



MDTC 2019 Winter Meeting



Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel
21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, Michigan

Schedule of Events

Friday, November 8, 2019

7:30-8:30 am

Breakfast

Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:30-8:45 am

Welcome

*Irene Bruce Hathaway, Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC
MDTC President*

8:45-9:30 am

Litigating Commercial Cases in Arbitration

The increase in the number of cases being resolved in arbitration has exploded in the last several years. Arbitration differs from litigation in court in terms of discovery, evidence, decision-making processes, and overall dynamics. This panel of two experienced attorneys and a certified arbitrator will share tips and recommendations for effectively guiding clients through the unique challenges of litigating commercial arbitration matters.

Speaker:

*David F. Hansma, Seyburn Kahn PC
J. Christian Hauser, Frasco Caponigro Wineman Scheible Hauser & Luttman PLLC*

Moderator:

Roger P. Meyers, Bush Seyferth & Paige PLLC

9:30-9:45 am

BREAK

9:45-10:45 am

Hot Issues in No-Fault

A panel of renowned no-fault practitioners will discuss hot issues in no-fault defense, including: (1) the impact of lay-owned medical facilities and how to successfully challenge the treatment/bills while avoiding the pitfalls of *Miller v Allstate*; (2) medical financing/factoring and why transactions on the medical debt market matter to claims investigations; and (3) an analysis of *Richardson v Allstate* and how to get around the decision when arguing solicitation.

Speakers:

*Kaitlyn Cramer, Novara Teslja & Caternacci PLLC
Fred Livingston, Novara Teslja & Caternacci PLLC
John Hohmeier, Scarfone & Geen PC*

10:45-11:00 am

BREAK

11:00 – 11:45 am

Prevailing Employment Law Issues

From sex and drugs to paid time off, this presentation discusses issues affecting Michigan employers, including expansion of employee discrimination protection, the effect of Michigan's decriminalization of recreational marijuana use, Michigan's new Paid Medical Leave Act, and more.

Speakers:

*Sara M. Moore, Nemeth Law PC
Nicholas A. Huguelet, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PLLC*

11:45 – 12:45 pm

Luncheon Presentation - MDTC/MAJ Respected Advocate Award

Every year, MDTC and MAJ each present a “Respected Advocate Award.” The MDTC annually gives the award to a member of the plaintiff’s bar for the purpose of recognizing and honoring the individual’s history of successful representation of clients and adherence to the highest standards of ethics. The MAJ does the same annually for a defense practitioner. In doing so, we promote mutual respect and civility.

Award Recipients:

MAJ Recipient: Cynthia Merry, Merry Famen & Ryan PC

MDTC Recipient: Daniel Swanson, Sommers Schwartz PC

12:45-1:30 pm

“New and Improved” No-Fault Act

On June 11, 2019, the no-fault act was flipped upside down when the new amendments were filed with the Secretary of State. As we are all aware, these changes drastically affect litigation in the no-fault arena. A panel of renowned practitioners will walk you through the changes, timelines, and their personal experiences with the new no-fault amendments.

Speakers:

Cinnamon Rice, Zausmer PC

Matthew LaBeau, Collins, Einhorn, Farrell, PC

Michael Stephenson, Willingham & Cote, PC

Moderator:

Stephen Madej, Scarfone & Geen, PC

1:30 - 1:45 pm

BREAK

1:45-2:45 pm

How to Prepare for Jury Trials

When it comes to any legal endeavor, preparation is everything. The presentation will be valuable whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants in civil cases. The information will also be helpful in preparing for bench trials, administrative hearings, arbitrations and mediations.

Speaker:

Barry P. Hoffman, Plymouth, Michigan

2:45 - 3:00 pm

BREAK

3:00-4:00 pm

New Discovery Rules

At the recommendation of the State Bar of Michigan Civil Discovery Rule Review Special Committee, the Michigan Supreme Court recently adopted significant changes to Michigan’s discovery rules. These changes take effect January 1, 2020. Come learn about the new rules from members of the Civil Discovery Review Special Committee.

Speakers: (Panel Discussion)

Hon. Lita Masini Popke, Circuit Court Judge, 3rd Circuit Court

Daniel Quick, Dickinson Wright PLLC

B. Jay Yelton, III, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Moderator:

David Hansma, Seyburn Kahn PC

REGISTRATION FORM

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Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road Novi, Michigan
8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Full Name: _____ Preferred First Name: _____

First time attending Winter meeting: _____ Yes _____ No

Company or Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact/Phone Number: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

CLE: If licensed in other state(s), please indicate what state(s): _____

Each lawyer will be responsible for completing required forms with the states they need CLE from.

OHIO CLE: MDTC will not know how many credit hours will be awarded until after the program is submitted to Ohio Supreme Court. Ohio lawyers will need to complete forms on site and submit to Ohio Supreme Court individually.

Registration Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> MDTC Member - \$235.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member - \$335.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, sign me up for membership in MDTC	<input type="checkbox"/> No, sorry, not interested in membership at this time
<input type="checkbox"/> Group (up to three Members from your firm) - \$360.00 (each additional person over 3, \$85 each. Includes individual's one year membership)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Only - \$75.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Handout Only - \$235.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member Special - \$285.00 (Cost of meeting and one year of membership)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Offer - A lawyer in practice 5 years or less brings another lawyer in practice 5 years or less to the Winter Conference, both attendance fees will be waived and both will receive a free MDTC membership for the remainder of the fiscal year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check (Payable to MDTC)	

*Registration fee includes program, lunch, and breaks. If you have any questions, please contact Madelyne Lawry at (517) 627-3745. Payment MUST be received on or before the date of the event. **Cancellations must be received in writing 72 hours in advance of the event for a refund – less \$50.00 administrative fee.***

Please complete this form and return to:

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