



40TH ANNUAL RAM CONFERENCE

THE GRAND HOTEL

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Conference Registration

1:30 pm to 1:45 pm

Opening Remarks

1:45 pm to 3:15 pm

Presentation: *Erin Frisch, Office of Child Support Director, and Suzanne Hollyer, Oakland County Friend of the Court* will provide an overview of the child support program. How the role of child support in foster care cases and public assistance has changed in the last year. In this session, our speakers will discuss the reasons behind the policy changes, what this has meant for practitioners and families, and what is yet to come at the intersection of child support and child welfare and how these changes impact the cases you adjudicate.

3:15 pm to 4:45 pm

Presentation: *Tanya Morrow, Manager, Juvenile Justice Services, State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), Michigan Supreme Court*, will provide a juvenile SCAO update, including case law, information on the impact the implementation of Michigan Justice for Kids and Communities has on courts. Further updates will be provided on the Juvenile Justice Partnership Committee and upcoming workshops for judicial officers.

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Reception: Meet and greet fellow Referees and guests.

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Group Dinner

9:00 pm to ???

Hospitality Suite will be open. Come and enjoy some food, games and fun!

Thursday, May 16, 2024

- 7:30 am to 9:00 am **Breakfast:** Included.
- 9:00 am to 10:30 am **Presentation:** *Hon. Tracey A. Yokich, Macomb County Circuit Court*, Judge Yokich will address the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, 2023 PA 38, (the Act) which became effective February 13, 2024, and provides for the issuance of restraining orders prohibiting certain individuals from possessing or purchasing firearms. It further requires the surrender or seizure of a restrained individual's firearms and prescribes penalties and remedies for noncompliance. This will help you gain an understanding of the court's role in this new law.
- 10:30 am to 12:00 pm **Presentation:** *Honorable Christopher P. Yates, Michigan Court of Appeals*, Judge Yates will present on evidence-Part II. He will provide a practical how-to approach, what is evidence, how it is introduced or admitted. Discuss ruling on objections and admission.
- 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm **Lunch:** On your own.
- 1:30 pm to 3:15 pm **Presentation:** *Honorable Kathleen A. Feeney, Michigan Court of Appeals*, Judge Feeney will present on making a good record; what the Court of Appeals looks at in determining whether to uphold or reverse a decision as it relates to referees and De Novo hearings for both domestic and juvenile referees.
- 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm **Presentation:** Ethics roundtable – a unique and entertaining way to know your duties, responsibilities, integrity, and judicial fairness under the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct (Canons).
- 6:00 pm **Dinner:** On your own.
- 8:00 pm to ??? **Hospitality Suite** will be open. Come and enjoy some food, games and fun!
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Friday, May 17, 2024

- 7:30 am to 9:00 am **Breakfast:** Included.
- 9:00 am to 9:30 am **Annual Membership Meeting/Elections**
- 9:30 am to 11:00 am **Presentation:** *Ryan O'Neil, Referee, Oakland County*. Referee O'Neil will provide an annual court rule and domestic relations case law updates.
- 11:00 am to 11:45 am **Awards Ceremony and Conclusion of Conference.**
(Please turn in your evaluation forms.)