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Join 500+ Michigan no-fault practitioners and hear directly from leading plaintiff and defense lawyers, judges, and insurance professionals. Get essential first- and third-party updates on new caselaw and emerging trends, along with candid guidance from the bench.

Examine how differing perspectives shape approaches to fee caps, Medicare, and tort damages, including the potential impact of *Favot v Member Select Insurance Company* and *Canty v Mason*. Learn to build or challenge medical proof in mild TBI cases, assess expert evidence under *Daubert,* and use AI effectively in the no-fault space.

Check out our New to No-Fault Track and the return of a dedicated Medical Evidence Track.

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Sarah Stempky-Kime, Christensen Law, *Southfield*

Meet Our Judges Panel



Hon. Annette J. Berry
3rd Circuit Court, *Detroit*



Hon. Kathryn A. Viviano
16th Circuit Court, *Mount Clemens*

Critical Insights for an Ever-Changing Landscape

Get trusted advice from both plaintiff and defense lawyers. This rare opportunity brings together leading practitioners and members of the bench to share candid insights, unpack critical developments, and explore how emerging decisions involving fee caps and Medicare could upend business as usual.

Views from the Bench

In one of our most popular annual sessions, Michigan judges share best practices and their invaluable insights on recent court decisions and challenges facing lawyers today. You can't get this kind of candid advice anywhere else. Moderated by popular speaker David E. Christensen of Christensen Law.

Critical Updates

Don't miss comprehensive first- and third-party updates from Michigan experts who discuss new caselaw and forecast trends. Plus, get even more updates in the areas of coverage and exclusions, benefits, setoffs, priorities, and opt-downs/opt-outs. Get insights from Steven C. Landstrom, Thomas G. Sinas, Matthew Payne, Stephanie L. Strycharz, and Ronald M. Sangster, Jr.

Where Medicare and Fee Caps Collide

Join experienced Michigan practitioners Katie E. Tucker and A. Adam Post II as they break down this complex—and potentially costly—intersection. Learn how Michigan's no-fault fee caps, fee schedule, and policy timing affect Medicare, catastrophic-injury claims, tort damages, client counseling, and claim valuation. Examine *Favot v Member Select Insurance Company* and *Canty v Mason,* which could prompt higher courts to upend business as usual, and leave with a practical road map for protecting your clients.



Hon. Patricia P. Fresard
3rd Circuit Court, *Detroit*

Moderator



David E. Christensen
Christensen Law, *Southfield*

Medical Evidence That Stands Up In Court

The Challenges of Mild TBI Claims
Get practical strategies in cases where symptoms may be life-altering—but difficult to see and prove. Respected Michigan practitioners from both sides show you how to approach medical evidence, causation, credibility, and litigation tactics in these uniquely challenging auto claims.



Featured Speaker
Rachel A. Bissett
Garan Lucow Miller PC, *Troy*



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Wayne J. Miller
Miller Tischler & Vislosky PC, *Farmington Hills*

Put Expert Testimony to the Test
Learn how to strengthen—or challenge—expert evidence in no-fault cases. Hear from both sides of the aisle on applying the *Daubert* framework, separating reliable science from unsupported conclusions, and strengthening your approach to expert evidence.



Featured Speaker
Michael J. Jolet
Hewson & Van Hellemont PC, *Southfield*



Featured Speaker
Andrew M. Saperstein
The Saperstein Law Firm PLLC, *Auburn Hills*

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Agenda

CLE: 8.5 | MCJE: 8.5 | Level: Basic/Intermediate/Advanced

Thursday, April 15, 2027

8:00am Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Vendor Showcase
9:00am Welcome and Update on Negligence Law Section Activities
9:10am First-Party Litigation
9:50am Third-Party Litigation and Practice
10:30am Vendor Showcase and Networking Break
10:45am The Intersection of No-Fault Law, Fee Caps, and Medicare

Tracks:	New to No-Fault	Medical Evidence	Intermediate/ Advanced
11:45am	Where Do I Sit? Basic Trial Tips for Auto/No-Fault Cases	Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Issues in Auto Litigation	Catastrophic Claims and Attendant Care
12:35pm	Networking Lunch		
1:45pm	Liens 101 Boot Camp	Expert Evidence Under *Daubert:* A Practical Guide for No-Fault Cases	Crash Reconstruction and Biomechanical Analysis
2:40pm	An Approach to Your First Adjuster Deposition	For the Record(s): How to Obtain and Use Medical Records	Handling Excess Economic Claims in Tort

3:25pm Midday Reception and Vendor Hall Showcase
4:00pm Coverage and Exclusions Update
4:30pm Update on Opt-Downs and Opt-Outs

Friday, April 16, 2027

8:00am Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Vendor Showcase
9:00am No-Fault Benefits, Setoffs, and Priorities Update

Tracks:	New to No-Fault*	Hot Topics*	UM/UIM Workshop*
9:40am	A New Lawyer's Guide to Prepare for and Win with ADR	AI in No-Fault Litigation Practice	UM/UIM Policy Language: What Is Covered?
10:20am	Networking Break		
10:35am	The Nuts and Bolts of Fraud in the Application	Navigate No-Fault Appellate Practice	Litigating UM/UIM Cases

11:25am Views from the Bench on No-Fault Litigation

*MP3 download available for all sessions of this track to all registrants after the seminar

Schedule

Plenary Sessions

9:00am | Thursday

Welcome and Update on Negligence Law Section Activities

Hear from the current chair of the Negligence Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Debra A. Freid, Freid Gallagher Taylor & Associates PC, *Saginaw*

9:10am | Thursday

First-Party Litigation

Discuss cases in the appellate process, the potential impact of new caselaw, and legislative/DIFS changes.

