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SHORT TAKES

Appeals court blocks court appearance by U of M president

DETROIT (AP) — An appeals court has stepped in and temporarily blocked an extraordinary order that required the president of the University of Michigan to get personally involved in a sexual misconduct case against a student.

President Mark Schlissel was told to appear Thursday in Detroit federal court. But Judge Raymond Kethledge at the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay Wednesday.

A graduate student accused of sexual misconduct, identified as John Doe, is suing the university, saying his rights were violated. The school froze Doe's undergraduate degree and academic transcript until Judge Arthur Tarnow intervened in 2018.

The issue now is what process U-M will use to handle the 2017 misconduct allegation against Doe. He denies any wrongdoing.

Tarnow had ordered university lawyers to bring Schlissel to Detroit for a conference in open court. The university has repeatedly objected, saying Tarnow is abusing his authority and that other administrators can attend.

Supreme Court to hear Arizona man's death penalty case

PHOENIX (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has added five new cases to their merits docket for next term, including the death penalty case of an Arizona man convicted of killing two people 28 years ago.

At issue is whether high court rulings that have changed death penalty cases since James Erin McKinney's initial sentence should be applied to his case and other death row inmates convicted before 2002.

McKinney was sentenced to death in 1993 after being convicted of murdering a woman in her Chandler home during a March 1991 robbery and fatally shooting a man days later in another Phoenix-area robbery.

A federal appeals court overturned the sentence in 2015, ruling the Arizona Supreme Court didn't properly weigh mitigating factors.

Last September, the state's high court again upheld McKinney's death sentences.

Detroit's graduate Marygrove College to close in December

DETROIT (AP) — A Catholic graduate college that has operated in Detroit for 92 years will close in December at the end of its upcoming fall semester.

Marygrove College announced Wednesday it had informed staff and its 305 students of the decision due to financial reasons. It closed its undergraduate programs two years ago.

Founded by the sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Marygrove opened in 1905 as St. Mary's College in Monroe and relocated to Detroit in 1927.

Marygrove President Elizabeth Burns says the college has accumulated much debt. She said it has reached an agreement with Oakland University to accommodate students who are within a year of finishing their degrees and will make similar arrangements with other schools as needed.

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HIGHER CALLING

Plaintiff's attorney takes needs of clients to heart

By TOM KIRWAN
Legal News

After spending the first 16 years of his career defending the likes of insurance companies and a giant automaker, attorney Nick Andrews decided to cross the proverbial line to do "God's work."

Those last two words were not uttered by Andrews when he had the change of legal heart some 15 years ago. Instead, they came from his now longtime law partner, Arthur Liss, founder of the Bloomfield Hills firm that bears his name.

Liss, who has been a prominent plaintiff's attorney for the bulk of his 47-year legal career, bumped into Andrews at a 2005 investiture for a Wayne County 36th District Court judge in Detroit. The two had crossed paths periodically over the years and had a serious case of mutual respect despite their plaintiff-defendant differences.

"When I saw Arthur at the investiture, he asked if I ever thought about doing God's work," Andrews said.

Andrews, seldom at a loss for words either inside or outside a courtroom, had a ready response.

"I replied, 'I am,'" Andrews said in recalling the remark, which undoubtedly provoked some joint laughter.

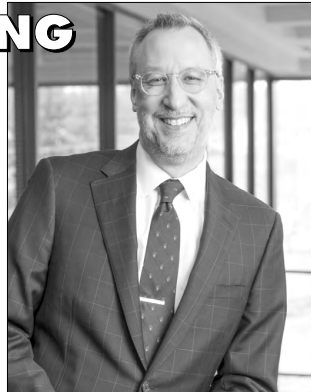
Now, 15 years later, Andrews and Liss can view the anecdotal story in a shared light, one in which they see their names on the legal letterhead at the firm of Liss, Seder, & Andrews PC. The firm specializes

in no-fault litigation involving catastrophic brain or spinal cord injuries, and includes longtime partner Karen Seder, a Wayne State University Law School grad who has been with Liss since he opened the practice more than 25 years ago.

