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MEETING DATES FOR 2019

(Go to www.saginawbar.org for meeting updates)

Board Meeting

(All Board Meetings will be held at Saginaw Country Club, 1st Wednesday of every month at 12:00 PM)

Pro Bono Committee Meeting

(All PB Meetings will be held at Panda House, 3rd Tuesday of every month at 12:00 PM)

Law Day Committee Meetings

(All LD Meetings will be held at Panda House 2nd Thursday of every month at 12:00 PM)

SCBA St. Patrick's Day Party

Friday, March 15, 2019 5:00 PM Woody O'Brien's

Law Day Events

High School Mock Trials Thursday, March 21, 2019

Law Day Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 12:00 PM Trillium Banquet Center

"Lawyers out for Blood" Drive

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Garber 5330 Bay Road

Soup Kitchen Volunteers needed

(Call John Humphreys 989-401-2115 if you can serve) Saturday, March 30, 2019 Saturday, June 29, 2019 Saturday, August 31, 2019 Saturday, November 30, 2019

Annual Meeting and Golf Outing

Thursday, June 20, 2019 Saginaw Country Club

SCBA Christmas Party

Friday, December 6, 2019 6:00 – 11:00 PM Horizons Conference Center



(If you want your committee meeting dates listed here, send them to Kelli Scorsone, Executive Director)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Daniel J. Straka

Fellow Members:

January and February 2019 were trying months for us all. The winds howled, teeth chattered, roads iced, cars went in ditches, courthouses closed (sometimes with little notice), and my basement flooded. So great start to 2019! I feel like we are stuck in the Immigrant Song by Led Zeppelin (Ah-ah, ah! We come from the land of the ice and snow...). To celebrate these festive winter occasions on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm come join the SCBA at Woody's Pub as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day early and with the luck of the Irish summon an early Spring. Make sure to drink responsibly whether you are with the SCBA or with others, because the weather will hopefully improve so you cannot blame your car swerving on the ice and wind.

Now to actually do my job... I know many of you were frustrated by not getting proper notice of the courts closing. County employees receive notice by text and phone call. The SCBA board members employed by the county will do our best to ensure emails go out to the listserv ASAP. However, I will tell you that the information typically appears on WNEM 5 Community closings tab of school closings before even the county employees receive notice. There is also an alert section of the Saginaw County website that will let you know when the courts are closed for those of you who do not trust the news.

The young lawyer's committee met recently and we came up with some ideas your board hopes to implement

IN MEMORIAM

None

Please help the Memorial Committee make sure no member is forgotten. Contact SCBA office at 790-5285 or Kscorsone@saginawcounty.com regarding the passing of any Saginaw County Attorney.

to keep the younger generations involved in the SCBA. I want to thank Kelly Ellsworth for volunteering to chair the committee. If you are interested in joining the group, it is for lawyers with less than 5 years' experience or are under 36 years old. I believe our main goal right now is to create a monthly meeting calendar of topics with attorneys and judges to present on those topics. If you have an idea for a topic or are willing to teach younger attorneys please contact me at Daniel.j.straka@gmail.com or contract Kelli (at your own risk of sending it to the whole SCBA).

Law Day Mock Trials are going to be held on March 21, 2019 in the morning. As of February 8, 2019 SCBA was still looking for another team to play Defense. If we have not found another team by this issue of The Summons going out, I ask that team advisers or lawyers with high school students not participating in mock trials encourage their children to do so otherwise a few SCBA board members will have to make a team (and it will look bad when we lose).

Bethany McGrandy has taken over as the SCBA Secretary. I want to thank her for volunteering for the position.



'Lawyers out for Blood' Drive

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Garber 5330 Bay Road



Call 790-5285 to schedule an appointment



SAGINAW COUNTY LAWYERS' AUXILIARY

By: Jennie Jordan

January started with a super success and we CANCELLED our February meeting due to our hostess, Jill Vary, being sick (we hope you are well very soon) and a desire to stop the spread of yuck!! We are hoping to do any necessary business by electronic means.