Steven C. Landstrom, Garan Lucow Miller PC, *Ann Arbor;* Adrienne D. Logeman, Logeman & Iafrate PC, *Ann Arbor*

9:50am | Thursday

Third-Party Litigation and Practice

Stay current on the latest legal and medical developments making their way through the trial and appellate courts. Know what to watch out for this year in this crucial area of no-fault practice.

Thomas G. Sinas, Sinas Dramis Law Firm, *Grand Rapids*

10:45am | Thursday

The Intersection of No-Fault Law, Fee Caps, and Medicare

Unpack how Michigan's no-fault fee caps and fee schedule actually operate and where they intersect with Medicare and tort damages. Explain the backbone of how the fee schedule works, apply the reasoning of *Favot v Member Select Insurance Company* and *Canty v Mason,* and anticipate what may change if these issues receive higher-court treatment. Get a practical, big-picture road map that every no-fault practitioner can use when advising clients and valuing claims.

A. Adam Post, II, Zausmer PC, *Farmington Hills;* Katie E. Tucker, Sinas Dramis Law Firm, *Lansing*

4:00pm | Thursday

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.

Matthew Payne, Sigal Law Firm PLLC, *Southfield*

4:30pm | Thursday

Update on Opt-Downs and Opt-Outs

Examine opt-downs and opt-outs on both the liability and PIP fronts. Differentiate what constitutes a valid Medicaid opt-down from a valid Medicare opt-out, and how to challenge such opt-downs and opt-outs. Review how Medicaid impacts opt-downs. Get the latest in this ever-evolving area of no-fault law.

Ronald M. Sangster, Jr., Law Offices of Ronald M. Sangster PLLC, *Troy;* Milea M. Vislosky, Miller Tischler & Vislosky PC, *Farmington Hills*

9:00am | 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 navigate these critical issues when they arise.

Stephanie L. Strycharz, Zausmer PC, *Farmington Hills*

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11:25am | Friday

Views from the Bench on No-Fault Litigation

Get a view from the bench on no-fault and the latest impact on litigation and caselaw. Gain helpful insights on the practical challenges facing practitioners. Learn what's happening in the courtrooms of busy circuit court judges. Take away best practices.

David E. Christensen, Christensen Law, *Southfield;* Hon. Annette J. Berry, 3rd Circuit Court, *Detroit;* Hon. Patricia P. Fresard, 3rd Circuit Court, *Detroit;* Hon. Kathryn A. Viviano, 16th Circuit Court, *Mount Clemens*

New to No-Fault Track

11:45am | Thursday

Where Do I Sit? Basic Trial Tips for Auto/No-Fault Cases

Learn basic trial skills including pretrial motions, voir dire, opening and closing statements, and evidence admission.

Ali A. Ajrouch, The Law Offices of Ali A. Ajrouch PLLC, *Southfield;* Thomas J. Dombrowski, Corbett Harding & Dombrowski, *Royal Oak*

1:45pm | Thursday

Liens 101 Boot Camp

Navigate health liens in auto negligence and PIP cases. Hear the latest perspective from the plaintiff and defense side on how liens impact your case, including their effect on negotiations, settlements, and releases.

Michael J. Olcese, II, Weber & Olcese PLC, *Birmingham;* Drew A. Ruby, Ruby Injury Law, *Farmington Hills*

2:40pm | Thursday

An Approach to Your First Adjuster Deposition

Get perspectives from both sides on how to prepare, take, and defend an insurance adjuster's deposition. Learn everything from how to notice the deposition to what to do when it's over—and everything in-between.

Dustin C. Hoff, Christensen Law, *Southfield;* Samantha J. Orvis, Secrest Wardle, *Troy*

9:40am | Friday

A New Lawyer's Guide to Prepare for and Win with ADR

Your mediation outcome is often determined before you ever walk into the mediation room. Don't just show up: ask the mediators. Join us for a practical session designed for new lawyers covering how to prepare your no-fault case and client, develop a negotiation strategy, handle the mediation effectively, and turn a settlement opportunity into a successful resolution.

Marcy A. Tayler, Marcy Tayler Mediation Services, *Harrison Township;* Boyd White, III, Ven Johnson Law, *Detroit*

10:35am | Friday

The Nuts and Bolts of Fraud in the Application

Walk through what constitutes fraud in the application, the steps both sides need to take once a policy gets rescinded, and how to navigate innocent third-party claims. Gain insight into what needs to be in a declaratory judgment action, and how courts are handling these motions.

