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Plus, see p. 11 for a new add-on seminar. It dives into trucking cases and will be livestreamed the morning before the summit.

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Views from the Bench

In one of our most popular annual sessions, Michigan judges share best practices and their invaluable insights on recent no-fault court decisions and practical challenges facing lawyers today. You can't get this kind of candid advice anywhere else. Moderated by veteran practitioner and popular speaker David E. Christensen of Christensen Law in Southfield.

Featured Speakers



Hon. Patrick J. Conlin, Jr.
22nd Circuit Court, *Ann Arbor*



Hon. Wanda M. Stokes
30th Circuit Court, *Mason*

Advice You Need Now

Critical Update Sessions

Get your questions answered from both plaintiff and defense lawyers. Stay current with comprehensive first- and third-party updates from Michigan experts who discuss new caselaw and forecast trends. Plus, get important updates on coverage and exclusions and benefits, setoffs, and priorities.



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



Featured Speaker
Thomas G. Sinas
Sinus Dramis Law Firm,
Grand Rapids

Navigating Post-Reform

It's been nearly four years since reform—and there are still lingering issues. Get tips and tricks on those that the legislation did not address but the courts have attempted to answer. You will be able to identify carriers in priority, plead valid defenses, conduct proper discovery, and more.



Featured Speaker
Kaitlyn A. Cramer
Novara Tesija Catenacci
McDonald & Baas PLLC, *Troy*



Featured Speaker
Maro S. Houhanisin
Miller Johnson, *Detroit*

Medical Liens

Tackle the tricky medical lien process, from Medicare/Medicaid to ERISA and private health insurance. Hear from Michigan practitioners who specialize in this advanced area. Get your questions answered on everything from reimbursements to negotiations.



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



Featured Speaker
Marcy Spitz
Massive, *Southfield*

Uninsured Motorist (UMI) Claims

Take away best practices for uninsured motorist claims. Understand the impacts of bodily injury selection form coverage. Gain insights on important Uniform Trade Interest and procedural issues like admissibility of policy limits and consent to settle.



Featured Speaker
James A. Iafrate
Logeman Iafrate &
Logeman PC, *Ann Arbor*



Featured Speaker
Michael W. Slater
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Agenda

CLE: 8.75 | MCJE: 8.75 | Level: Basic/Intermediate/Advanced

8:00am Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Vendor Showcase (Both Days)

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

9:00am Welcome and Update on Negligence Law Section Activities

9:10am First-Party Litigation Overview, Update, and Trend Forecast

10:10am Third-Party Litigation Overview, Update, and Trend Forecast

11:10am Networking Break

	Bodily Injury Track:	PIP/No-Fault Track	Claims Handling (Third-Party/UIM) Track
11:25am	Best Practices in UMI Claims	Effective Selections: Opt-Out, Step-Down, and QHC	Proactive Claims Management
12:10pm	Networking Lunch		
1:30pm	Winning and Defending Your Bodily Injury Claim in Litigation	Top Preparation and Negotiation Tips to Ensure ADR Success	Make It or Break It: The Ins and Outs of Adjuster Depositions
2:25pm	Wrongful Death Claims: Prosecuting and Defending	It's Not a Game: Removing No-Fault Cases to Federal Court	Expert Witnesses: Who, When, Why, How, and Don't
3:10pm	Networking Break		
3:25pm	Master Bodily Injury and First-Party Causation Principles	Effective Representation	The Hits Keep Coming: Navigating Post-Reform Changes and Case Developments

4:20pm Fee Caps

5:20pm Networking Reception

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

9:00am Coverage and Exclusions Update

9:30am No-Fault Benefits, Setoffs, and Priorities Update

10:15am Networking Break

	Advanced Track*	Core Concepts Track*	Damages Track*
10:30am	Lien Machine: Streamlining the Medical Lien Process	Basics of Handling Motions and Settlement Conferences	Current State of Fraud Defenses in PIP Claims

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

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Tracks

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.

