

2019 Day of Education

Friday, May 31, 2019 | 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

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Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126

- 8:00–8:15 a.m. Check-In & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15–9:15 a.m. The Exoneration of an Innocent Man**
Dennis Tomasik, Mary Chartier, and Lizzy Cary
- 9:20–10:20 a.m. Client Says They Want to Appeal: Now What?**
Court of Appeals Judge Amy Ronayne Krause
- 10:25–11:25 a.m. Stay Out of Hot Water: Ethics Rules You Need to Know**
Ken Mogill
- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Lunch & Evidence Jeopardy**
Judge Joseph Farah

12:35–1:35 p.m. | Breakout Sessions (NOTE: Classes are subject to change.)

Track A	Track B	Track C
Real Estate Trivia	Interviewing Techniques for Clients & Witness Interaction	Mindset of Success
<i>Cheryl Nodarse</i>	<i>Shannon Smith and Molly Blythe</i>	<i>Marty Maddin</i>

1:40–2:40 p.m. | Breakout Sessions

Track A	Track B	Track C
Legal Writing & Drafting Techniques	Court Rules You Need to Know	Career Coaching—Mindset of Success
<i>Steven D. Sallen</i>	<i>Stephen Milks</i>	<i>P. Tyler Roskos, PhD, ABPP</i>

2:45–3:00 p.m. Closing and Drawings

Event Pricing	Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section Members	Non-Section Member	Students
April 29–May 17	\$50	\$95	\$50
May 18–May 24	\$75	\$130	\$75



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You can register online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/pla053119>

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Molly Blythe



Shannon Smith

Molly Blythe and Shannon Smith maintain a Michigan criminal defense practice devoted to representing individuals facing issues regarding sexual assault, sexual abuse and physical abuse. More than 90 percent of Smith Blythe's cases involve issues where children are the alleged victims. Shannon and Molly are known on a national level for representing high-profile clients such as Dr. Larry Nassar and Dr. Jumana Nagarwala, the lead defendant in the first federal prosecution for female genital mutilation. In 2018, Molly drafted, argued, and won the motion dismissing all of the charges of female genital mutilation law as unconstitutional. The firm's cases are expert driven and frequently focus on issues such as child and adolescent development, memory and suggestibility and forensic interviewing techniques.



Lizzy Cary

Lizzy Cary has specialized in criminal defense and trial litigation for the past six years and has served as lead paralegal on multiple cases including some very high-profile cases. Lizzy was the lead paralegal on a case that ultimately exonerated the client after spending nine years in prison, which included locating and managing over 20 new witnesses, numerous exhibits, investigators, and expert witnesses for his re-trial. She is also experienced in investigation, courtroom technology, and discovery management. Currently, she is the lead paralegal on a case with over one million pages of discovery and over 20 law clerks to manage.

Lizzy is currently serving as a council member for the State Bar of Michigan Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section and serves as chairperson on multiple committees. Lizzy is also a member of other sections of the State Bar of Michigan, including the Animal Law, Criminal Law, Litigation, and Prisons and Corrections sections. She is also a member of NALA, the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, and Perfectly Paralegal. She serves as a mentor through Perfectly Paralegal, where she helps guide paralegals who are just starting out in their careers.



Mary Chartier

Mary Chartier is a founding partner and litigator at Chartier & Nyamfukudza, P.L.C. Mary's advocacy skills are the result of years of experience litigating serious and complex criminal defense cases in federal and state courts around Michigan. Her criminal defense experience is extensive. She has served as lead counsel in a multitude of cases and has successfully defended clients in numerous federal and state trials. She has represented clients accused of white collar crimes, such as health care fraud, mortgage fraud, and money laundering, as well as clients accused of terrorism, drug dealing, crimes against the United States, human rights violations, bank robbery, criminal sexual conduct, and homicide.

Mary was received numerous awards, including being named one of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Leaders in the Law" in 2018 and one of the top "Women in the Law" in 2013. She also received the Distinguished Barrister's Award in 2018 by the Davis-Dunnings Bar Association.



Hon. Joseph Farah

Hon. Joseph J. Farah practiced law for 18 years, mostly in trial and appellate work, before being appointed to the Genesee County Circuit Court. Originally assigned to the Family Division handling domestic and juvenile cases, since 2005 he has sat in the Civil/Criminal Division. Along with being a member of the judiciary, Judge Farah has taught over a dozen law school classes concerning the law of evidence, and for nearly ten years has been a frequent evidence presenter to lawyers and judges groups. For many years, he served as a board member of the Michigan Judges Association and the Michigan Board of Law Examiners. Judge Farah has recently received statewide awards for Trial Judge of the Year by the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, as well as the Negligence Section of the State Bar of Michigan, and was selected as a Leader in the Law by the *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. He has been called on for evidence presentations in five states.

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Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause was appointed to the Court of Appeals in November of 2010. Previously, she served as a judge on the 54-A District Court in Lansing for nearly eight years, at which time she initiated a domestic violence problem-solving court with great success at reducing repeat offenders and changing behavior of domestic violence offenders. Judge Ronayne Krause began her served eight years as an assistant prosecuting attorney, including 4 years supervising a sex crimes prosecution unit. In 1997, she was appointed an assistant attorney general by then Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and was the first recipient of the Frank J. Kelley Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy. Judge Ronayne Krause worked for the Attorney General's office for more than six years. Served on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, an adjunct professor for the Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and has lectured for the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan (PAAM) and the Criminal Defense Attorneys Association of Michigan (CDAM). She has also taught for the Michigan Judicial Institute, has served as faculty for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She was also a member and chairperson of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board for eight years.