Robert S. Abramson, McDonald Baas & Livingston PLLC, *Troy;* Stephanie Burnstein, The Lee Steinberg Law Firm, *Southfield*

Medical Evidence Track

11:45am | Thursday

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Issues in Auto Litigation

Discuss proofs, evidence, and tactics in the common but often difficult cases involving TBI.

Rachel A. Bissett, Garan Lucow Miller PC, *Troy;* Wayne J. Miller, Miller Tischler & Vislosky PC, *Farmington Hills*

1:45pm | Thursday

Expert Evidence Under *Daubert:* A Practical Guide for No-Fault Cases

In Michigan no-fault litigation, expert opinions carry weight—but only if they can stand on their own two procedural feet. Go through the *Daubert* framework

and highlight how courts separate solid science from unsupported assertions.

Michael J. Jolet, Hewson & Van Hellemont PC, *Southfield;* Andrew M. Saperstein, The Saperstein Law Firm PLLC, *Auburn Hills*

2:40pm | Thursday

For the Record(s): How to Obtain and Use Medical Records

Properly request and receive all pertinent medical records. Walk through and pinpoint what to look for in common auto-related scenarios, including preexisting conditions, hallmarks for diagnosis, diagnostic testing results, and more. Use the records to critically evaluate the strength of your case and take away strategies for using the records effectively in depositions and at trial.

Sam E. Elia, Elia & Ponto PLLC, *Southfield;* John C. W. Hohmeier, Scarfone & Geen PC, *Madison Heights*

Intermediate/Advanced Track

11:45am | Thursday

Catastrophic Claims and Attendant Care

Pursuing and defending family and agency attendant care claims in the context of a catastrophic claim.

Christine A. Fischer, Corbett Harding & Dombrowski, *Detroit;* Martin A. Hogg, Miller Tischler & Vislosky PC, *Farmington Hills*

1:45pm | Thursday

Crash Reconstruction and Biomechanical Analysis

Get all the necessary information, including the various techniques and technologies available to conduct an automotive accident reconstruction. Demonstrate how reconstruction findings guide the evaluation of occupant kinematics and other biomechanical considerations. Define biomechanics and examine how the scientific method is applied throughout each step of biomechanical analysis. Identify injuries and injury mechanisms, analyzing the forces, accelerations, and motions acting on the body to determine the relationship between the collision dynamics and resultant injuries.

Julius M. Roberts, ESi, *Ann Arbor;* Jacob A. Stegemann, ESi, *Ann Arbor*

2:40pm | Thursday

Handling Excess Economic Claims in Tort

What strategies are plaintiff and defense lawyers using to bring these claims correctly and then defend against them properly?

Kaitlyn A. Cramer, McDonald Baas & Livingston PLLC, *Troy;* Maro S. Houhanisin, The Sam Bernstein Law Firm, *Farmington Hills*

Hot Topics

9:40am | Friday

AI in No-Fault Litigation Practice

AI is reshaping how many law firms are handling cases and managing their firms. Prepare for a rapid-fire session from both sides of the *v* with insight into the products they use, how they implement AI into their daily litigation practice, adjustments to internal procedures, and challenges they have encountered. Rather than focusing on what AI might someday make possible, leave with real-world examples of how firms are using AI today, including what works, what does not, and where lawyer judgement remains essential.

Thomas W. James, Raitt Law PLLC, *Ann Arbor;* Kyle C. Kamidoi, Tourma Whaling Coury Grout Georgia & Kamidoi PC, *Port Huron*

10:35am | Friday

Navigate No-Fault Appellate Practice

Get the top tips and best practices about no-fault appeals from appellate lawyers representing both sides of the *v*.

Timothy A. Diemer, Jacobs and Diemer PC, *Detroit;* Beth A. Wittmann, Granzotto & Wittmann PC, *Berkley*

UM/UIM Workshop

9:40am | Friday

UM/UIM Policy Language: What Is Covered?

Focus on UM/UIM policy language interpretation, entitlement concepts applicable to UM/UIM claims, and common exclusions to UM/UIM coverage. Conduct priority analysis when there are multiple UM/UIM policies involved. Review issues regarding motorcyclists and UM/UIM coverage.

Matthew S. LaBeau, Collins Einhorn Farrell PC, *Southfield;* Stephen H. Sinas, Sinas Dramis Law Firm, *Lansing*

10:35am | Friday

Litigating UM/UIM Cases

Focus on claim processing and litigation of UM/UIM claims. Examine the application of the Uniform Trade Practice Act to UM/UIM claims, as well as the potential application of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act. Review notice and statute of limitations application to UM/UIM claims and procedural issues such as jurisdiction, venue, evidentiary issues, and bifurcation of issues at trial.

Matthew S. LaBeau, Collins Einhorn Farrell PC, *Southfield;* Stephen H. Sinas, Sinas Dramis Law Firm, *Lansing*

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