



June 16 - June 17

What's **New** in 2022

**A Defense-Specific
Discussion on Adapting
to an Ever-Changing
Legal Landscape**

2022 Annual Meeting and Conference • Treetops Resort
3962 Wilkinson Rd, Gaylord, MI 49735
Thursday, June 16 & Friday, June 17, 2022

Program Schedule

Thursday, June 16, 2022 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.
Welcome

Deborah Brouwer
Nemeth Law, PC
MDTC President

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Title: Effective LinkedIn Marketing for Defense Lawyers

Marketing for defense lawyers has to be careful because of the nature of the practice and the clients, but proper, substantive content on the appropriate platform can be an effective branding that can assist in building a practice.

Donald Patrick Eckler, *Goldberg Segalla*

2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Refreshment Break

2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

New Age of Fraud – Post-Reform Medical Provider Schemes Every Attorney Should Be Aware Of:

We will discuss the impact of medical provider fraud, their schemes and tools that can be used to combat their claims.

Panelists:

Nadine Hammoud, *Novara*
Colin Macbeth, *Zausmer*
Samantha Boyd *Vandever Garzia PC*

Moderator: Frederick Livingston, *Novara*

3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Commercial - “Class Action TCPA Cases: How to Respond to Litigation Threats/ Ransom Demands, and How to Help Clients Avoid Receiving Such Letters in the First Place”

Join Honigman LLP’s Kevin Blair and Jad Sheikali as they discuss strategies and considerations for handling demands and threatened actions arising under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). Kevin and Jad will cover topics including responding to TCPA demands, common TCPA misconceptions and pitfalls, compliance, litigation defense strategies, and case law trends and updates.

Kevin Blair, *Honigman LLP*
Jad Sheikali, *Honigman LLP*

Moderator: David Hansma, *Seyburn Kahn PC*

3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Refreshment Break

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Art of the Objection

Have you ever wondered what the judge is actually thinking about your oral argument? Come and learn the perspective from the bench. The judges will provide insight on argument strategy, motion work, and trial presentation in an open discussion forum.

Judge Jennifer Edwards Deegan, *57th Circuit Court*
Judge Harry P. Gill, *18th Circuit Court*
Judge Christopher P. Yates, *17th Circuit Court*
Moderator: Stephanie Arndt, *Vandever Garzia PC*

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Judicial/Vendor Reception
Regional Award: Emily Donnellon,
Judicial Advisory Assistant
7th Circuit Court

Program Schedule

Friday, June 17, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Civil Discovery: What Works and What Doesn't (and what we have learned from COVID and the 2020 Rule amendments)

Discovery is the most expensive, time-consuming and sometime important part of litigation. The rules were changed in early 2020 to modernize practice, but then COVID. As we start returning to courtrooms, what works, what doesn't, and what lessons have we learned that might improve the justice system going forward?

Chief Judge Joyce A. Draganchuk, *30th Circuit Court*

David Christensen, *Christensen Law*

James Liggins, *Warner Norcross & Judd LLP*

Moderator: Daniel Quick, *Dickinson Wright PLLC*

8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Refreshment Break

9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Keys to Limiting Exposure When Defending Bodily Injury Claims

We will explore different aspects of bodily injury claims and how to effectively limit exposure at time of trial.

Panelists: Kaitlyn Cramer, *Novara*

James Wright, *Zausmer*

Stephanie Arndt, *Vandevveer Garzia PC*

Moderator: Frederick Livingston, *Novara*

9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Employment - "The Long Haul Impact of COVID-19 on Employment Law"

The COVID-19 pandemic changed daily life and changed many facets of employment law. This presentation will discuss some of the changes that took place during the pandemic that affected employment law and considerations for employees and employer. It will also discuss how the pandemic's effect may continue to affect employment law into the future.

Joshua Lushnat, *Ogletree Deakins*

Nick Huguelet, *Nemeth Law PC*

10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Refreshment Break

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

"eDiscovery 2022: Tips & Traps from the Bench & Bar"

It has been 7 years since the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure were amended to add comprehensive eDiscovery rules and 2 years since similar amendments were made to the Michigan Court Rules. The Honorable Judge Christopher Yates from Kent County and Warner Norcross attorney Jay Yelton will identify and discuss the areas where many attorneys and/or their clients continue to run into problems, thus resulting in discovery wars and/or sanctions. They will also provide and discuss their recommendations on how attorneys can leverage eDiscovery skills and strategies so that discovery can occur in the most expeditious and efficient manner.

Jay Yelton, *Warner Norcross & Judd LLP*

Judge Christopher P. Yates, *17th Circuit Court*

Fun Activities

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Judicial/Vendor Reception

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome including family, guests, speakers, vendors.

The reception will provide an excellent opportunity for everyone at the conference to interact in a friendly and relaxed environment.

Judicial Award: Emily Donnellon, 7th Circuit Court

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and two drink tickets will be provided.

Friday, June 17, 2022

35th Annual Fun/Run/Talk/ Walk aka "Rockwell's Ramble"

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. SHARP
start time

Outside track

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Friday, June 17, 2022

Treetops Par 3 Golfing

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Treetops Golf Course - 9 holes

Pre-registration and payment required at the pro-shop. \$43 per person. Time to play is approximately 2 hours

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- **Primeau Forensics**
- **Collins Einhorn Farrell PC**
- **Hewson & Van Hellemont PC**
- **Exponent, Inc**
- **ESi**

Special Events Registration Form

Fun/Run/Talk/Walk aka "Rockwell's Ramble"

Friday, June 17th 2022
1:00 pm Start

Complimentary T-shirts awarded
to the first 50 registrants.
T-shirts sponsored by:



LCS Record Retrieval

Name of Participant(s): _____

Adult T-shirt Size (circle one) M L XL:

Signature (each entrant must sign)

_____ date _____
_____ date _____
_____ date _____

Waiver

For and in consideration of my participation in the Fun/Run/Talk/ Walk, I hereby agree, on behalf of myself, my heirs, my executor, administrators, and assigns to indemnify the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel and all officials of the race, and hold and save them harmless from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, liabilities, loss, damage or expense of whatever kind and nature which may at any time be incurred by reason of my participation in or my preparation for aforesaid race. Further, in the event of any injury, I do hereby give my permission and consent to authorize such first aid and/or medical and/or hospital care or treatment as deemed appropriate. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

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