her law degree from Wayne State University Law School and her bachelor of political theory and constitutional democracy with science, technology, and environmental public policy specialization from Michigan State University James Madison College.



## Program Schedule

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Lawyer Summit

Crowne Plaza Hotel Detroit—Novi, 27000 S Karevich Dr, Novi, MI 48377

Please note that summit registration ends on Friday, May 27, 2016.

Limited on-site registration available (payable with check or money order).

#### Friday, June 3, 2016

12:00–5:00 p.m. New Lawyer Orientation

5:00–6:30 p.m. Registration

7:00–10:00 p.m. Friday Social *sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (“ICLE”)*

#### Saturday, June 4, 2016

8:30 a.m.–Noon Registration

8:30–9:30 am Breakfast

9:30–10:20 am

Track I: “LGBT Family Issues After *Obergefell*”

*Sponsored by the SBM Family Law Section*

Despite the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* which established “a national requirement that states issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and honor same-sex marriages licensed by other states,” the LGBT community still faces significant obstacles to achieving complete equality under the law. Taking a practice-based approach, this experienced panel addresses the key issues facing attorneys today when representing LGBT clients.

Panelists: Liisa Speaker, Speaker Law Firm, PLLC

- Ric Roane, Warner Norcross & Judd
- Christine Yared, Christine A. Yared, PLC
- Angie Martell, Inglesia Martell Law Firm, PLLC

Track II: “Effective Oral Advocacy in Motion Practice”

Learn best practices in oral advocacy from one of Detroit’s leading trial attorneys. From structuring your argument to presentation style, there is a lot to oral argument in motion practice. Whether you are just starting out or have been arguing motions for years, this session is packed full of practical tips that you will not want to miss.

Speaker: Ven Johnson, Johnson Law, PLC

9:30–10:20 a.m.

Track I: “Mediation Advocacy: The Art of Achieving Better Negotiated Agreements”

Learn how mediation advocacy differs from traditional zealous advocacy. Watch a typical commercial dispute unfold at the table. See how skilled advocates capitalize on the unique opportunities mediation presents, to overcome emotional road blocks, improve damaged relationships, and reach win/win business solutions.

Speaker: Toni Raheem, Law & Mediation Offices of Antoinette R. Raheem PC

- Sheldon Stark, Mediator and Arbitrator
- Peter Kupelian, Clark Hill PLC
- Joe Basta, Basta Resolutions, PLLC
- Michael S. Leib, LeibADR



**Track II: “Appealing Briefs”**

Join Western Michigan University Cooley Law School’s Professor Mark Cooney as he discusses his area of expertise in practice: writing effective appellate briefs. Professor Cooney will offer instruction regarding writing the most effective appellate brief and how to approach different types of appellate briefs such as applications for leave to appeal as well as main briefs.

Speaker: Mark Cooney, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School

11:30 am–12:20 p.m.

**Track I: “Outstanding Interviews and Powerful Resumes”**

An excellent panel of knowledgeable attorneys will discuss such topics as getting in the door for an interview, preparing for and handling the interview itself, and drafting résumés to get the right kind of attention.

Panelists: Rebekah Page-Gourley, ICLE

- Jerome Crawford, Horizon Global
- Grace Trueman, Dickinson Wright, PLLC
- Amanda D. Szukala, Law Firm of John F Schaefer
- Megan Moslimani, City of Detroit Law Department

**Track II: “Practical Use of Technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Law Practice”**

The use of existing and emerging technology in the modern legal practice gives rise to risk as well as benefits to both practitioners and recipients of services. This panel will discuss such topics as the ethical and appropriate application of technology to the delivery and marketing of legal services.

Panelists: Tom Howlett, Googasian Firm, PC

- Dan Linna, MSU College of Law
- Angela Tripp, Michigan Legal Help Program

12:30–2:00 p.m.

**Summit Luncheon**

*Sponsored by the Health Care Law Section*

**Keynote Speech by SBM President Lori A. Buiteweg**

**Presentation of the 2016 Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award**

Winner: Imran Syed, University of Michigan Law School Innocence Clinic

Finalist: Mitra Jafary-Hariri, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP

Finalist: Emily Thomas, Reiter & Walsh, P.C.