In an interview last year with The Legal News, Liss credited a "team approach" for his firm's success, heaping praise on his partners, Andrews and Seder.

"They each bring incredible skillsets to the firm," said Liss. "They are each extremely talented, and are dedicated to the cause of the client. You probably couldn't find three more different personalities in one firm, but we are united in our legal approach and our desire to serve our clients, however much we have to invest in a case and how long it takes."

Andrews may have inherited such dedication while under the wing of his father, retired Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Steven Andrews. The former jurist, who retired in 2008 after serving on the bench for more than three decades, had a well-earned "no-nonsense" reputation and was consistently rated as one of the "Most Respected Judges of Michigan" in polls conducted by



A prominent plaintiff's attorney, Nick Andrews has helped shape the no-fault litigation landscape in Michigan while a partner with the Bloomfield Hills firm of Liss, Seder, & Andrews PC.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly.

"My father was — and is — one of my legal mentors, along with Arthur (Liss), of course," said Andrews. "He set a very high bar for everyone in the family to follow."

One of three children, Andrews has two sisters, Mary and Elisabeth. Mary is an attorney and formerly worked in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, while Elisabeth, named after her mother, formerly served as a paralegal.

In fact, the legal lines run deep throughout the family. At one point, each of the couple's children was married to an attorney, which invariably made for some spirited discussion around the dinner table at family get-togethers, according to Andrews.

"Let's just say there is no shortage of opinions," Andrews said with a smile.

One more opinion figure to be added to the mix this fall when Andrews' older son, 23-year-old Steven, enrolls at Michigan State University College of Law. The Kalamazoo College grad, who earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry, will get a jump on his legal education this summer when he takes the patent bar exam as a prelude to pursuing a career in patent law.

"He has been busy preparing for the exam, which can be taken by college graduates with degrees in the sciences and engineering," said Andrews. "He has the smarts to do well."

As does Andrews' other son, 21-year-old Thomas, who is enrolled in the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.

"It's one of the top business schools in the west and a degree from there should be a great building block for whatever career he wants to pursue," said Andrews of his younger son.

During his collegiate days, Andrews was a philosophy and history major at Miami University, graduating in 1986 from the (See ANDREWS, Page 3)

Accident victims could face 'unintended consequences' under No-Fault reform bill

By TOM KIRWAN
Legal News

The case seemingly had the potential to change the lives of severely injured accident victims across Michigan in a precedent setting way.

Now, little more than a month later, the impact of *Izdak-Harper v. USA* may be far less than first thought due to the recent passage of the automobile no-fault insurance reform bill in Michigan.

That's the view of attorney Nick Andrews, who represented accident victim Aworyonna Harper and her mother, Marian Izdak, in the case against USAA Casualty Insurance Co. and the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA).

The case stemmed from a May 2017 accident in which the 21-year-old Harper was a passenger on a motorcycle. The crash, which investigators said was caused by the intoxicated driver of the motorcycle, left Harper with a traumatic brain injury and an inability to perform basic functions.

"Avery was profoundly injured in the accident with the car, leaving her in the 1 percentile range for memory and virtually

no inhibitions when it comes to behavior," said Andrews. "In effect, she is a child in an adult's body."

"She spent several months in a rehabilitation facility, then a step-down facility, before she ended up in the care of her mother at home," Andrews indicated.

The plaintiff was prescribed 24-hour attendant care in the home setting, according to Andrews, but USAA failed to pay any benefits before the claim was assigned to an adjuster.

"This went on for several months before our firm got involved, causing great financial hardship for the family," Andrews said. "They had to move out of their apartment because they couldn't pay the rent, ending up in a motel that, shall we say, was less than desirable. It was an absolute nightmare for them."

After a default ruling was issued against USAA for failure to respond to the complaint in a timely fashion, the insurance company finally filed an affidavit that it would mount a defense, according to Andrews.

