

# 2016 BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE

Program

February 20, 2016

- 8:15-8:30 a.m.**      *Meet the Judges Continental Breakfast*
- 8:30-8:45 a.m.**      *Welcome and Opening Remarks* (Jury Assembly Room)  
**Charles Barbieri, Hon. Janelle Lawless, 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court**
- 8:45-9:30 a.m.**      *Full Session*  
(Jury Assembly Room)  
**What Every Lawyer Should Know About *Voir Dire* in Ingham County**  
**Panelists: Hon. Clinton Canady, 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Stuart Shafer; Brian Waldman; Bill Crino; Christian Odlum; Mike Nichols**  
Description: Discussion of tips and tricks of *voir dire*. Discussion will begin with overview of jury statistics in Ingham County
- 9:40-10:30 a.m.**      *Breakout Sessions I*
- A. Family Law** (Jury Assembly Room)  
Speakers: **Hon. Janelle Lawless, 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Bob Hotchkiss; Nan Elizabeth Casey; Robin Omer**  
Description: Meet the new Ingham County Friend of the Court and learn about the new “OFW” communication system along with input from our Chief Judge on what is new from her side of the bench
- B. Business Court** (Judge Draganchuk’s Courtroom)  
Panelists: **Patricia Scott; Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Kevin Roragen; Aaron Matthews**  
Description: The panelists will discuss the Goals of Business Court – Keys to Success: Predictability, Consistency, and Efficiency; Early Case Management/Time Frame - Adjournments, ADR, and Status Conferences; Discovery Protocol; and Motion Practice
- 10:40-11:30 a.m.**      *Breakout Sessions II*
- A. Criminal Law** (Judge Draganchuk’s Courtroom)  
Speakers: **Hon. Joyce Draganchuk, 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Hon. Hugh Clarke, 54A District Court; Mary Chartier**  
Description: Before pleading guilty or no contest to a charge, a client may pose questions as to how the plea could affect bonds, tethers, work release, jail time, firearm possession, financial aid, licenses and deportation. Our panelists will offer guidance on these and other questions.
- B. Nuts and Bolts for Lawyers** (Jury Assembly Room)  
Speakers: **Hon. Janelle Lawless, 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Darrin Fowler, Assistant Attorney General; Ryan Adkins, Clerk of 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, and Bernard Finn**  
Description: Introduction to court staff, how to be a zealous advocate for your client while remaining collegial with your opposing counsel; tips for presenting an oral argument on motions; and things I wish I knew as a young attorney to make things easier
- 11:40-12:30 p.m.**      *Ask the Judges* (Jury Assembly Room)  
Moderator: **Charles Barbieri**  
Panelists: **Hon. Clinton Canady, 30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Hon. Hugh Clarke, 54A District Court; Hon. Michael Gadola, Court of Appeals**  
Description: Panel of judges and lawyers will identify positive aspects of the bench-bar relationship and discuss how to avoid discord. Questions may include expert evidence, sanctions, discovery abuses, courthouse security, civility, and other issues.