Once again, the Saginaw County Lawyers Auxiliary held our annual scholarship dinner at Maple Grille, and

it continues to get better each year which is pretty tough.



The owner Josh was happy to open his doors to us on his one day a week he is closed, Sunday, to prepare a sixcourse meal, on his only day off. The



food was fantastic because you can taste each specific flavor and each course is never something, I think that I won't like, but I end up eating every last bite.

The luck of the Irish will hopefully bring some sunshine and warm weather inside that pot of gold. I'm sure Spring Break will be enough to unthaw you from the rain, ice and snow. None of the kids will be out of school until July with all these snow days to make up. SCLA would like to remind you to always wear your seatbelt and put safety first.



It's always hard for me to believe how fast the time passes when you're having fun – So you better not BLINK because you will completely miss LAW DAY 2019!!!

That's right it is here and just like the last 60 years, SCBA and SCLA will be providing Contests and Activities

that have been in the works since less than a month after last year's competition.

Law Day 2019 has arrived!

Nationally, Law Day is actually May 1 each year and we will be holding our Award luncheon at the Trillium Banquet Center, at 12:00pm. However, in Saginaw we hold the competition section of the Art Contests and the Mock Trials on March 21, 2019.

Saginaw County Mock Trial Competition will be held this year on March 21, 2019 and the County Schools are now preparing. This Annual event will be held at the Saginaw County Court House. This year will be the 60th YEAR the SCBA and SCLA have held activities for student and community to come together to celebrate LAW DAY.

The Saginaw County High Schools have also received the ANNUAL BILLBOARD CONTEST materials and we are eagerly awaiting the student entries. The BILLBOARD ART is also used on our souvenir mugs. Last year's billboards and previous art is pictured below. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Farris.



The 4th Grade Poster Contest has been started and the county schools have received the information and registeration sheets for each of the chil-

dren. We hope to see entries from each and every one of our students. Pictured is Mary Ann with a group of participants and the winner from the past year's contest.







Don't worry we didn't leave out the youngest group. For them a coloring contest is to be one of the three best in the class and the winner is drawn from there.

Performance Raters a/k/a Rater(s)

The SCLA and SCBA need to provide between 24-30 people to provide these hardworking students with feedback on all their hard work. MY FAVORITE PART is that it's a really great way to get blown away by how great our Saginaw youth is at striving to really enjoy the outside opportunities they are given. Simply meet us in the court house lunch room at 8am. We will give you everything you need to provide responses. NOW DON'T worry we won't

make you do this alone! The SCLA strives to provide each trial room with 3 RATERS for maximum ease and accuracy.

The trial begins and you forget that these participants are high school students. It's really exciting and is over by noon. Then you will be whisked away to the First Presbyterian Church for a pizza lunch with all the Day's participants. I was surprised how many interacted and really thanked the RATERS. Let's hit 30 again this year and really support the kids. Contact Claudia Wallace (989) 245-4628 or cjwallace1953@

gmail.com or Jennie Jordan (989) 239-5932 or jennie.z.jordan@gmail.com.

I'm thinking she could be behind that cart!

Our next meeting will be at the home of Marty Triantafillou, 2835 Dorset, Saginaw. SCLA Board Meetings are held the first



Tuesday of every month. In-home meetings to start at 6:30pm; dessert and beverage served also.

Save the Dates:

SCBA Law Day Luncheon and Award Ceremony - May 1, 2019 SCLA Spring Luncheon - May 15, 2019 Annual SCBA Golf Outing - June 20, 2019



Maple Grille SCLA Scholarship Dinner



















SCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By: Kelli Scorsone, Executive Director

Law Day Mock Trials

Please stop by the courthouse to watch your favorite high school present their case! We will have eight trials on March 21st at 9:00 am. Again, we have a great script for the teams to present. It was written by Genesee County Bar Association and loaned to us. Eric Morris and William Cowdry updated and added a local touch to it.

Membership Luncheon

~ Save the Date ~

LAW DAY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 1, 2018 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Trillium Banquet Center 6415 State St.

