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Saginaw County Bar Association



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2019 SCBA Community Service Award Winner

MEETING DATES FOR 2019

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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

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Saturday, November 30, 2019
Saturday, December 28, 2019*

Pro Bono Week

October 20 to October 26, 2019

Pro Bono Membership Luncheon

*October 23, 2019
12:00 PM
Speaker: Honorable Nuechterlein*

Ask the Lawyer

*Monday, October 21, 2019
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Topic: Juvenile Expungement*

Red Mass

*Thursday, October 24, 2019
6:00 PM
Cathedral of Mary of Assumption
615 Hoyt Ave.*

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: Katherine M. Baluha

I hope everyone enjoyed September as much as I did – although it is bittersweet to see summer end already, it sure is nice to break out the sweat-shirts and blankets and open the windows to the cool night air.

In my last address I actually forgot to acknowledge September as Constitution month. We celebrated the 232nd Anniversary of the signing of our Constitution of the United States on September 17. You can get more information on the website that commemorates this special day – www.constitutionday.com. I would like to thank our Saginaw County Lawyers Auxiliary for their work every year in distributing pocket Constitutions to children in their social studies/government 5th grade classes and the events that they sponsor to celebrate this special time in our his-

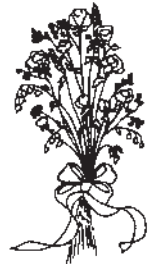
tory. I would urge you to research ways you can support our Auxiliary as it truly is such a wonderful group that assists us with our biggest events of the year – most importantly Law Day! They have even changed their bylaws to allow attorneys and judges to join the Auxiliary.

October is a very special month as well – we celebrate Pro Bono work. Our Nation recognizes Pro Bono week October 20-26 because of the increasing need for pro bono services for people that do not have the economic stability to retain legal services at normal rates. We also celebrate this time as a thank you to the many lawyers that volunteer their time for pro bono services and also their funds to support the organizations and support of the needs that pro bono work requires. Our local celebration of Pro Bono is the annual

IN MEMORIAM

None

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luncheon that will be held on October 23, 2019 at the Saginaw Club.

Our county is lucky enough to have one of the three offices of the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan located in our borders – however, the LSEM serves 14 counties in Michigan! The counties that they serve are Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola. You would think with that many counties to serve there would be an overabundance of attorney support for volunteering services, however, there is a huge need for more attorneys willing to lend their time. According to the LSEM website – there are over 200K people in those 14 counties alone, that live at or below the federal poverty income guidelines that allow eligibility for services.

There are many ways to get involved – there are Legal Advice Clinics held throughout the year (Friday mornings), there are Ask the Lawyer events, and you can add your name to a list that LSEM keeps for when they need volunteer attorneys for certain services, just to name a few. Because they cannot provide support for all legal services needed they rely on referral attorneys that they can send people to get the help they need at little to no cost. You also can keep track of the hours spent on these cases and it is put toward your total pro bono hours for the year and celebrated at the Pro Bono luncheon. Any time that is spent volunteering should be reported to LSEM – we love to hear of the attorneys that are giving their time and of course we want to make sure the attorneys that

are giving the most time get entered in the running to be Pro Bono Attorney of the Year – which is also awarded at the Pro Bono lunch. You can get more information and sign up to become a volunteer at LSEM-MI.org. And of course, thank you to the staff and attorneys that work for LSEM – you all provide an important piece to our community, without which we would not be the symbol of justice that I believe Saginaw and surrounding cities emulate.

To close this address, I would also like to mention a couple of other things that we celebrate in October – it is Breast Cancer Awareness month. This hits close to home with some of my closest friends, family, and colleagues being survivors/victims of this awful disease, which I am sure, is the same for many of you. To those of you that have kicked breast cancer's @\$ - heck ya! Celebrate this month and every month – we are proud of you and the strength it took to get through! To those that have lost loved ones to this disease, we are here for you and I hope you will join me in honoring them this month by making a commitment to donate time/money in some way that will make a difference.



This month is also Adopt a Shelter Pet month! Please check out our Saginaw County Animal Care & Control located on Gratiot Road. There are so many dogs and cats there that are looking for a forever home. The Saginaw County Humane Society is also getting revamped and back up and running to help the homeless animals of Saginaw County – they are looking for help so please reach out to our Executive Director – Kelli Scorsone, if you want to get involved! If you missed the Pet of the Week on WNEM at the end of August – Liberty is a staff favorite with an amazing personality – I believe she is still there and waiting for you to go meet her.