Donna M. MacKenzie, Olsman MacKenzie Peacock, *Berkley*

9:10am/Thursday

First-Party Litigation Overview, Update, and Trend Forecast

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

Adrienne D. Logeman, Logeman Iafate & Logeman PC, *Ann Arbor*; John W. Whitman, Garan Lucow Miller PC, *Ann Arbor*

10:10am/Thursday

Third-Party Litigation Overview, Update, and Trend Forecast

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*

4:20pm/Thursday

Fee Caps

Get the latest Medicare principles imported to the No-Fault Act, including application of the basic fee caps to Medicare and non-Medicare providers, Medicare rules versus Medicare rates in calculating medical expense reimbursement, and fee cap issues with smaller providers. Discover how these fee cap issues impact law firm practices on both sides of the v. Consider whether fee caps apply to third-party excess economic loss claims.

Jonathan A. Green, Green & Green PLLC, *Farmington Hills*; Wayne J. Miller, Miller & Tischler PC, *Farmington Hills*; Ronald M. Sangster, Jr., Law Offices of Ronald M. Sangster PLLC, *Troy*

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*

9:30am/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.

Daniel S. Saylor, Garan Lucow Miller PC, *Detroit*

11:25am/Friday

Views from the Bench on No-Fault Litigation

Get a view from the bench on the impact of no-fault reform and recent supreme court decisions on no-fault litigation. Get helpful insights on the practical challenges facing practitioners. Learn what's happening on the dockets of busy circuit court judges and take away best practices.

David E. Christensen, Christensen Law, *Southfield*; Hon. Patrick J. Conlin, Jr., 22nd Circuit Court, *Ann Arbor*; Hon. Wanda M. Stokes, 30th Circuit Court, *Mason*

Bodily Injury Track

11:25am/Thursday

Best Practices in UMI Claims

Review how bodily injury selection form coverage issues may impact UMI claims, the admissibility of policy limits, and underlying bodily injury settlements. Cover the importance of Uniform Trade Interest and procedural issues surrounding waiver and consent to settle. Uncover claims handling issues related to UMI cases.

James A. Iafate, Logeman Iafate & Logeman PC, *Ann Arbor*; Michael W. Slater, Slater Seibert, *Troy*

1:30pm/Thursday

Winning and Defending Your Bodily Injury Claim in Litigation

Learn the latest techniques for prosecuting and defending auto negligence claims. Get a plaintiff and defense perspective for effectively narrowing issues before trial, including pre-suit workup, motion practice, and handling bad faith allegations.

Michael J. Olcese, II, Weber & Olcese PLC, *Birmingham*; Drew A. Ruby, Raitt Law PLLC, *Southfield*

“Everybody’s going to come away with some things they can use. And that’s worth the price of admission.”

-Daniel S. Saylor, Garan Lucow Miller PC,
Detroit

Tracks

2:25pm/Thursday

Wrongful Death Claims: Prosecuting and Defending

Get strategies and handle issues that arise when pursuing a wrongful death claim from both the plaintiff and defense perspective.

Matthew S. LaBeau, Collins Einhorn Farrell PC, *Southfield*; Robert M. Raitt, Raitt Law PLLC, *Southfield*

3:25pm/Thursday

Master Bodily Injury and First-Party Causation Principles

Get caught up on the current state of proximate causation and arising out of causation, as well as the interrelationship between those standards in bodily injury and first-party no-fault cases.

Stephen H. Sinas, Sinas Dramis Law Firm, *Lansing*

PIP/No-Fault Track

11:25am/Thursday

Effective Selections: Opt-Out, Step-Down, and QHC

What is an “effective selection” of coverage under the No-Fault

Act? How can an insured effectively elect to “opt-out” of no-fault coverage? What must an insured do to exclude no-fault medical coverage in favor of qualified health coverage? Stay current on the latest caselaw interpreting the act’s opt-out, step-down, and QHC exclusion provisions. Get practical tips for challenging and defending no-fault policy coverage selections. Learn what’s working for plaintiff and defense practitioners.