Membership Dues

Again, gentle reminder! If you have not submitted your 2019 dues please do.

One of the perks of membership is the Field of Practice listing on the website. The website is viewed daily

by hundreds of Saginaw County residents. It is certainly a cheap way to advertise your business.

Another perk, is the listserv which goes to members only. It keeps you up-to-date on our events and interests.

The Summons is a definite perk to membership. Membership to SCBA allows electronic or written copies of The Summons to be delivered through your email or for an additional fee mailed to you.

Don't let your SCBA membership lapse! We want all 436 Saginaw County Attorneys to be part of this organization, that includes Retires, Emeritus, Professors, governmental employees, and even those that work for large businesses in Saginaw County. You all have so much you could add to this organization and we have a lot to offer you!

Nominations for Liberty Bell

Due April 1, 2019

Submit nomination to scba@saginawcounty.com or 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602

SCBA Young Lawyers Section

The YLS met January 24th. There are sixty-nine attorneys in Saginaw County that qualify to be members of the YLS. We hope to see more of you at the next YLS event.

It was agreed that this committee would begin by meeting guarterly at the courthouse for a lunch meeting. They are hoping to bring in speakers and would like to hear from the local judges, and legal experts in a variety of fields. If you are interested in presenting information to these young professionals contact either Kelli Scorsone or Kelly Ellsworth to schedule a date.

The YLS also plans on having social events such as the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Party (details to be announced), a bowling event, and an outing at a local 'Escape Room'. Community service events are also being planned.



Present: SCBA President Daniel Straka, YLS Liaison Andrew Collison, Newly appointed Chairperson Kelly Ellsworth, Matthew Sous, Andrew Walker, Kosta Povich, Mitch Piper, Daniel Frazier, Millie Shek, Leslie Card, Kailen Maynard, Maricella Rodriguez.

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CHIEF JUDGE REPORT

By: Judge Patrick McGraw

Recently we have had some courthouse closures. Many believe that the Chief Judge makes the decision to close the courthouse and governmental facilities. That is incorrect, unless employees take leave time or forego pay due to inclement weather.

We have a County Policy, #132, that indicates "... the County Controller with the permission of the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, may close the courthouse and other related county administrative office and programs, excluding 24 hour operations, during any business day because of weather...."

The County usually gives me the courtesy of contacting me and asking my opinion, or informing me of the fact that they are going to close.

There is an administrative order en-

tered into between counties and courts, commonly referred to as Administrative Order 1998-5-Chief Judge Responsibilities: Local Intergovernmental Relations. It indicates:

"Unscheduled Court Closing Due To Weather Emergency. If a Chief Judge opts to close a court and dismiss court employees because of a weather emergency, the dismissed court employees must use accumulative leave time or take unpaid leave if the funding unit has employees in the same facility who are not dismissed by the funding unit. If a collective bargaining agreement with court staff does not allow the use of accumulative leave time or unpaid leave in the event of court closure due to weather conditions, the Chief Judge shall not close the court unless the funding unit also dismisses its employees working

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at the same facility as the court."

I also want to applaud the Saginaw County Lawyers Auxiliary for their efforts in trying to improve collegiately among the Bar and providing opportunities in a social setting to get to know one another. Recently, on January 27. 2019, the Saginaw County Lawyers Auxiliary and the Maple Grille in Hemlock, presented a six course farm-totable scholarship benefit dinner. This is usually held on one of the last Sunday evenings in January and is a fantastic dinner and event. Unfortunately many of our Bar association members do not attend and miss a great chance to socialize, eat and meet other members of vour Bar.

I would encourage all of you to attend these events and support your Bar Association and the Saginaw County Lawyers Auxiliary especially this dinner which raises money for scholarships for young adults in our community.

There are many changes on the horizon that you should be aware of. By the time you read this, a new Director should be chosen for the Public Defender office. Some of you may not know, but there is a new Public Defender office located in the old Martin & Martin building

on Court Street. A Board of Directors was formed and is making a decision during the last week of January on its Director. That Director will be in charge of hiring several attorneys to staff that office. Anyone interested in participating in a managed assigned counsel position or in the Public Defender office should contact attorney Rod O'Farrell for further information.