"But the delays continued through the (See NO-FAULT, Page 3)

Local couple arraigned in cat hoarding case

A couple who owned a West Bloomfield Township home that was the site of an animal hoarding case involving 178 cats has been arraigned in Oakland County 48th District Court. On Monday, Judge Diane D'Agostini arraigned Jonathan and Jennifer Klein on one count each of abandonment/cruelty to 10 or more animals, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison, a \$5,000 fine, and up to 500 hours of community service.

"These charges represent a lot of outstanding work and commitment by Oakland County Animal Control Officer Rachel Whitlock and the rest of our animal control staff along with our partners at the Michigan Humane Society," said Bob Gatt, manager of Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center. "They have given a voice to 178 cats who were living in deplorable conditions."

D'Agostini set bond at \$100,000, 10 percent for both Kleins with conditions which include neither having contact with nor possessing any animals during the court process. After the arraignment, the Kleins each posted \$1,000 bond and were released. The Kleins are scheduled for a probable cause conference on June 20 at 8:45 a.m. in Judge Marc Barabon's courtroom.

The charges stem from an investigation by Oakland County animal control officers who checked on the welfare of cats at a home on Elsie Drive in West Bloomfield on April 24. Whitlock and other officers observed at least six cats that needed immediate medical attention. A search warrant was obtained to enter the home where they discovered many more cats living in poor and unsanitary conditions. Over several weeks, animal control officers seized 178 cats from the home. Nearly all cats needed medical attention. At least 60 had to be euthanized because of medical problems.

Once the animal control officers completed the investigation, they presented the case to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review. The prosecutor's office authorized charges and a warrant was sworn to Friday, June 7. The Klein's voluntarily turned themselves into the court on Monday.

Nessel says activity by vigilantes will not be tolerated

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and the Michigan State Police (MSP) are sending a strong message to residents who are targeting suspected child sexual predators: vigilante activity will not be tolerated.

A vigilante's recent behavior in the Grand Rapids area has escalated and demonstrated reckless conduct, including luring suspected online predators to a public place, recording the sometimes violent interactions, then posting the videos on social media, according to the Michigan State Police. Authorities have told the vigilantes, and others like him, they aren't able to prosecute any more cases based on information gleaned by this method.

"It is reckless and dangerous for residents to take matters of law enforcement into their own hands. Not only does it put them directly in harm's way, it actually hinders our ability to keep our kids safe and protect them from dangerous individuals," Nessel said. "In fact, well-meaning vigilantes not only endanger themselves, but their actions may result in important evidence being suppressed, impeding our ability to properly and effectively do our job."

"Our office vigorously prosecutes crimes against children with our partners at the Michigan State Police, which has resulted in keeping hundreds of child predators out of our communities. I strongly urge the public to leave this work to career professionals."

Nessel added that her office has charged more than 20 individuals who have targeted Michigan's kids since January, including a child predator ring in Coldwater. The Office of Michigan Attorney General has also successfully convicted more than 250 child predators since 2011.

The MSP Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force has highly trained, certified law enforcement investigators assigned (See VIGILANTES, Page 3)

PALS members gather



The Polish American Legal Society (PALS) hosted a general meeting on Thursday, May 23, at the Polish Village Café in Hamtramck. On hand for the meeting were (left to right) retired Judge James Biernat Sr., Thaddeus Kedzierski, William Jurczak, Angela Smith, Werner Spitz, Barry Powers, Joe Kosmala, and John Biernat. Photo by John Meiu

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Ex-dean guilty of neglect in handling Nassar

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING (AP) — A former dean who had oversight of now-imprisoned sports doctor Larry Nassar at Michigan State University was found guilty Wednesday of neglect of duty and misconduct in office but acquitted on a more serious criminal sexual conduct charge.

William Strampel, the ex-dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, was the first person charged after Michigan's attorney general launched an investigation 1½ years ago into how Michigan State handled complaints against Nassar, a former USA Gymnastics team physician who pleaded guilty to molesting female athletes and possessing child pornography.

Strampel, 71, had been accused of abusing his power to sexually proposition and harass female students for years and not enforcing patient restrictions imposed on Nassar following a 2014 sexual misconduct complaint. Jurors acquitted him of felony criminal sexual conduct in

the second degree, a charge that could have sent him to prison for up to 15 years, for grabbing the buttocks of one student at a fundraising ball.