Richard E. Hillary, II, Miller Johnson, *Grand Rapids*; Milea M. Vislosky, Miller & Tischler PC, *Farmington Hills*

1:30pm/Thursday

Top Preparation and Negotiation Tips to Ensure ADR Success

Learn top tips to effectively prepare your case and client for ADR. Get insight from an experienced litigator and mediator on key

Can’t-Miss Session

Fee Caps

Don’t fall behind on this tricky issue. Understand how the latest Medicare principles are applied so you can ensure accurate calculation and compliance. Handle your case effectively, from how fee caps affect everything from billing to settlements. Assess whether caps are applicable to third-party excess economic loss claims and strategize accordingly.

Featured Speakers



Jonathan A. Green
Green & Green PLLC,
Farmington Hills



Wayne J. Miller
Miller & Tischler PC,
Farmington Hills



Ronald M. Sangster, Jr.
Law Offices of Ronald M.
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negotiation techniques that you can use to ensure a successful outcome at your next facilitation/mediation.

Marcy A. Tayler, Marcy Tayler Mediation, *Harrison Township*; Boyd White, III, Dykema, *Detroit*

2:25pm/Thursday

It's Not a Game: Removing No-Fault Cases to Federal Court

Dive into the dynamics of no-fault cases in federal court. Shape the entire course of litigation by effective venue selection. Unlock the hidden power of magistrate judges. Craft airtight discovery plans, outmaneuver opponents in medical expert depositions, and stay ahead of trends in witness depositions. Review the game-changing potential of 30(b)(6) depositions, where organizations are forced to put all their cards on the table, and leverage this tool to dominate your case. Strategize to either keep the case in federal court or send back to state court. Customize the litigation road map.

Heather J. Atnip, Atnip & Associates PLLC, *Rochester*; John C. W. Hohmeier, Scarfone & Geen PC, *Madison Heights*

3:25pm/Thursday

Effective Representation

Get various approaches and strategies from both sides of the v for preparing clients for success at each stage of the litigation process, including discovery, alternative dispute resolution, trial and appeal, and effectively manage expectations along the way.

Brandon S. Heintzelman, Zausmer PC, *Farmington Hills*; Katie E. Tucker, Sinas Dramis Law Firm, *Lansing*

Claims Handling (Third-Party/UIM) Track

11:25am/Thursday

Proactive Claims Management

Learn effective strategies for records acquisition, getting a meticulous review of medical films, and the intricacies of Independent Medical Examinations (IMEs). Delve into the ethical considerations and practicalities of surveillance. Gain invaluable tips to streamline your workflow and enhance claim outcomes.

Braeden R. Willoughby, Moffett Sims Gauthier & Willoughby PC, *Birmingham*

1:30pm/Thursday

Make It or Break It: The Ins and Outs of Adjuster Depositions

Hear from both plaintiff and defense counsel on what can make or break your case when it comes to adjuster depositions. Gain insight from real and simulated deposition examples while learning how to prepare your adjuster for their deposition or prepare to obtain testimony on behalf of your injured client.

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

Moderators



Views from the Bench on No-Fault Litigation

David E. Christensen
Christensen Law, *Southfield*



Claims Handling (Third-Party/UIM) Track

Kaitlyn A. Cramer
Novara Tesija Catenacci McDonald & Baas PLLC, *Troy*



Core Concepts Track

Thomas J. Dombrowski
Kramer Corbett Harding & Dombrowski, *Royal Oak*



Advanced Track

Michael J. Jolet
Hewson & Van Hellemont PC, *Oak Park*



Plenaries and PIP/No-Fault Track

Donna M. MacKenzie
Olsman MacKenzie Peacock, *Berkley*



Damages Track

Karen W. Magdich
Magdich Law PC, *Livonia*



Bodily Injury Track

Drew A. Ruby
Raitt Law PLLC, *Southfield*

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Can't-Miss Session

No-Fault Cases in Federal Court

Effectively shape your case by grasping the nuances of federal court versus state court. Get an advantage by leveraging 30(b)(6) depositions. Utilize the oft-underappreciated power of magistrate judges in pretrial proceedings and discovery. Know how to outmaneuver opponents in medical expert depositions and stay ahead of trends.