Susan Prine, our long standing Friend of the Court, retired in December of 2018 and Brittany Dougherty replaced her as our new Friend of the Court. Please welcome Brittany who has also been busy hiring new staff in her office. I think you will be seeing changes in the Saginaw County Friend of the Court office as you have in the past few months which will streamline hearings and move your cases along in an expeditious manner.

I would also encourage all of you to attend the Thursday, February 28, 2019 Saginaw County Bar Association membership meeting in the Saginaw County Courthouse basement training room at noon. The guest speaker is Dana Harper who is in charge of our Community Resolution Center. This program should be of interest to all attorneys as it

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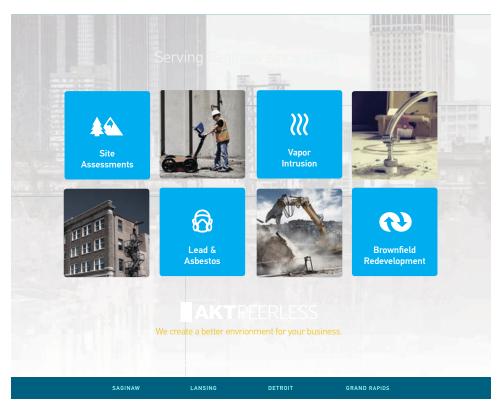
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deals with ADR which is being mandated by most county judges as a means of expediting your cases and providing another forum to resolve a case at an earlier stage in the proceedings and hopefully at a cost savings to your client. I highly encourage you to attend as I believe that alternative dispute resolution is one of the most valuable tools you can have in your briefcase.

For those attorneys who work in the mental health field, new mental health legislation was passed by the legislature at the end of 2018. As a result of the legislation there are many new SCAO mental health forms. These new statutes going into effect on March 28, 2019. In summary, a Court has an easier standard to order treatment for an individual when their judgment becomes so impaired by mental illness that they

are unable to make informed decisions about that mental illness. It is the same standard used to appoint quardians. It permits earlier treatment and recovery while avoiding the risk of permanent damage to their resiliency and the risk of harmful behavior and it creates a better opportunity to restore a persons' capacity and liberty to make his/her own choices. The standard also changes to an assisted outpatient treatment or "AOT" and provides a greater focus on capacity and not conduct. Hospitalization is not always required any longer. Initial orders for outpatient treatment are now extended from 90 days to 180 davs.

I suggest anyone working in the mental health field become familiar with the new statutes and forms.







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NLRB ISSUES EMPLOYER FRIENDLY DECISION REINING-IN OBAMA ERA DEFINITION OF "PROTECTED CONCERTED ACTIVITY"

By: David Bryce Masud Labor Law Group

On January 11, 2019, the National Labor Relations Board (the "Board") issued an important decision that significantly narrows the definition of what type of employee conduct is "protected concerted activity" under Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act (the "Act"). The decision in Alstate Maintenance, LLC, 367 NLRB No. 68 is an important move by the Board toward reining-in the expansive definition of "protected concerted activity" that prevailed for much of President Obama's time in office.

In the case, the Board found that the employer, Alstate, did not commit an unfair labor practice when it discharged an employee named Greenidge who worked as a skycap at JFK Airport. Greenidge's duties as a skycap included assisting travelers with their luggage. When his supervisor told him and three other skycaps to assist a soccer team in moving its luggage, Greenidge stated "[w]e did a similar job last year and we didn't receive a tip for it." Greenidge and his three co-workers then left the area, only returning to lend assistance after most of the work was done. Alstate later terminated Greenidge and the other three skycaps. It terminated Greenidge in part due to his "verbal comments in front of the other skycaps."