Stephen Milks

Stephen Milks is a criminal defense attorney in Lansing, Michigan. In 2011, he launched the Law Office of Stephen A. Milks and dedicated his career to representing individuals in district and circuit courts throughout Michigan. Over the years, he has defended hundreds of clients against an array of charges, ranging from traffic tickets to homicide. He achieved acquittals for murder charges through complex motion practice, obtained 'not-guilty' verdicts after a two-week jury trial for serious felony charges (including a capital offense), and serves the community by participating in a local sobriety court program. Beyond the courtroom, Mr. Milks is a reoccurring contributor for Michigan's Institute of Continuing Legal Education, in which he researches complex legal matters, provides attorneys with reference guides, and conducts online presentations; additionally, Mr. Milks assists the Michigan State Police Training Academy in training new recruits for testifying in court.



Ken Mogill

Kenneth M. Mogill earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1968 with distinction in honors political science and his juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1971. Since 2002 he has been an adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School, where he teaches professional responsibility and previously taught criminal procedure. He has appeared five times in the U. S. Supreme Court. From 2014 to 2017 he was the chairperson of the State Bar of Michigan Committee on Professional Ethics. He was previously a member of the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility Committee on Continuing Legal Education. He is the principal author of *Examination of Witnesses* (Thomson Reuters) and was for many years a co-author of *Michigan Criminal Law and Procedure* (2d ed) (Thomson Reuters) and *Michigan Non-Standard Jury Instructions* (Thomson Reuters). He is the author of many articles on various aspects of criminal law and procedure, professional ethics and attorney discipline. He is a frequent speaker at conferences, seminars and law school classes on subjects related to legal ethics and attorney discipline.



Marty Maddin

Marty is a leadership and performance coach who lives in Southeastern Michigan with his wife and two children. He brings a wealth of practical experience to the coaching world, having successfully started and sold a small business. Additionally, Marty spent numerous years practicing law as a commercial real estate and corporate business attorney. After leaving the practice of law, Marty was a director and business development coach for a Global 500 company, where he was responsible for the oversight, implementation and accountability of business development coaching throughout parts of Michigan and Ohio. He provided formalized coaching programs for branch managers and financial advisors to assist them in developing their businesses and their teams. Marty has served on the Board of Directors for numerous Detroit based non-profits and was also the President of NEXTGen Detroit.

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Cheryl Nodarse

Cheryl Nodarse, advanced certified paralegal, is a graduate of Central Michigan University and has been a certified paralegal since 1990, gaining her advanced certification in land use and municipal law. Cheryl is also a licensed Realtor® with Vlahakis Homes, LLC. She currently serves as treasurer for NALA, and previously served on NALA's Continuing Education Council. She has previously presented at NALA's Annual Conference, State Bar of Michigan's Annual Meeting, and Great Lakes Paralegal Association's "CP Crash Course" seminar. Cheryl has also authored numerous articles published in NALA's *Facts & Findings* magazine.



Dr. P. Tyler Roskos

Dr. P. Tyler Roskos is a clinical neuropsychologist in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Beaumont. He sees patients at multiple Beaumont facilities, including Beaumont Hospital Taylor and Beaumont Dearborn. He completed his PhD in clinical psychology at Saint Louis University in 2007 and an internship in clinical psychology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL. He also completed a fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at Baylor College of Medicine and The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIIR) in Houston, TX. He has been actively involved in research, teaching, and training throughout his career and is the author of multiple published scientific abstracts, peer reviewed journal articles, and book chapters in the fields of brain injury rehabilitation and neuropsychological assessment. He has also presented regionally and nationally on topics in brain injury medicine, neuropsychology, and physical medicine and rehabilitation.



Steven D. Sallen

Steven D. Sallen began his career at Maddin Hauser in 1983 as a law clerk. Today, he is the president and chief executive officer of the firm. Mr. Sallen received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, and his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Detroit School of Law, where he served as case and comment editor of the University of Detroit *Law Review*. Mr. Sallen concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate law, environmental law and corporate law, and his clients include some of Michigan's most successful manufacturing firms, real estate developers, general contractors, and commercial real estate brokers. Mr. Sallen is the head of Maddin Hauser's Environmental Law Practice Group, and co-chair of the Real Estate Practice Group.



Dennis Tomasik

In February 2006, 42-year-old Dennis Tomasik was accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting a troubled boy over a two-year period a decade earlier in Comstock Park, Michigan—a crime he absolutely did not commit. After a trial with numerous errors, Dennis was convicted of two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to 12 to 50 years in prison. For the next nine years, the case was the subject of an extensive legal battle in the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court waged by appellate attorneys Marty Tieber and Kris Tieber. Finally, Dennis's conviction was overturned, and he was granted a retrial.

Dennis went to trial a second time in Kent County Circuit Court in January 2017. A new defense team, headed by attorneys Mary Chartier and Takura Nyamfukudza, and assisted by paralegals Lizzy Cary and Kim Thelen, presented numerous witnesses, including 22 who were not called to testify at his first trial. The witnesses included Dennis's co-workers and supervisors, who told the jury that he was at work when the complainant claimed the assaults happened. Dennis's work timesheets, which were not offered as evidence during his first trial, supported this testimony.

After only 19 minutes, the jury came back with not guilty verdicts on both counts. Now an exonerated and free man, Dennis is back home with his wife, two children, and a brand-new grandson.