



Negligence Law Section

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Message from the Chair

“Notes From the Chair”

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For those of us in the Negligence Section, the practice of law has been transformed by the Legislature’s recent amendment to the Michigan No-Fault Statute. This transformation has intensified with the Supreme Court’s recent adoption of substantial amendments to the Michigan Court Rules. This conclusion was reinforced recently when nearly 300 Michigan attorneys attended the Negligence Law seminar on the changes to the Michigan Court Rules. These numbers are unprecedented in my experience with the Council and serve to reinforce our belief that the practice of personal injury litigation is being changed in very significant ways.

At the conclusion of the recent seminar, attendees were asked whether or not administrative professionals within their respective offices might benefit from a companion seminar on the court rule changes and this inquiry received enthusiastic support. Some of the court rules even contain specific references to the No-Fault Statute and further alter traditional understandings of no-fault practice. This issue is receiving a good deal of attention by the Council and we hope to have more information on this issue soon.

In point of fact, these issues will certainly be addressed at our upcoming spring meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada and we strongly encourage practitioners to attend that meeting along with new associates in an effort to update their understandings of these important changes.

During the interim, we greatly appreciate and welcome the input of Section members with regard to the potential seminar referenced above and other important topics that may arise. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Council

with your thoughts, comments and recommendations so the Section can provide the most thorough assistance to its members on these very important developments.

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