Featured Speakers



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Scarfone & Geen PC,
Madison Heights



Heather J. Atnip
Atnip & Associates PLLC,
Rochester

2:25pm/Thursday

Expert Witnesses: Who, When, Why, How, and Don't

Use expert witnesses meaningfully in no-fault claims and litigation, both first- and third-party. Get recent caselaw impacting expert witnesses, including the impact of changes to MRE 702, as well as practical guidance on properly retaining, preparing, and producing your experts in a way that maximizes client's position.

Christopher Aluia, The Hanover Law Group, *Southfield*; Stephanie L. Arndt, Christensen Law, *Southfield*

3:25pm/Thursday

The Hits Keep Coming: Navigating Post-Reform Changes and Case Developments

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issues that the legislation did not address but that courts have attempted to answer. Join this discussion to hear tips and tricks for identifying carriers in priority, calculating deadlines and statutes of limitations, pleading valid defenses, and conducting proper discovery.

Kaitlyn A. Cramer, Novara Tesija Catenacci McDonald & Baas PLLC, *Troy*; Maro S. Houhanisin, Miller Johnson, *Detroit*

Advanced Track

10:30am/Friday

Lien Machine: Streamlining the Medical Lien Process

Dive into the complexities of medical liens, including Medicare and Medicaid, ERISA, and private health insurance liens, and the impact of recent no-fault reform.

Michael J. Jolet, Hewson & Van Hellemont PC, *Oak Park*; Marcy Spitz, Massive, *Southfield*

Core Concepts Track

10:30am/Friday

Basics of Handling Motions and Settlement Conferences

Hone your skills for handling motions and settlement conferences. Get a comprehensive perspective on strategizing, drafting, and arguing motions, as well as negotiating and navigating settlement conferences from seasoned lawyers on both sides.

Thomas J. Dombrowski, Kramer Corbett Harding & Dombrowski, *Royal Oak*; Frances Murphy, Fran Murphy Law PLC, *St. Clair Shores*

Damages Track

10:30am/Friday

Current State of Fraud Defenses in PIP Claims

Get a review of rescission generally and as asserted against a provider and MACP statutory fraud. Gain insights on insurer post-procurement fraud claims.

Karen W. Magdich, Magdich Law PC, *Livonia*; Matthew Payne, Sigal Law Firm PLLC, *Southfield*

Just a Few Who Have Sent 4+ Before and Saved!

- 3rd Circuit Court
- Anselmi Mierzejewski Ruth & Sowle PC
- Auto Club Group
- Auto-Owners Insurance Company
- Buckfire & Buckfire PC
- Christensen Law
- Cummings McClorey Davis & Acho PLC
- Dickie McCamey and Chilcote PC
- Farm Bureau Insurance Group
- Garan Lucow Miller PC
- Hastings Mutual Insurance Company
- Kitch Attorneys & Counselors PC
- Kramer Corbett Harding & Dombrowski
- Law Offices of Dyki Latra Brauckmuller & Ross
- Law Offices of Ronald M. Sangster PLLC
- Lennon Miller Taylor & Bartosiewicz PLC
- Mike Morse Law Firm
- Miller & Tischler PC
- Secrest Wardle PC
- Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney
- Sinas Dramis Law Firm PC

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-Michael G. Kramer, Kramer Corbett Harding & Dombrowski, *Detroit*

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- Identify vendors for preservation letters
- Determine appropriate experts to support or defend claims
- Evaluate critical evidence and get records admitted

Agenda

CLE: 3 | MCJE: 3 | Level:Intermediate/Advanced

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

- 9:00am Initial Approach to a Trucking Accident
- 9:40am Initiate the Case
- 10:40am Break
- 10:55am Preserving Discovery
- 12:00pm Find Experts
- 12:25pm Gather Your Evidence

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