He still faces up to five years in prison on the felony misconduct conviction, which stems from a charge that he used his public office to sexually harass, demean and proposition students who met with him to discuss academic issues. He also was convicted of willfully neglecting a duty to monitor Nassar after prosecutors were put in place requiring that a third person be present in the exam room for sensitive procedures and limiting skin-to-skin contact — misdemeanors punishable by up to a year in prison.

Due to Strampel's lack of follow-up, Nassar was able to commit a host of additional sexual assaults against patients until Nassar was fired two years later, prosecutors have said.

"Today's verdict sends a clear message: It's time to change the culture in our schools and medical communities so that our female students and doctors receive the same treatment and

respect as their male counterparts," Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said in a written statement in which she lauded victims for having the courage to step forward. "Public officers who brandish their power to demean, insult, objectify and abuse female students will be held accountable."

Strampel left the courthouse without commenting. His attorney, John Dakmak, said he "speaks volumes" that jurors "saw through a lot of allegations that fell flat."

Sentencing is scheduled for July 31.

During Strampel's trial, multiple former medical students testified about sexual comments and innuendo he made during one-on-one meetings — saying they did not report the inappropriate behavior because of the power he had over their futures in medicine. They accused him of staring at their breasts. Women who worked as model patients during exams also testified about unprofessional and sexual comments.

Investigators said Strampel's work computer contained photos

of nude and semi-nude young women with Michigan State logo piercings or clothing.

The defense said Strampel, who had a military medical career before becoming the dean in 2002, had a "sailor's mouth," but there was no "corruption going through his head" while he engaged in "locker room talk." Strampel's lawyer said other officials at Michigan State also had a role in supervising Nassar, and noted that the school's Title IX investigation of the 2014 complaint cleared Nassar.

"We could all Monday morning quarterback 2014 on with Michigan State all day long," Dakmak said.

Dr. Nicole Eastman, who testified against Strampel and accused him of groping her, tweeted that his acquittal on the sexual assault charge was "very disappointing and sad," but the jury "thankfully got the rest right."

The prosecutions of ex-university president Lou Anna Simon and former women's gymnastics coach Kathie Klages continue. They face charges of lying to investigators.

ANDREWS: Attorney learned by watching others in action

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Mid-American Conference school in Oxford, Ohio.

"My father was neither encouraging or discouraging about attending law school," said Andrews, who eventually enrolled in Detroit College of Law, which formerly was stationed where Comerica Park sits today.

Following graduation from DCL in 1989, Andrews joined an insurance defense firm in Metro Detroit, spending seven years there before taking his courtroom talents to a firm that handled defense work for General Motors.

"We specialized in handling 'old vehicle cases,' representing a GM executive or one of their family members in accident cases," Andrews explained. "GM never shied away from trying a case. Consequently, as a young lawyer, I tried a lot of cases while at the firm."

One case in particular stands out, Andrews acknowledged. It involved a pedestrian/vehicle accident in which the driver of the GM car was accused of negligence in the civil action.

"I appeared in court that day to ask for an adjournment since the lawyer from our firm who was handling the case had a conflict," Andrews explained. "The Oakland County Circuit Court judge, however, was in no mood for such a motion, telling Andrews to 'Get ready, we're trying the case today.'"

"When I tried to explain that I was only appearing in court to seek an adjournment and that I didn't have any knowledge about the facts of the case, she said something to the effect that 'you better start learning it,'" Andrews recalled. "I was then asked for recalled giving him 15 minutes to 'get up to speed on the case.'"

Which he did, eventually prevailing in a two-day trial that proved to be an early baptism

under fire for the young attorney.

Later, when he crossed paths with the judge outside the confines of the courtroom, Andrews received an unexpected greeting.

"She said, 'You never thanked me for that case,'" Andrews related. "I wanted to say something in response like, 'What, for throwing me under the bus?' but I decided not to say much of anything instead."