The Board's prior General Counsel issued a complaint alleging that Greenidge was discharged in violation of Section 7 of the Act. Under Section 7, employees possess the

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protected right to engage in "concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid and protection." The General Counsel based his complaint on the standard for determining what constituted "protected concerted activity" set forth in by the Board in its 2011 decision in WorldMark by Wyndham. WorldMark, Democrat majority Board found that "an employee who protests publicly in a group meeting is engaged in initiating group action." Under the WorldMark standard, the fact the Greenidge complained in front of his supervisor and three other skycaps about not being tipped previously by a soccer team lent itself to a finding that his comments and subsequent actions were "protected concerted activity."

In its decision in Alstate, the Board overruled WorkMark's per se rule that any comment in a group setting protesting the conditions of employment is "protected concerted activity." Instead, the Board reestablished the standard set forth in two 1980s decisions known as Meyers Industries. Meyers Industries provided that an employee engaged in "protected concerted activity" by doing one of two things: (1) seeking to initiate, induce, or prepare for group action; or (2) bringing to management's attention truly group complaints combined with evidence demonstrating actual group activities. Under the Meyers Industries standard, "mere griping" or "personal grievances" did not constitute protected concerted activity.

Upon applying the Meyers Indus-



tries, a 3-1 majority of the Board concluded that Greenidge's comment did constitute protected concerted activity. The majority found that Greenidge's comment did not evidence any intent on his part to initiate or induce group action, a finding reinforced by Greenidge's own testimony that his comment was not intended to change any terms or conditions of his employment. The majority also noted that the General Counsel did not allege, nor did the evidence show, that Greenidge's comment constituted a true "group complaint" being brought to management's attention.

The Board also set forth a nonexhaustive list of factors that could support a reasonable inference that an employee's comment constituted

protected concerted activity. These factors included the following:

- The comment was made in a meeting of employees called by the employer to announce a decision affecting wages, hours, or another term or condition of employment;
- The announced decision affected multiple employees who were in attendance at the meeting;
- The comment of the employee in response to the decision was for the purpose of protesting or complaining about the decision and not simply to ask a question about its implementation;
- The comment was a protest or complaint about how the decision would affect the workforce generally as opposed to

- its effect on the employee making the comment; and
- 5. The meeting was the first time the announcement was made to the employees so that the commenting employee did not have an opportunity to discuss the decision with employees prior to the meeting.

While the decision in *Alstate* is a welcome one for employers in that it narrows the scope of protected concerted activity by employees, the vociferous dissent of Board Member Lauren McFerran (D) serves as a reminder that the Board's decisions are often products of the political currents. Therefore, with the 2020 presidential election less than two-years away, employers should continue to take a conservative, fact-based approach to employee conduct that may qualify as protected concerted activity.



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BANKRUPTCY CASE NOTES

By: Jack Weinstein

Does a debtor's post-confirmation earnings belong to the debtor or to the debtor's bankruptcy estate? In the case of In re Baker, 2018 WL 4961656 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 10/12/18), the court had to decide whether to allow a creditor to garnish the debtor's wages for a post-petition loan. Factually, Baker filed for Chapter 13 Bankruptcy in 2014. Her plan was confirmed in 2015 by Bankruptcy Judge Paul Baisier for the Northern District of Georgia. Debtor had taken out an unsecured loan in April of 2018 to pay off a previous loan she obtained after she filed for bankruptcy. She fell behind in her loan repayments and the creditor filed a writ of garnishment against her postconfirmation earnings arguing that her post-petition earnings were no longer property of her bankruptcy estate. Section 1306(a)(2) of the bankruptcy code defines estate property as including debtor's earnings from services performed after the petition had been filed but before the case is closed, dismissed or converted to another chapter. However, §1327(b) excepts, unless otherwise provided for in the plan, or the order confirming the plan, vests all estate property back to debtor.

However, Judge Baisier rejected the

creditor's argument holding that Baker's plan specified that her bankruptcy estate's property would not revert to her until she received a discharge, or her case was dismissed, or the case was closed without the entry of a discharge order, whichever first occurred. Debtor's Chapter 13 confirmed Plan made it clear that until one of those enumerated events occurred that the property of debtor's estate would not revert back to her upon confirmation.

