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Delve Into Key Cases
Covenant, Bazzi, and Bahri

All-New Tracks
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Enjoy Expert Updates
James G. Gross, Robert E. Logeman, Daniel S. Saylor, Caryn A. Ford, George T. Sinas, and Thomas G. Sinas provide practical insight on the most important decisions and legislation.

Delve Into Key Cases
Hear directly from plaintiff and defense lawyers for Covenant v. State Farm. What does the decision mean for you and your clients? The impacts of Bazzi and Bahri will be discussed, too.

Tackle Medical Evidence
Our all-new track will give you the confidence you need to expertly admit or challenge medical evidence. Traumatic brain injury, orthopedic, and musculoskeletal cases are all on the docket.

Explore Foundational Concepts
New to no-fault or just need a refresher? There’s something for everyone. Get the tips you need on third-party practice, trial fundamentals, medical causation, and provider suits.

Handle Claims with Confidence
Explore programming specifically designed for insurance professionals. Learn to survive an adjuster deposition or trial cross-examination. Plus, identify the key factors that might justify a denial of no-fault benefits.

Walk Away Prepared
We’ll show you how to comply with Medicare requirements, hire non-medical experts, and more. Take home the tools you need to improve your practice and better serve your clients.
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* MP3 download available to all registrants after the seminar.
Emily L. Partridge  
Garan Lucow Miller PC, Grand Rapids

Emily L. Partridge is a partner at the firm and focuses her practice solely in the area of first- and third-party no-fault, particularly on issues that arise in catastrophic personal injury protection claims. Ms. Partridge is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Grand Rapids Bar Association. She has lectured on a variety of topics for a number of organizations across the state. Ms. Partridge has also been a past moderator at ICLE’s No-Fault Summit and a presenter for ICLE’s First-Party No-Fault Update On-Demand Seminar.

Ronald M. Sangster, Jr.  
Law Offices of Ronald M. Sangster PLLC, Troy

Ronald M. Sangster, Jr., is the managing member of his firm, which focuses its practice on personal injury protection claims, for both claimant and medical provider suits. Before opening his own law firm in 2005, he practiced for 17 years with the Law Office of Barry F. LaKritz, first representing injured plaintiffs and then insurance companies. Mr. Sangster has litigated many cases in trial courts, appellate court, and the Michigan Supreme Court that impact no-fault insurance issues under the No-Fault Act.

Robert M. Raitt  
Michigan Auto Law, Farmington Hills

Robert M. Raitt, a partner in the firm, has been a trial lawyer with Michigan Auto Law since 1992. He is past president of the Michigan Association for Justice and an officer of the Negligence Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Mr. Raitt has presented before the Michigan Legislature as a no-fault advocate and has been a speaker and moderator at various legal seminars. Recently, he received the top brain injury verdict in Michigan, according to Michigan Lawyers Weekly. The publication also named Mr. Raitt a 2016 Leader in the Law.

Marcy A. Tayler  
Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook PC, Detroit

Marcy A. Tayler brings a wealth of litigation experience to the firm. She has devoted her practice to the defense of complex, first-party no-fault litigation and a wide variety of other insurance defense matters. She has extensive trial experience, having served as first chair trial counsel in well over 100 trials, which have gone to verdict in favor of her clients. Ms. Tayler is licensed to practice in all Michigan trial courts as well as the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She is often appointed to serve as an arbitrator in insurance-related matters.

Hot Topics

**Evidentiary Hurdles in Traumatic Brain Injury Cases**

**Medicare Requirements and the No-Fault Claim**

**Hot Topics in PIP Claims**

**Top Tips for Navigating the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association**
From both sides of the aisle, a great perspective of no-fault today.

Michael Thomas Fox, Law Offices of Valentine Temrowski Geico Staff Counsel, St. Clair Shores

This seminar is great for keeping me and my claims professionals informed and knowledgeable of the newest developments in no-fault.

Sarah Gale-Barbantini, Meemic Insurance Company, Auburn Hills

Judges Attend Free!
Current sitting state court judges receive complimentary admission (Limit 40)
**Plenary Sessions**

**Moderator**

**Thursday Plenary Sessions**

Robert E. Logeman
Logeman Iafrate & Logeman PC, *Ann Arbor*

**Friday Plenary Sessions**

James G. Gross
James G. Gross PLC, *Detroit*

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**9:00am/Thursday**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Robert E. Logeman, Logeman Iafrate & Logeman PC, *Ann Arbor*

**9:15am/Thursday**

**First-Party Litigation Update**

Stay up to date on essential first-party no-fault cases. Confidently advise your clients about issues such as litigating attendant care, home modifications, and transportation issues. Explore no-fault attorney fees and using evidence and trial proofs effectively.