It proved to be a wise move, since the judge still is a member of the bench, according to Andrews, and is "one of the best judges around."

Andrews admits that he has "learned by watching other lawyers in action," a habit he began while his father was on the bench.

"I used to stop by his courtroom as often as I could, to glean as much as I could from how he handled evidentiary questions and how attorneys presented their cases before him," Andrews said. "Those visits offered a great education."

So did the transition from defense to plaintiff work 15 years ago, said Andrews.

"My first trial as a plaintiff's attorney involved a third party case in which a young woman suffered a severe back injury in an auto accident," Andrews recalled. "Judge (Robert) Colombo presided over the case, and he is as close to my dad as you're going to get for running a tight ship in court."

"As it turned out, the case proved to be a learning experience for Andrews in his role as a plaintiff's advocate.

"We received a great verdict, one that exceeded the policy limits," Andrews related. "But I was not happy because I had worked for more. It was then that Arthur knew that I was cut out for this kind of work, that I was a true believer in what we do for our clients."



In a keepsake photo, Avory Harper is pictured with her son prior to a tragic motorcycle accident that left the young mother with a traumatic brain injury.

NO-FAULT: Accident victims could face 'unintended consequences'

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discovery process, causing even more financial hardship on our client," said Andrews.

As the case proceeded to trial, Andrews cross-examined one of the defense's expert witnesses, who after five hours of testimony decided to withdraw from the case after it became clear to her that the level of care that the plaintiff needed would cost far more than what USAA was offering.

"When your own expert witness decides to bow out of the case, that's a pretty strong indication that you're headed down the wrong road," Andrews said of the defendant's legal strategy.

In April, the case was tried before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Cheryl Mathews with the plaintiff's doctor and mother serving as key witnesses, Andrews indicated.

"Avory's doctor was a terrific witness, speaking in plain and understandable terms about her condition and how much attendant care she will need for the rest of her life," Andrews related. "Her mom, who was very nervous about testifying, was even more compelling on the witness stand, describing in detail the challenges she and other caregivers face 24 hours a day with Avory. There wasn't a dry eye in the courtroom at times as she described the sacrifices she has made to provide care for her daughter."

After a three-day trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, setting a \$33 hourly rate for attendant care, nearly three times the \$12 per hour rate the insurer initially paid, indicated Andrews, who said the case could have been settled for less had the MCCA not forced the case to trial. The

rate was ordered paid retroactive to February 19, 2018.

And while the legal triumph was sweet for the plaintiff, the aftermath was dampened in late May when the State Legislature passed a no-fault reform bill, said Andrews.

"This new law does not fully protect victims involved in catastrophic loss cases," Andrews contended. "The legislation completely missed the mark in situations where attendant care is provided by a loved one."

Andrews said that the new law fails to take into account that "long term patients always do better in the home environment, where their quality of life is enhanced" by receiving care from a family member.

"Under the new law, Avory won't be able to have her mother provide care for more than 36 hours a week," Andrews explained. "The remaining time, 112 hours, will have to be covered by someone from the outside, someone who undoubtedly will not be as attentive and compassionate as Avory's mom."

This provision of the bill will take effect July 1, 2021 and will "leave thousands of patients like Avory" in the lurch as they seek adequate attendant care, according to Andrews.

This is another case of the State Legislature doing something in haste that will have unintended consequences for many of our most vulnerable citizens," Andrews proclaimed. "Whatever minimal cost savings there will be for consumers on their auto insurance policies, the cost will be enormous for those accident victims needing long term medical care. At this point, there is no way to put a price on the suffering they will experience from this bill."

Calendar

June

17 Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) will host a "48-Hour Domestic Relations Mediation Training." Charity Burke, OMC executive director, will teach participants the skills necessary to act as mediators in facilitating the resolution of domestic relations disputes from the initial consultation to writing the mediation agreement. OMC's upcoming training will be held June 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The trainings take place at the Oakland Mediation Center in Bloomfield Hills and include continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and course materials. Cost for the training is \$1,590 and includes the new State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) required 8-Hour Domestic Violence Screening Training for mediators. For more information about the trainings, contact the OMC training department at 248-338-4280, ext. 211.

