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78 Honigman attorneys named 'Best Lawyers'

and Cohn LLP (Honigman) is Estate Law proud to announce that 78 of its attorneys have been named in the 2011 edition of Best Lawyers, a respected peer-review publication Law in the legal profession.

Twenty-seven, or approximately one-third, of the 78 Honigman attorneys named to the list this year have been included consecutively in Best Lawyers for 10 or more years and eight have been included for more than twenty. Of all Michigan law firms, Honigman has the most attorneys named in 14 fields of law, including Biotechnology, Corporate Governance and Compliance, Corporate, Franchise, Health Care, Insurance, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity, Mergers and Acquisitions, Private Funds, Project Finance, Real Estate, Securities, Tax and Venture Capi-

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LADA to hold free legal aid clinic

August 27 Legal Aid and Defender Association (LADA) will hold a

free legal aid clinic for income eligible residents under 60 years of age who qualify for services on Friday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at Southfield Human Services located at 26080 Berg Road in Southfield. Those seeking assistance are asked to arrive before 10 a.m. to register as LADA staff will assist only those persons registered before 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Stacey Felder at (248) 253-1548 ext. 4005 or 1-877-964-4700.

State Bar Professionalism Program

August 27

The State Bar Professionalism Program for incoming 1Ls and invited judges and attorneys will take place at the Detroit Athletic Club on August 27 from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The program matches 50 prominent metro Detroit area lawyers and judges with small groups of new law students to work through a series of ethical and professionalism problems during Orientation. The program will begin with a welcome by Dean Robert M. Ackerman and selected others, proceed with the small group discussion of the ethical problems, and end with a reception. For more information about this event, please contact Marilyn Vaughan at (313) 577-4822 or ak1557@wayne.edu.

National Asian Pacific ABA hosts annual conference

August 27

The Michigan affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) hosts the third annual Central Regional Conference on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Conference fees are \$150 (private sector attorneys), \$110 (public sector, retired and solo practitioners and NAPABA members) and \$80 (law students and recent graduates not yet accepted to the bar). Attendees may also elect to attend Friday night, Saturday or Saturday night only. To register, go to napaba.org and click on "Regional Conferences." For aditional information, call Michigan Asisan Pacific American Bar Association Secretary Emma Chen at (313) 496-8459 or e-mail her at chen@millercanfield.com.

Michigan Association of Justice's 'No-Fault Institute' September 1

The Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) will offer its "No Fault Institute VII-Kreiner Is Fixed: Navigating No-Fault Post-McCormick & Titan" Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 1-2, at the Westin Southfield, 1500 Town Center. Cost is \$340 for MAJ members, \$240 for members 3 years or less of practice, \$170 for sustaining members, \$240 for paralegal members, and \$360 for non-members. An optional hard-copy handboook costs an additional \$50. Onsite/door registration will be accepted as space permits. An additional \$20 will be charged (including MAJ sustaining members). Contact MAJ to register or for more informa-

tion: (517) 321-3073 or MAJ@MichiganJustice.org.

ADTC to host outing at Comerica Park

September 8 The Association of Defense Trial Counsel (ADTC) will host an outing at Comerica Park on Wednesday, Sept. 8, when the Detroit Tigers take on the Chicago White Sox. The evening gets started at 5:30 p.m. with a picnic buffet in the Tiger Club at Comerica Park until 7:05 p.m. at which time the game starts. The cost to attend is \$47. Due to limited ticket availability, it is recommended confirming ticket purchase with the ADTC as soon as possible. To order tickets, send name, address, telephone number, and check payable to "Association of Defense Trial Counsel" to ADTC, 4315 Kiefer. Warren 48091-5003. Tickets will be mailed to purchasers prior to the game. For more information, call Chuck Trickey at (586) 465-8203 or Diane Hirshey at (313) 237-

The Free Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC) to hold annual fund-raiser September 9

The Free Legal Aid Clinic (FLAC) will host its annual summer fund-raiser at Opus One restaurant in Detroit on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 6-10 p.m. The event will include a

silent auction, dinner, and live music, and serves as one of three major fund-raisers held by FLAC each year. Tickets for the Sept. 9 event are available for \$50 a person by calling FLAC at (313) 833-0058 or visiting www.detroitflac.com.

MDTC to host annual

open golf tournament September 10

The Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) will host its 14th Annual MDTC Open Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 10, at the Mystic Creek Golf Club and Banquet Center in Milford. The event will begin with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. and will be played with a modified scramble format. The cost to attend is \$145 per person for those registering on or before Monday, Aug. 26, at which time the cost goes up to \$155 per person. Cabin rentals are available at Camp Dearborn for all those interested in staying overnight following the outing. Call (313) 943-2350 to make a reservation. Payment must be received on or before date of event. For a refund, cancellations must be received in writing at least 72 hours in advance of the event less \$20 administration fee. For additional information or to register, visit www.mdtc.org or call (517) 627-3745.