For all events - please make sure to RSVP as we are having a hard time getting good numbers for events without good rsvps, whether you come without rsvping or rsvp and then don't come, that is a huge loss as we have to make up the difference one way or another. I know it is hard with busy schedules and unknown things that arise, however, just reach out to either Kelli or I with a heads up – it is so much appreciated!

Have a great October and see you all at the Pro Bono Luncheon and also we are planning a membership meeting (with date to be announced) to present the new civil discovery rules coming in January!



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2019 BAR ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD KATHLEEN M. MCGRAW

By: Chief Judge Patrick J. McGraw

At the August 29, 2019 Annual Bar Association meeting, the Saginaw County Bar Association Community Service Award was presented to Kathleen M. McGraw for her very active community service.

Kathleen is a graduate of the former Sts. Peter & Paul Area High School, Michigan State University and graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1983 with her juris doctorate degree.

She worked as an attorney for the former firm of McGraw, Martin & Heyn, P.C. from 1983 to 1997. She currently is an Executive Regional Vice President for Arbonne, beginning that career in 1997 and continuing in that organization thru the present. She also

was a Vice President and Senior Client Advisor at The Huntington National Bank from 2011 to 2018 and currently is a Senior Trust Relationship Advisor at Frankenmuth Credit Union where she has been since 2018, collaborating with internal business partners and focusing on credit union trust business development.

She has been very active in the community including, but not limited to, being a founding member of the Woman in Leadership of the Great Lakes Bay Region where she currently serves on the Advisory Board since 2004. She was active with Catholic Federal Credit Union as a Vice Chairman and Board Member from 1992 to 2012; she

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served on the Saginaw Area Catholic Schools Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2014; she served on the St. Thomas More Legal Society from 1989 to the present; she has been associated with the Junior League of the Great Lakes Bay Region including several board positions; she served on the St. Mary's of Michigan/Ascension Foundation Board; the Delta College Foundation Board; HealthSource Saginaw Board of Trustees; and Conscious Capitalism Committee of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

She has also been involved with Delta College Foundation as an Investment

Committee member; Child and Family Services as a board member; the Diocese of Saginaw on various committees and boards; the MSU Clinical Center; Saginaw County Community Hospital; the United Way of Saginaw County, and the Voluntary Action Center as a board member.

As you can see her accomplishments have created much for her in the way of getting involved in the community and she is certainly deserving of this year's Saginaw County Bar Association Community Service Award. The Saginaw County Bar is proud to recognize her for her public service contributions.



Save the Date

**The Thomas More Society
And The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw**

**Invite all Members of the Legal Profession
To the 33rd Annual Red Mass**

**Thursday, October 24, 2019
6:00 pm**

**Cathedral of Mary of Assumption
615 Hoyt Avenue, Saginaw**

**Attorneys, Judges and their Families
of all Faiths are Welcome!**

Please calendar this and save the date.



SAGINAW COUNTY LAWYERS' AUXILIARY

By: Claudia J. Wallace

Greetings from the SCLA

Our annual monthly meeting kick-off was September 3rd at the home of Judy Weldy. There were 10 in attendance sharing their portion of information on the past events and upcoming events of the year.

Judy Weldy solely attended the 60th Anniversary of the American Lawyers Alliance Judicial Civic Education Award and Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony. This August the event took place at the University Club of San Francisco. She was greatly impressed with the award winners. To read about these impressive individuals go to www.americanlawyer-salliance.org.

September 17th was Constitution Day. Constitution Day and Citizenship Day are observed each year on September 17th to commemorate the signing of the Constitution on September 17th, 1787, and "recognize all who,

by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens." Each year MaryAnn Farris orders and distributes "A Constitution in Every 5th graders Pocket" to all 5th graders in Saginaw County Schools.

Carrie Burns and Jenn Jaffe chaired the fall luncheon September 26th. The women that chair the luncheons always come up with new exciting menus. The menu for this fall included a Pasta Bar giving you a choice of your proteins, veggies, sauce and pasta. It also included a salad, roll, drink and dessert. We will fill you in on the turnout of the event next month.