Robert E. Logeman, Logeman Iafrate & Logeman PC, *Ann Arbor*

**10:00am/Thursday**

**An Inside Look at Covenant v. State Farm**

Take a deep dive into this case from the lawyers directly involved in it. What does it mean for medical providers if the Michigan Supreme Court ultimately rules in favor of Covenant, or, on the other hand, State Farm? As important, what will become of prior “full and final” settlements where no motion to allocate was filed? Get answers to these and other questions as this decision impacts insureds, medical providers, and insurance companies alike.


**10:45am/Thursday**

**Proving and Refuting Fraud in No-Fault Cases**

Get the best practice tips and strategies you need—from both plaintiff and defense perspectives. Understand the contractual and statutory basis for fraud arguments; develop legal arguments to defend against fraud allegations; protect your clients; and prepare for a trial. Plus, we’ll further discuss *Bahri* and what it currently means for you.


**11:30am/Thursday**

**Third-Party Threshold Litigation**

Stay current on the latest legal and medical developments in this crucial area of no-fault practice. Get up-to-the-minute analysis of recent caselaw regarding serious impairment of a body function; permanent, serious disfigurement; and related medical and evidentiary issues.


**12:30pm/Thursday**

**Networking Lunch**

**4:00pm/Thursday**

**Networking Reception**

Catch up with friends and colleagues and make new connections over light hors d’oeuvres and cocktails.

**9:00am/Friday**

**Coverage and Exclusions Update**

In this essential update, hear a discussion of the latest cases applying and interpreting the No-Fault Act’s coverage provisions, MCL 500.3101, .3105(1), .3111, .3121(1), and exclusion provisions, MCL 500.3105(4), .3106, .3113, .3123, with commentary on their impact for plaintiff and defense practitioners.

James G. Gross, James G. Gross PLC, *Detroit*

**9:45am/Friday**

**No-Fault Benefits, Setoffs, and Priorities Update**

Explore the year’s most significant decisions affecting benefits, setoffs, and priorities. This comprehensive update will provide the tools you need to address issues such as attendant care rates, order of priority, governmental setoffs, and coordination of benefits.

Caryn A. Ford, Garan Lucow Miller PC, *Detroit*; Daniel S. Saylor, Garan Lucow Miller PC, *Detroit*
**Core Concepts Track**

1:40pm/Thursday  
**First-Party Litigation Cases: Pretrial Fundamentals**  
This is the perfect place to start if you’re new to no-fault. Learn the benefit of specifically tailored written discovery requests and gain deposition strategies that will enhance the prosecution or defense of your case. Understand how to work with opposing counsel during discovery in order to maximize your discovery time and reduce stress (without compromising the duty to your client). Walk away with the most efficient and effective ways to get the best case evaluation award on behalf of your client.

Brian A. Robillard, The Law Offices of Brian A. Robillard PLLC, Wyandotte

2:30pm/Thursday  
**Medical Causation Standards for First- and Third-Party Cases**  
Medical causation starts with the treating physician—and identifying which of your client’s doctors to contact is the first step. Learn to maximize every precious minute with the physician in case the meeting is cut short. Ask the right questions and determine the best way to present the physician’s opinion (whether it’s in a report, affidavit, or deposition).

Brian J. Bourbeau, Bone Bourbeau Lizza & Spagnoulo PLLC, Clinton Township

**Intermediate/Advanced Track**

1:40pm/Thursday  
**The Non-Medical Expert—Who To Hire, When to Hire, and How to Challenge**  
Take a look at common non-medical experts such as accident reconstructionists, life care planners, economists, and more. Learn what factors to consider when hiring an expert and whether your case even needs one. Identify the most effective ways to challenge non-medical experts and pitfalls to avoid as well.

Steven E. Goren, Goren Goren & Harris PC, Bingham Farms

2:30pm/Thursday  
**Bazzi v. Sentinel and Innocent Third Parties**  
How does this opinion affect first-party claims in cases of rescinded and nonrescinded insurance policies? We dissect what it means for insurance companies, innocent third-party claimants, insurance agents, and the party that misrepresented. Get the latest details on this and other related cases on appeal in the Supreme Court.

Michael D. Phillips, Anselmi Mierzejewski Ruth & Sowle PC, Bloomfield Hills

3:20pm/Thursday  
**Medicare Requirements and the No-Fault Claim**  
The Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Act can be fraught with pitfalls. Get the tools you need to ensure compliance in cases where Medicare payments were made for injuries covered by Michigan’s No-Fault Insurance. Understand the statutory and regulatory provisions of the MSP Act and get practical tips for both reporting to and reimbursing Medicare.