The creditor had argued that it was entitled to relief from the automatic stay per §362(d)(1) which allows the court to lift the stay for cause. However. Judge Baisier found insufficient cause to lift the stay holding that the hardship to Baker outweighs any benefits to the creditor. Further, allowing the garnishment would interfere with debtor's ability to complete her Chapter 13 plan. The judge noted that Baker was paying all of her disposable income to her Trustee (\$290 per month) in plan payments. Debtor had 14 payments left to complete her Chapter 13 plan after which the creditor could then be free to begin garnishing her earnings. The loan balance was about \$2,000 so collection could take place upon completion of her Chapter 13 Plan and discharge.

In the case of *In re Kimberly and Mark J. Daniels*, 29 CBN 78, 2018 WL 4836770 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 10/1/18) the court was presented with the issue as to whether or not to grant a trustee's objection to confirmation of debtors' Chapter 13 plan because debtors intended to keep the entire proceeds from the sale of their residence.

Debtors owned their home as tenants by the entireties when they filed for Chapter 13 relief on December 19th, 2017. Their schedules valued their home at \$500,000 subject to a \$370,000 mortgage. They initially proposed a plan that cured a pre-petition arrearage on their mortgage; however, thereafter they decided to sell their home.

The Trustee opposed the debtors' motion to sell their home and keep the entire net sales proceeds of \$90,000 while their proposed plan paid practically nothing to their unsecured creditors.

Debtors and their trustee entered into an agreement which the court approved allowing the sale to proceed with debtors agreeing to pay \$15,500 from the net sales proceeds into the trustee's account subject to the court's decision. That amount was sufficient to pay administrative and unsecured

claims in full. Debtors however reserved the right to claim all of the money as exempt and filed an amended plan that provided for monthly payments of \$100 for 31 months plus \$650 already paid to the trustee. The \$3,750 would be added to the \$15,500 if the court ruled that the trustee was entitled to retain those funds. The trustee's objection was based on (1) lack of good faith and (2) debtors' disposable income test.

The court overruled the trustee's objections finding that his objections were an attempt to deprive the debtors of their entire exemption. The court stated "it has long been held in Virginia (and Michigan) that tenants by the entireties property is exempt from the process of creditors holding claims against only one of the spouses... The identifiable proceeds of tenancy by the entireties .property are similarly exempt". The court stated that there were no unsecured claims against both spouses and the sales proceeds were therefore exempt. The court went on to state that the trustee's fundamental objection was that it was unfair for the debtors to walk away with \$90,000 in net sale proceeds while paying their unsecured creditors virtually nothing. The trustee acknowledged that the property held



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as tenants by the entireties is exempt in Virginia from the claims of individual creditors (i.e., non-joint claims). The trustee argued that the debtors could pay 100% of their allowed unsecured claims and still walk away with the balance of the proceeds being approximately \$75,000.

However, the court held that this appeared to be a frontal assault on the nature of tenants by the entireties property because the Supreme Court had held in the case of Law v Seigel, 134 S.Ct. 1188, (2014) that §523(c)'s language "property exempted under this section is not liable during or after the case for any debt of the debtor that arose, or that is determined under §502 of the title as if such debt had arisen, before the commencement of the case", meaning that a bankruptcy Trustee is precluded from sur-

charging a debtors' exempt property, even where the debtor was guilty of egregiously bad conduct in the case. The trustee sought to distinguish the Law decision on the grounds that he was not seeking a surcharge, he was objecting to the confirmation of the debtors' amended plan because the debtors refused to contribute some of their exemption money. However, the court held that the exemption for the full amount was allowable. Further, debtors were not alleged to have been engaged in any bad faith conduct to allow the trustee to seek a surcharge.





When spring cleaning, don't forget about your estate plan. Even if you already have one, your estate plan documents should be reviewed at least every three to five years. Contact the financial professionals at Isabella Bank to schedule your complimentary trust or financial review.



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Law Day 2019

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