Upcoming this month:

October 1st member meeting will be held at the home of Kathleen Horn. 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

Saturday, October 12th from 9-11 Josh Schaeding, owner of The Maple Grille will be demoing "how to" make pizza dough. Hopefully we will be having piz-



za for breakfast! Call Terry Oeming for reservations. 989-274-8805. \$15.00.

Thursday, October 24th at 6 p.m. Red Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral 615 Hoyt Ave.

We are once again doing Court House Tours with an updated Mock Trial script. If you know of any schools that are interested please have them

call Judy Weldy at 989-799-6545.

If anyone would like to contribute to the SCLA Scholarship Fund please do so. See attached form with information

As we are officially into the fall equinox, simply enjoy the fall colors, pumpkin spices, warm cozy fires and hot toddies. Canning, bread making and fall festivities, here we come.

SCLA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Saginaw County Lawyer’s Auxiliary established the SCLA Scholarship Fund. This endowed fund promotes the legal education of youth in Saginaw County. The SCLA annually awards a scholarship to a deserving student entering a law-related field.

You can contribute to the SCLA Scholarship Fund in honor of an auxiliary or bar association member, family and friends or contribute a memorial donation in their memory. Your tax deductible donations can be sent to the Saginaw Community Foundation. The donation amount is confidential and an appropriate acknowledgement card will be sent on behalf of the donor.

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SCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By: Kelli Scorsone, Executive Director

2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your Board is always looking for an easy enrollment process for its members. Be patient, we have your best interest in mind. With the web designer, the bank and your new treasurer working together on an easy, quick process I am sure you will find it easy to follow the guidelines. If questions arise feel free to contact your Treasurer Dan Straka or me.

We will be offering again the Field of Practice program that runs July to July. These FOP books are distributed to the Saginaw County Libraries, the Clerks offices, LSEM, and available to individuals who request mailed copies. But most important are on the NEW website.

SCBA is not a mandatory bar association, but it serves as a professional organization to advance the interests of its members, assists in the promotion of the legal field in Saginaw, and encourages comradery among local attorneys.

It proudly maintains a membership of more than half the Saginaw's registered attorneys which includes practicing and non-practicing.

Enrollment will begin November 1st and dues will be expected by January 1st. Prompt payment saves SCBA—and me—time. So please return by the due date, which is January 1, 2020.

And please, encourage other local attorneys who are not members to join.



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THE RED MASS

The Thomas More Society and the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw are hosting the Red Mass on October 24th at 6:00 pm, at Cathedral of Mary of Assumption. It is open to all attorneys and their staff and family.

History of the Red Mass

The first recorded Red Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. In the United States, the first Red

Mass was held in 1877 at Saints Peter and Paul Church Detroit, Michigan by Detroit College, as the University of Detroit Mercy was known at the time

A Red Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation: judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials, marking the opening of the judicial year. Through prayerful petition and thanksgiving the Red Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the legal community an opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.



SCBA Pro Bono Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Saginaw Club - 219 N. Washington Ave

12:00 NOON

Guest Speaker – Hon. Christopher Nuechterlein

Retired Federal Magistrate Judge for the US District Court

for the Northern District of Indiana

Free to 2019 LSEM/SCBA Honor Roll Members with reservation.

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DRUG TREATMENT COURT UPDATE

By: Judge Janet M. Boes

Reorganization with Additional Judge

The Saginaw County Drug Treatment Court is reorganizing so that we have two judges in place beginning October 1st! Judge Andre Borrello will be joining the Drug Treatment Court team and will alternate court times with Judge

Boes. The Judges will work together and with the team on planning, training, and running the program.

Participants assigned to Judge Boes will appear on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Participants assigned to Judge Borrello will appear on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Any month with a fifth Monday will have the Drug Court time filled with special programming planned by the Case Managers for all participants.

Based upon information from other Drug Court programs around the country, we have learned it is often helpful to separate Drug Court participant groups by gender. Therefore, we will now have all female participants assigned to Judge Boes and all male participants assigned to Judge Borrello. All other programs and services, as well as staff, will remain the same. Furthermore, participants will at times be involved in programming designed for the entire group.

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County administrators have redesigned and reorganized the County

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- then click on Courts
- then scroll down to picture for Problem Solving Courts and click
- then click on Drug Court line / link
- then click on "Referral for Admission - Online Submission" which brings up the form you can fill in and submit online.

Although the new format put up by the County involves a few more scrolls and clicks - using the online form is still the fastest and most efficient way to make a referral to Drug Treatment Court.