Richard J. Joppich, Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook PC, Okemos
Medical Evidence Track

**1:40pm/Thursday**

**Evidentiary Hurdles in Traumatic Brain Injury Cases**

What needs to be proven in a traumatic brain injury case? Learn to recognize the evidentiary and medical issues involved in TBI cases. Understand the types of expert testimony needed to prove or defend TBI cases and how to apply medical literature based on the Michigan rules of evidence.

David E. Christensen, Christensen Law, Southfield; Stephen H. Sinas, Sinas Dramis Law Firm, Lansing

**2:30pm/Thursday**

**Evidentiary Hurdles in Orthopedic Cases**

What needs to be proven in an orthopedic injury case? Learn to recognize the evidentiary and medical issues involved. Identify the types of expert testimony needed to prove or defend orthopedic cases and how to apply medical literature based on the Michigan rules of evidence.


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**Evidentiary Hurdles in Musculoskeletal Cases**

What needs to be proven in a musculoskeletal injury case? Learn to recognize the evidentiary and medical issues involved. Determine the types of expert testimony needed to prove or defend musculoskeletal cases and how to apply medical literature based on the Michigan rules of evidence.

L. Page Graves, Smith & Johnson PC, Traverse City; William E. McDonald, Jr., McDonald Pierangeli MacFarlane PLLC, Grand Rapids

Hot Topics Track

**10:45am/Friday**

**Hot Topics in PIP Claims**

Personal injury protection insurance continues to make headlines in Michigan. Whether it’s the latest reform efforts, recent practice trends, or current court decisions impacting your cases, you’ll get the news and practical advice you need to represent your clients effectively.

Jennifer K. Green, Clark Hill PLC, Birmingham; David M. Pierangeli, McDonald Pierangeli MacFarlane PLLC, Grand Rapids

**11:40am/Friday**

**Top Tips for Navigating the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association**

Whether you’re a fan of the MCCA or opposed to it, understanding how to work within its parameters is critical. Get best practice tips from both sides of the aisle and walk away prepared to help your clients.

Maureen H. Kinsella, Miller & Tischler PC, Farmington Hills; Kyle D. Logue, The University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; Emily L. Partridge, Garan Lucow Miller PC, Grand Rapids
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John W. Whitman
Garan Lucow Miller PC, Ann Arbor

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Robert M. Raitt
Michigan Auto Law, Farmington Hills

Third-Party Practice Track

10:45am/Friday
UM/UIM and Insurance Coverage in Third-Party Cases

Whether you’re building a third-party practice or just need a refresher, the details you need are covered here. Learn to gather, read, and implement all applicable insurance policies. Grasp the practical interrelationships of liability coverage, UM/UIM coverage, and their impact on your litigation. Develop creative negotiation strategies that take advantage of layered coverage and understand the issues involved in litigation and trial of a combined tort and UIM case.

John W. Whitman, Garan Lucow Miller PC, Ann Arbor

11:40am/Friday
Proving Serious Impairment and Damages in Third-Party Cases

Learn the techniques you need to establish—and rebut—damages testimony at trial. Develop creative strategies for navigating common issues surrounding damages, and effectively prepare for the plaintiff and lay witness testimony.

Sarah Stempky Kime, Christensen Law, Southfield

Claims Track

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Top Tips for Surviving Deposition or Trial Cross-Examination

Be prepared no matter what comes your way. Identify and understand common areas of attack for adjuster depositions; implement case review protocols designed to pinpoint specific vulnerabilities; and effectively prepare for and practice cross-examination scenarios. You’ll walk away more confident than ever before.

Marcy A. Tayler, Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutri & Sherbrook PC, Detroit

11:40am/Friday
The Ultimate Rules for Adjusters

When adjusting a claim, what are the most common pitfalls you’ll face? Can inaccurate assumptions cloud the way a claim is adjusted? Our experts answer these questions and also help you identify key elements to focus on from both the plaintiff and defense perspective. Learn important factors to consider when deciding to file a Covenant motion and under what circumstances a denial of no-fault benefits is justified.

John B. Geen, Scarfone & Geen PC, Madison Heights; Robert M. Raitt, Michigan Auto Law, Farmington Hills

Accommodations

The Inn at St. John’s
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A block of rooms has been reserved at The Inn at St. John’s, Plymouth, under ICLE for April 26–27, 2017. The room rate is $149/night. Please call 734-414-0600 to reserve a room.

Reservations must be made by April 12, 2017. Registrants are responsible for their own hotel expenses.
A great opportunity to catch up on changes to the law and hear a variety of presentations on pending issues.

Melanie Francoise Fradette, Hom Killeen Arene Hoehn & Bachrach, Detroit

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Katherine Frances Mortensen, Street Democracy, Detroit

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