18 The Oakland County Bar Association will present "Dealing with Difficult Clients (and Their Family)" on Tuesday, June 18, from noon to 1 p.m. at the OCBAs offices in Bloomfield Hills. Criminal clients and difficult clients are not mutually exclusive. Adding that client's stressed out family into the mix can prove to be a challenge. Speaking at the program will be attorney John H. Holmes Jr. To register or for additional information, visit www.ocba.org and click on "events."

18 On Tuesday, June 18, attorneys, judges and other community leaders will gather for the Pro Se Clinic Soiree, a celebration of the first anniversary of the Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Clinic. Supporters have the opportunity to celebrate, connect and enjoy a cocktail reception at Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone PLLC's downtown Detroit headquarters beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Pro Se Clinic Soiree is presented by the Oakland County Bar Association and hosted by Miller Canfield and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased online at www.pro-se-clinic-soiree.com. All proceeds from this fundraising event benefit the Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Clinic located at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit.

18 The Debtor Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association will host a meeting on Tuesday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the OCBAs offices in Bloomfield Hills. Anyone interested in attending should email Jan Anson at janson@ocba.org.

19 The Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, will host its 40th Annual Dinner Honoring the Judicial Officers of the Eastern District of Michigan on Wednesday, June 19, at the Athenium Hotel, 400 Monroe St. in Detroit. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails (cash bar) followed by dinner (two entrée meal. Vegetarian meal available upon advance request; if desired, email Mindy Herrmann at mh@bamich.org). Cost for \$121; non-members and students pay \$80. For additional information or to register, visit www.bamich.org.

20 The Oakland County Bar Association will host a fun-filled evening of baseball at Jimmy John's Field in the Utica Unicorns take on the Eastside Diamond Hoppers on Thursday, June 20. The event starts with and All-American BBQ buffet, with drink tickets, at 6 p.m. when gates open and will be available until 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$38 per person and kids 3 and under attend for free. Jimmy John's Field is located at 7171 Auburn Rd. in Utica. For additional information or to register, visit www.ocba.org and click on "events."

20 The Oakland County Bar Association will present "Legal Marketing 101" on Thursday, June 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the OCBAs offices in Bloomfield Hills. During this lunch and learn, the speakers will touch on the importance of using

Google, social media, an up-to-date and user-friendly website, pay-per-click, directories, and referrals in a marketing strategy. Speaking at the program will be Jim Hayes and Pam Krugman of FindLaw, Thompson Reuters. Cost is \$30 for OCBAs members; \$15 for OCBAs new lawyers, paralegals, and students; and \$50 for non-members. To register or for additional information, visit www.ocba.org and click on "events."

21 The Michigan Defense Trial Counsel will host its 2019 Annual Meeting and Conference, "Oh, The Places You'll Go..." in Litigation," on Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, at Shanty Creek Resort, 5780 Shanty Creek Rd. in Bellaire. The event will offer trial tips and best practices in the areas of auto no-fault, medical malpractice and commercial litigation. To register or for additional information, visit www.MDTC.org.

24 The Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, will host its Bench/Bar Social Golf outing at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale Dr. in Grosse Pointe Woods, on Monday, June 24. Participants can join the federal bench and bar in an afternoon and evening of golf and socializing. Golf begins at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start (boxed lunch provided). Cocktails start at 5 p.m. followed by dinner. Golf costs \$850 per foursome; single golfer \$225 for FBA members and \$255 for non-members. Members interested in dinner only pay \$80 and non-members pay \$105. For additional information, contact George Donnini at 313-225-7042 or donning@buztel.com, or Kevin Fanning at 248-988-5875 or kfanning@clarkhill.com. Register online at www.fbamich.org.

24 The Oakland County Bar Foundation will host its Annual Fellowship Reception on Monday, June 24, at the Doubttree by Hilton, 39475 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills. The event was originally scheduled for January, but was postponed by wintry weather. To register, e-mail Katie Tillinger at kutillinger@ocba.org by June 5.