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WLAM to host "End of Summer Wine & Garden Party!" September 13

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan - Wayne Region (WLAM) will host "End of Summer Wine & Garden Party!" on Monday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan Judge Lita Popke. The cost to attend is \$10 for WLAM members and \$20 non-WLAM members. Reservations are requested by by Monday, Sept. 6, and can be made by contacting Elizabeth Jolliffe at elizabeth@yourbenchmarkcoach.com.

NALS of Detroit to present CLE After Hours program September 13

NALS of Detroit will present a CLE After Hours program on Monday, Sept. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. at the offices of Barris, Sott, Denn, & Driker PLLC, 211 W. Fort Street, 15th floor, in Detroit. Guest speaker Carolyn Rico of Robert Half Legal will discuss "Managing Your Career." A short chapter meeting will follow the speaker presentation. Cost for the program is \$13 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Reservations are required by noon on Friday, Sept. 10. Make checks payable to: NALS of Detroit. Mail completed registration & checks to: Cindy Taylor, PLS, Treasurer, 21368 Green Hill Road, Farmington Hills, 48335. For additional information, contact Taylor at (734) 497-4736 or ctaylor@thetaylorhome.org.

Panel discussion featuring Justice Corrigan looks at equality September 13

Cooley Law School and the Oakland County Bar Association Diversity Committee will present Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura D. Corrigan, Michigan Court of Appeals Judges Christopher M. Murray and Elizabeth L. Gleicher, and Oakland County 50th District Court Judge Cynthia Thomas Walker in a panel discussion titled "Judging America: Have We Fulfilled Our Promise of Equality?" on Monday, Sept. 13, to celebrate Patriot Week. A reception will be held starting at 5 p.m., and the discussion will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Alana Glass at (248) 751-7800, ext. 7789.

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ABA adopts new rules for client trusts Addresses changes in banking laws, technology

tion House of Delegates adopted reflecting changes in banking duct." laws and technology, and evolving methods of legal practice.

"The Model Rules for Client Trust Account Records," dated August 2010, will be promulgated to state high courts for potential adoption as practical guidance for compliance with ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15, requiring lawyers to maintain complete records regarding their client trust accounts and to render a full accounting of the receipt and distribution of trust property. The requirements of Model Rule 1.15 have been adopted in every U.S. jurisdiction, and 28 jurisdictions have adopted additional rules or comments outlining the types of records lawyers must maintain. Five other jurisdictions direct lawyers to the 1993 ABA Model Rule on Financial Recordkeeping for guidance. The new Model Rules for Client Trust Account Records supplant the 1993 model.

As explained by the ABA

and business practices that may new rules for record keeping have left lawyers "inadvertently regarding client trust accounts running afoul of their jurisdicwhen it met earlier this month, tion's rules of professional con-

One key change was Congressional adoption in 2003 of the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, commonly referenced as Check 21, allowing banks to substitute electronic images of checks for canceled checks. The previous ABA model rule required lawyers to maintain original canceled checks. The change also addresses the increasing prevalence of electronic banking and wire transfers or electronic transfers of funds, for which banks do not routinely provide specific confirmation. The new rule acknowledges those issues, addressing record-keeping requirements after electronic transfers and clarifying who can authorize such transfers, record maintenance and safeguards required for electronic record storage systems.

A second change details minimum safeguards lawyers must implement when they allow nonlawyer employees to access Standing Committee on Client client trust accounts. A third rule Protection, key sponsor of the allows lawyers to maintain client new model, it responds to a trust account records in electron-

The American Bar Associa- number of changes in banking ic, photographic, computer or other media or paper format, either at the lawyer's office or at an off-site storage facility. But it requires that the records be readily accessible to the lawyer and that the lawyer be able to produce and print them upon request. For lawyers using thirdparty or Internet-based file storage, the rule requires that the lawyer ensure the company has established reasonable procedures to protect client confidentiality and ensure the files can be accessed by a disciplinary authority, client or interested third-party in response to a subpoena or other court demand for production. The fourth and fifth rules address law firm partner responsibilities for storage of and access to client trust account records when partnerships are dissolved or when a practice is

The Standing Committee on Client Protection promotes and enhances mechanisms to protect clients, including programs to reimburse clients for financial loss caused by lawyers' misappropriation of client funds, arbitration of fee disputes and mediation of other client-lawyer disputes, and identifies and comments on emerging issues in regulating the practice of law.





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