2:10–3:00 p.m.

**Track I: “Navigating the Waters of Federal Agency Practice”**

Whether you practice regularly in front of federal agencies or you just want to learn about this area of the law, this panel discussion offers helpful insights into the special rules, procedures, and strategies of federal agencies from a variety of perspectives. From employment disputes to immigration appeals, this panel of experienced practitioners has a lot to share.

Panelists: Heather Garvock, Ellis Porter, PLC

- Lynn McGuire, Butzel Long, PC
- Syeda Davidson, Burgess, Sharp & Golden PLLC

**Track II: “42 USC 1983 & Police Misconduct”**

From three different legal vantage points, explore the practice area of 42 USC 1983 and police misconduct. This panel of experts, which includes John Goldpaugh, Julie Hurwitz, and Greg Rohl, will share personal experiences and offer insight into this interesting area of the law.

Panelists: John Goldpaugh, Goldpaugh & Associates PC

- Julie Hurwitz, Goodman & Hurwitz PC
- Gregory Rohl, Law Offices of Gregory Rohl PC

3:10–4:00 p.m.

**Track I: “Proving and Defending Claims for Attorney Fees”**

Certainly a topic of interest for young and new lawyers, attorney Pat Gallagher of the Gallagher Law Firm will discuss strategies for how and when to request an award of attorney fees....and prevail!

Speaker: Pat Gallagher, Gallagher Law Firm

**Track II: “DICE: How to Read an Insurance Policy”**

A beginner’s guide to understanding insurance policies and how they are structured. D.I.C.E. is an acronym that stands for Declarations, Insuring Agreements, Conditions, and Exclusions and will ensure that you learn the basics to analyze every insurance policy.

Speaker: Kathleen Lupilato, Auto-Owners Insurance Company

6:00–9:00 p.m. **Saturday Social: Duel Piano Bar**  
Located at 44375 Twelve Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48377

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## Inter Alia Notices

### Article Submissions

The State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section *Inter Alia* Committee is now accepting article submissions meeting the following criteria:

- The subject matter should be relevant to young lawyers.
- Articles should be no longer than 2,000 words. Longer articles may be considered to run as a series.
- All submissions must include a short author biography and a digital photo of the author (300 dpi resolution preferred).

Electronic submissions (MS Word) are preferred. Please submit articles to Shenique A. Moss at [sheniquemoss@gmail.com](mailto:sheniquemoss@gmail.com). Articles for the next issue are due by **July 15, 2016**.

### MI Young Lawyer Spotlight

The State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section *Inter Alia* Newsletter Publication Committee will be featuring various young lawyers in its *Inter Alia* “MI Young Lawyer Spotlight.” If you are interested in being featured, please answer the following questions and send the completed questionnaire to Shenique A. Moss at [sheniquemoss@gmail.com](mailto:sheniquemoss@gmail.com). Please note that the responses should be brief.

Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis. The next deadline is **July 15, 2016**. Once the committee has reviewed your submission, you will be notified if you have been selected to be profiled and asked to provide a headshot.

#### *Inter Alia* “MI Young Lawyer Spotlight” Questionnaire

- Name:
- Employer/ Job Title:
- Education:
- Michigan Bar Admission Date:
- Other Licenses (if any):
- Where do you live?
- Where are you from?
- Who or what inspired you to become a lawyer?
- What made you decide to go into the field of law you practice in?
- What do you love about practicing in Michigan?
- If you weren't a lawyer, what would you be doing?
- What legal or civic associations do you belong to?
- Besides your current job, what was your most memorable job (good or bad)?
- What do you enjoy doing outside of work?
- What is the best advice you've ever received (personal or professional)?
- What book are you reading right now?
- What do you listen to in your car on your way to/from work?
- What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?
- What are 3 things your peers probably don't know about you?
- Describe yourself in 3 words.
- What is your favorite restaurant?
- What is your favorite vacation destination?
- What is something that you know now that you wish you knew as a law student or when you first started practicing?
- What advice do you have for other young lawyers and law students?



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