Please continue to make referrals as soon as possible in the course of a case. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact our Coordinator Sue Smith: ssmith@saginawcounty.com.

Effective October 2019, Judge Borrello will only hear criminal motions (including probation violation matters) on the first, third and fifth Mondays of each month. Please DO NOT schedule, notice or set any criminal motions with Judge Borrello on the second or fourth Mondays, as he will be presiding over Drug Court on those days.



**SCBA
Christmas Party**

**Friday, December 06, 2019
6:00 - 11:00 P.M.
Horizons Conference Center**

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD PROPOSES NEW UNION ELECTION RULES

By: David V. Bryce
Masud Labor Law Group

On August 12, 2019, the National Labor Relations Board (the “NLRB” or the “Board”) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the “Notice”) to amend the NLRB’s regulations on certain union election procedures. In the Notice, the Board proposes changes to the NLRB’s current rules on (1) the filing of “blocking charges,” (2) the voluntary recognition bar, and (3) the conversion of Section 8(f) agreements to Section 9(a) agreements within the construction industry. Each of the proposed amendments is discussed below.

The first proposed amendment seeks to change the ability of a party to file a “blocking charge.” A “blocking charge” is an unfair labor practice filed for the purpose of delaying the NLRB from conducting a union recognition or decertification election. Typically, “blocking charges” are filed by unions as a tactic to forestall a decertification election that they expect to lose. Under present rules, if a union files an unfair labor practice charge with the Board merely alleging conduct that could unfairly affect a decertification election, voting is suspended until

the charge is resolved. Thus, the filing of an unfair labor practice charge “blocks” an election from occurring, leaving employees unable to make their own choice about union representation prior to resolution of the charge, a process that can take years.

The proposed amendment requires any party filing a charge alleging coercion in connection with a union recognition or decertification election to present contemporaneous supporting evidence. Voting would proceed regardless of the charge, but the Board would impound the ballots without tallying them until the charge either was resolved, or a determination was made that alleged coercive conduct would not affect the election’s outcome.

The second proposed amendment would modify what is known as the “voluntary recognition bar” doctrine. This doctrine applies when an employer voluntarily recognizes a union. It is currently the case that after voluntary recognition, any election petitions, including ones to decertify the union, are barred from being filed for a “reasonable period” of time. If dur-

ing that period of time the union and the employer agree to a contract, any challenge to the union's status is further barred for the term of contract, up to three years.

In the Notice, the Board proposes modifying the "voluntary recognition bar" to limit the protection given to voluntarily recognized unions. Under the proposed modification, voluntary recognition would not bar an election petition unless: (1) an employer notifies its employees of its recognition of the union and informs them that they have 45-days to file an election petition with the NLRB in order to challenge the recognized union; and (2) the 45-day challenge period lapses without an election petition being filed. The Board's proposed amendments to the "voluntary recognition bar" would effectively reinstate the standard in effect during the term of President George W. Bush.

The final proposed change announced by the Notice pertains to union recognition procedures in the construction industry. Currently, under Section 8(f) of the National Labor Relations Act, employers are able to enter into "pre-hire" agreements with unions even when their employees have not shown majority support for a union, or, when the employer has no employees at all. Due to the nature of Section 8(f) agreements, they are subject to challenge at any time by employees or rival unions. But, a Section 8(f) agreement can be converted into a Section 9(a) agreement by the inclusion of certain language in the Section 8(f) agreement. Once the

conversion occurs, the union's status is protected from challenge for the duration of the agreement.

Under the proposed rule, it would become more difficult to convert a Section 8(f) agreement into a Section 9(a) agreement. Instead of conversion being able to occur based solely on language included in a Section 8(f) agreement, an employer or union would be required to provide evidence showing union recognition was "based on a contemporaneous showing of majority union support."

Overall the amendments proposed by the Notice should benefit employers by making it easier for employees to freely choose whether to be represented by a given union and, as stated by the Board, "by removing unnecessary barriers to the fair and expeditious resolution of . . . questions [on recognition] through the preferred means of Board-conducted secret ballot initiatives." The amendments, however, remain subject to public comment and are not in effect yet. Accordingly, employers should continue to monitor the issue and should consult with their labor attorneys before implementing any strategies regarding union elections.





