

**ICBA BANKRUPTCY SECTION
MEETING OCTOBER 26TH**

By: Patricia J. Scott

The Ingham County Bar Association's Bankruptcy Section Meeting was held on October 26, 2017, where a presentation was given by attorney William D. Tomblin on litigation strategy. Lunch was provided by Norman C. Witte of Witte Law Offices PLLC.

Bill focused on litigation strategy, mainly hearsay and witness examination tactics for commercial litigation matters. Bill discussed examining a witness, in particular, "cold examination" when there has been limited or no discovery and the implications that can arise from "not knowing the answer." Bill discussed several tactics and strategies in relation to cross-examining the witness effectively. The remaining portion of Bill's presentation focused on hearsay and hearsay exceptions. Bill presented several in depth examples related to statements against interest, whether something is asserted for the truth of the matter, and whether the statement was made outside of court. Bill gave an extensive analysis on the exceptions to hearsay, and discussion on the residual exception, formerly Rule 803 which is now included in Rule 807.

The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2017, at 12:00 p.m., Room 835 of the Cooley Center. The speaker and lunch will be provided by Sarah Anne Williams of The Law Office of Sarah Williams. Sarah will be presenting on the upcoming changes to the Federal Bankruptcy Rules taking effect December 1, 2017. Please RSVP to Patricia Scott at pscott@fosterswift.com if you plan on attending.