

# Assorted News

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## *Michigan Trust Code*

If you haven't already seen or heard about it, you will want to start looking into the new Michigan Trust Code. 2009 PA 46 amends EPIC and enacts the Trust Code that was approved by the governor on June 18, 2009. Conforming changes to other statutes for the purpose of consistency are contained in concurrently adopted legislation found at 2009 PA 42 to 45.

The effective date of all the relevant acts is April 1, 2010. You can access the full text at [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov). In addition, detailed information regarding the Trust Code may found on the State Bar of Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Section Web site where you can link to past issues of the *Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal*. Go to [www.michbar.org/probate](http://www.michbar.org/probate) for further information.

## *Basic Training*

We have made a change in relation to our Basic Training classes for guardians and conservators. The classes will now be held in Courtroom W3, located in the West Wing extension. The Basic Training for Conservators classes are held on the first Wednesday of each month, and the Basic Training for Guardians classes are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Both classes start at 11:30 a.m. An ongoing thank you is due to our volunteer instructors Tim Flynn, Tom Fraser and Michael Hughes.

## *Recognition*

I wanted to take just a quick moment to note that Judge Linda Hallmark and Judge Eugene Moore were both recently reappointed to the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice. Judge Moore was first selected to join the Task Force at its inception in 1991. Judge Hallmark became a member in 1993 and currently chairs the Summit Committee, which is responsible for the excellent annual training conference sponsored by the Task Force.

In addition, Judge Moore was also recently appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to the Child Support Leadership Council. The Council acts as an advisory body to the governor and the court relative to the child support program.

At the OCBA Annual Meeting on June 3, 2009, Chief Judge Elizabeth Pezzetti received the Distinguished Public Servant Award. The award recognizes attorneys

employed in the public sector who have shown superior dedication and made outstanding contributions to the OCBA, the legal community, and the general public.

## *Miscellaneous*

Just a quick reminder that during our ongoing 4/40 work week pilot, the Probate Court's counter hours are 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For same-day processing, it is best to arrive by 5:00 p.m.

If there is a SCAO form for what you wish to file, please use the SCAO form and attach additional pages as necessary. If there is an Oakland County version of the SCAO form, we require the Oakland County form to be used.

The Oakland County Probate Court forms and links to SCAO forms are available on the Oakland County Probate Court Web site at [www.oakgov.com/probate](http://www.oakgov.com/probate). This site also includes links to brochures on different types of probate proceedings and a great deal of other helpful information (including past *Laches* articles!)

The Oakland County Probate Court accepts documents for filing by fax if there is no fee required for the filing. The Probate Court fax filing line is (248) 452-2016. Proofs of Service and GAL reports may also be dropped off in the specially designated basket on the counter next to our cashier for same-day processing.

For motion call, it is especially helpful to have all documents, such as the Proof of Service, in the file prior to hearing date. This reduces the lines at the counter and helps move everyone through the process more quickly.

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