BANKRUPTCY CASE NOTES

By: Jack Weinstein

Is an inheritance received more than 180 days after debtors file their Chapter 13 Bankruptcy includable in their Chapter 13 estate? That was the issue before the Eastern District of Tennessee Bankruptcy Court in the case of In re: James D. Jr. and Labridget D. Moore, 29 CBN 423, (Bankr. E.D. Tenn 4/25/2019). Debtors filed their Chapter 13 petition on November 15th, 2016. They had proposed a 36 month plan which was confirmed during February of 2017. Thereafter, during the plan's term, Mr. Moore's father died on June 24th, 2018. In the first quarter of 2019, debtor received an inheritance of approximately \$14,765. Thereafter, debtors filed a petition requesting the bankruptcy court's permission to retain the inheritance in order to purchase a vehicle. However, their Trustee objected stating that debtors were seeking to retain non-exempt funds.

Tennessee Bankruptcy Judge Shelley D. Rucker noted a split of authority regarding whether property inherited more than 180 days post-petition was or was not includable in a debtors' estate. In reviewing §541(a)(5), the Judge noted that an inheritance received within 180 days of a bankruptcy filing was included; however, §1306(a)(1) stated that a Chapter 13 includes

all property indentified in §541 being property that a debtor acquires after the commencement of their case, but before their case is closed, dismissed or converted to another bankruptcy chapter. In her decision, Judge Rucker stated that numerous courts, including the Sixth Circuit, had determined that §1306(a)(1) extends the time period set forth in §541(a)(5) by "considering the analysis of the issue, which has respective Judges on both sides offering thoughtful and substantive support for their decisions, this court is ultimately persuaded by the majority position that section §541 is a general statute whose definition of property of the estate is expanded by §1306 and that the temporal time constraints in Section 541(a)(5) are omitted. If there was a reason to include an inheritance received within 180 days after filing in a Chapter 7, then extending that period of inclusion to the end of a Chapter 13 case is consistent with §1306's inclusion of property acquired after the commencement of the case for the duration of the plan. Because the debtor acquired the inheritance "after the commencement of the case but before the case is closed, dismissed, or converted, the Court finds that the inheritance is property of the estate under §1306(a)(1)".









The court went on to state that having found that the inheritance was includable in debtors' estate, the Bankruptcy Court considered the Trustee's motion to modify the debtors plan pursuant to §1329 by increasing the dividend to be paid to unsecured creditors from the non-exempt amount of debtors' inheritance.

The Trustee had argued that the entire amount of the non-exempt inheritance was disposable income that had to be included into debtors' Chapter 13 plan. Debtors countered stating that the determination of disposable income required a recalculation of their current allowable expenses. The court found that the calculations of debtors disposable income was somewhat irrelevant

because §1325(b)'s "disposable income" test does not apply to confirmation of a modified plan. Therefore, the court considered whether the Trustee's position met the requirements of good faith and feasibility. The parties agreed that the debtors could exempt out at least \$9,631 of their inheritance.

The court held that debtors request that it consider their expenses, as well as, their inheritance must be considered in determining whether the plan satisfied these requirements. The court deferred ruling on the Trustee's plan to provide debtors the opportunity to update their schedules regarding their current income and expenses and not those they originally filed.

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NATIONAL PRO BONO WEEK

By: Valerie Kutz-Otway
Pro-Bono Committee Chair

The National Pro Bono Celebration is scheduled for October 20 – 26, 2019. Sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, National Pro Bono Week is a coordinated national effort meant to showcase the great difference that pro bono lawyers make to the nation, its system of justice, its communities and, most of all, to the clients they serve. And for the tenth year in a row, the State Bar of Michigan has designated October as Pro Bono Month. All across the state, lawyers are participating in events designed to educate the public and the legal profession about pro bono legal services. The SBM Pro Bono theme this year is “Now More than Ever, Pro Bono is More than Just the Right Thing to Do.”

The SCBA has several pro bono events planned this year. The highlight is our Annual Pro Bono Appreciation Luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at the Saginaw Club. All attorneys are cordially invited to attend. We are pleased to announce that the Honorable Christopher Nuechterlein will be our keynote speaker. Judge Nuechterlein is known for his distinguished career as a litigator and as a judge; his personal history of living on both coasts and traveling internationally; and his commitment to resolving disputes through mediation—utilizing litigation as a last resort. SCBA members who are active participants in the Pro Bono Program are invited to attend the luncheon as special guests

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and will receive their lunch compliments of the SCBA. Please note that the October luncheon is also a SCBA Membership meeting.