25 The Oakland County Bar Association will present "Employment Law Year in Review: Health and Safety in the Workplace" on Tuesday, June 25, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the OCBAs offices in Bloomfield Hills. The panel of experts will highlight significant legal developments in labor and employment law from the past year and provide insight into upcoming trends. Cost is \$40 for OCBAs members; \$30 for OCBAs new lawyers, paralegals, and students; and \$50 for non-members. To register or for additional information, visit www.ocba.org and click on "events."

28 The Prosecutors' Foundation for Kids Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, June 28, at Fountains Golf & Banquet Center in Clarkston. The 18-hole event begins at 8:30 a.m. with a lunch and awards ceremony following the golf outing. The outing supports the children who are in Oakland County Children's Village at the holiday seasons. The cost is \$100 per player or \$375 for a foursome. The price for lunch only is \$55. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Tom Cramer at Cramer@MillerCanfield.com. Registration and payment are due by June 18.

28 The Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA), in partnership with Buztel Long, will host a "Supplier Legal Academy Series" designed to provide a "back-to-basics" approach for supply chain management in the current landscape, while looking ahead toward uncharted territory. The Friday, June 28, session will look at "Dealing with Bad Products, Supplier Threats, and Unprofitable Programs." The OESA 2019 Buztel Long Supplier Legal Academy Series will take place at the MSU Management Education Center, located at 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. Registration is available in the event section of <http://www.oesa.org>. For registration and program information, contact OESA at 248-952-6401 or info@oesa.org.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0510

- ACROSS
- 1 Many a promotional giveaway
- 5 Trip... or start a trip
- 11 Fingers
- 14 Like the logos for Subaru and Toyota
- 15 Toy in a purse, perhaps
- 16 Common blog keyword for sporting posts
- 17 Spanish for "weight"
- 18 Release from a docket
- 19 Abbott and Costello, e.g.
- 20 Old N.Y.C. depot infs.
- 21 "u-u?" (texter's "fever" in the "Really?")
- 22 Captain Morgan competitor
- 24 Some soccer gear
- 26 Resting spots?
- 27 British cavalry accessory
- 28 People are told not to touch it
- 29 It's a cinch
- 30 Classic battleground
- 33 Decades-old synth-pop group named for a fashion magazine
- 35 It's called for by students before graduation
- 37 Receptionist's notation: Abbv.
- 40 Boxes in an arena, maybe
- 41 Backup
- 43 Equestrian attire
- 46 Singer who gave "fever" in the "Really?"
- DOWN
- 1 Things to talk about
- 2 Center of a Venn diagram
- 3 One might sense bitterness
- 4 Arad... eponymous
- 11 First name in Indian political history
- 12 Frequent losers at casinos
- 13 Sound of a rush in "The Wiz"
- 21 Overseas plan
- 23 Queens neighborhood with a floral name
- 26 There are just three in a foot
- 27 Grinda's portray in "The Wiz"
- 32 Lethal/lo friends for advice
- 36 Joint protector
- 37 Sheik's-down of the F.B.I.
- 38 What parade horses do
- 39 Calligrapher
- 42 B in music class?
- 44 Prospectors' filing
- 45 Native American currency, once
- 47 Word often appearing after a comparative
- 51 "...col"
- 52 Big 12 school

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VIGILANTES: Activity will not be tolerated

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across the state of Michigan. They work under strict guidelines put in place by the ICAC Task Force to crack down on child predators.

"Our priority is always public safety," said D/Lt. James Ellis, commander of the MSP Cyber Section. "Taking matters into your own hands is dangerous and extremely harmful to a successful prosecution. Digital evidence collection, for example, has strict rules that must be followed for a case to legally move forward. Vigilantes also open themselves up to civil litigation and criminal charges when acting outside of what laws allow."

The MSP Computer Crimes Unit and ICAC Task Force requests any suspicious activity be reported to law enforcement immediately. Tips can be submitted online using the Cyber Tip Line at www.missingkids.org/cybertipline.

Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about the safe use of the internet. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a comprehensive list of resources on their website at www.missingkids.org.

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