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2010 Michigan Bench Bar Conference Summary report now available

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – June 7, 2011 – Those who practice in Michigan’s appellate courts on a regular basis have found attendance at the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference essential to keeping up on the ever-changing law needed to succeed on appeal. But even those who missed the conference can benefit from the extensive research, discussions, and practice pointers by reading the newly-released conference report.

Summarizing the content of any conference can be challenging, but compiling key takeaways from a two-day conference involving dozens of experienced and knowledgeable attorneys and judges, with strong and sometimes divergent opinions, requires a great deal more effort and takes, well, nearly a year to complete!

Such was the case with the 2010 Michigan Bench Bar Conference, which was held on June 10-11, 2010 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Michigan. The Bench Bar Conference Committee recently completed and published its summary of the conference, which included panel discussions on civility and collegiality in Michigan appellate practice, tips on filing and responding to emergency appeals, and the complex issues that arise when courts follow decisions from other jurisdictions.

“This summary is a must-have reference for attendees of last year’s conference and all Michigan appellate attorneys,” said conference coordinator Mary Massaron Ross, a partner and the Appellate Law Practice Group Leader at the law firm of Plunkett Cooney

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in Detroit. "I would like to congratulate the conference committee members and those who spent countless hours preparing this summary."

Phillip J. DeRosier, a member and appellate attorney with the law firm Dickinson Wright in Detroit, served as Summary Report Editor for the 62-page conference debrief, which is available for free in PDF format on the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation and State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section Web sites.

The Conference Summary Report includes extensive detail on the information covered during the following conference breakout, lunch and plenary sessions:

- The Case for Civility and Collegiality: Fostering Integrity and Respect for the System
- Conversations with the Michigan Bench and Bar Break Sessions
- Keynote remarks by Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Margret Robb
- Technical Issues in Practice Areas
- Know Your Court Breakout Sessions
- Top Tips & Pet Peeves – Emergency Filings
- Collegiality Between Parallel Courts
- Redux – Civility & Collegiality: From Advocacy to Sharp Practices and Beyond
- Effective Brief Writing

The Michigan Appellate Bench Bar is a cooperative effort between the Michigan Supreme Court, the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation, and the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section, with substantial financial support from the DeWitt C. Holbrook Memorial Fund.

To obtain a free copy of the 2010 Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Summary Report, visit the bench bar foundation Web site at www.benchbar.org or the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section at www.michbar.org/appellate.

The next Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference will take place on April 24-26, 2013 at the St. John's Inn and Conference Center in Plymouth Township, Michigan.

Media inquires about the 2010 Conference Summary Report can be directed to Plunkett Cooney partner and Co-Chair of the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference

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