Several Pro Bono awards will be presented at the luncheon, including the esteemed Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award given in memory of Holli J. Wallace. Watch your email for nomination forms. We hope that you will nominate a colleague for 2019 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year and make plans to attend the luncheon. Please RSVP to Kelli Scorsone to save your seat.

Other SCBA pro bono events throughout the month of October include:

- The Saginaw City Council Meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019. A proclamation will be presented to the SCBA recognizing the pro bono contributions of our members.
- The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. A proclamation will be presented to the SCBA recognizing the pro bono contributions of our members.
- Ask the Lawyer Night on Monday, October 21, 2019 at Hoyt Library.

Ask the Lawyer Night is made possible through a partnership with LSEM and the Public Libraries of Saginaw. Local attorneys will be taking general questions from the audience regarding juvenile criminal record expungement. Ask the Lawyer Night is free and open to the public.

- The Legal Advice Clinic on Friday, October 25, 2018 at Legal Services of Eastern Michigan. At the clinic, volunteer attorneys provide assistance to low-income clients by giving one-time legal advice and brief service.

See the SBM Pro Bono Initiatives website at <http://www.michbar.org/probono> for a list of other events scheduled statewide throughout the 2019 Pro Bono season.

To all pro bono attorneys, thank you for your hard work and dedication to providing equal access to justice for those less fortunate in our community. We sincerely appreciate your service and look forward to greeting you at the Pro Bono Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.



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Name: Millicent E. Shek, Vice President

Hometown: Saginaw, Michigan

Undergraduate degree and school: I received my Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies from Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, PA in 2011

Law School and graduation year: I received my Juris Doctorate from Thomas M Cooley Law School, Magna Cum Laude, in 2014

SCBA members since: November of 2014

Law Firms you have and do work for: Shek Law Offices

Past/Present committees and/or activities: Law Day

Organizations affiliated with: 70th District Court Sobriety Treatment Court

Hobbies: when I am not in the office I enjoy traveling and spending time with my boyfriend, family, and dog



Name: Ryan A. Naessens, Board 1 year

Hometown: Merrill, Michigan

Undergraduate degree and school: BA History Saginaw Valley State University

Law School and graduation year: Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2010

SCBA member since: 2015

Law firms you have and do work for: Collison & Collison since 2015

Past/Present committees and/or activities: Young lawyers section of the Grand Rapids Bar Association 2011-2014

Organizations affiliated with: SBM since 2011, SCBA since 2015, and Grand Rapids Bar Association 2011-2014

Hobbies: Spending time with my wife and two children, exploring Michigan's numerous craft breweries and watching college/pro football with my friends



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Name: Christopher Swartz
Hometown: Saginaw, Michigan
Undergraduate degree and school: Mechanical Engineering from Kettering
Law School and graduation year: Suffolk University 1992
SCBA members since: 1993
Law Firms you have and do work for: LeFevre, Swartz & Wilson and then Swartz & Wilson
Past/Present committees and/or activities: Former Chairman Young Lawyers Section, domestic relations committee, former trustee on Saginaw Township School board, extensive involvement with North Saginaw Township Little League and Saginaw Township Soccer Association
Organizations affiliated with: President of Swartz Adoption Agency
Hobbies: Taking care of four kids, Trevor, age 22, a recent graduate of University of Michigan and now a software programmer for AutoOwners; Taylor, age 20, a junior in the nursing program at Michigan State University; Serenity, age 10, a fourth grader at Hemmeter Elementary; and Averyana, age 7, a 2nd grader at Hemmeter Elementary.



Name: Kosta D. Povich
Hometown: Saginaw, MI
Undergraduate degree and school: Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Michigan State University
Law School: Thomas M. Cooley Law School
SCBA member since: 2016
Law firms you have and do work for: Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner PLC
Past/Present committees and/or activities: Young Lawyers
Organizations affiliated with: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Parish Council Member; Greek Festival of Saginaw, Committee Member; Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, Board of Directors; Leadership Saginaw County, Class of 2018; Saginaw Valley Young Professionals Network; SVSU Stevens Center for Family Business, Executive Council Member
Hobbies: Reading, running, golfing, watching Michigan State Athletics, and spending time with my wife and family

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