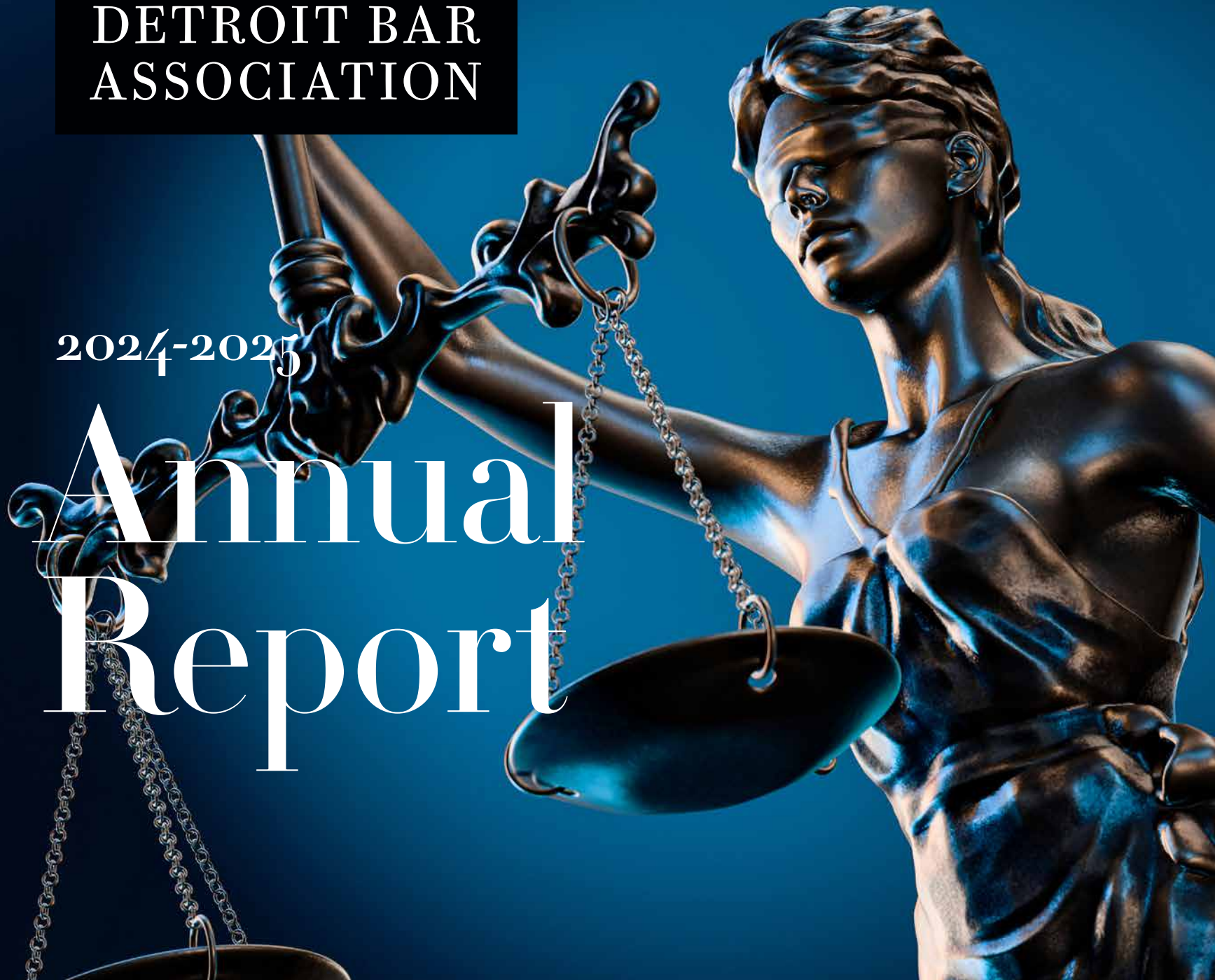


DETROIT BAR
ASSOCIATION

2024-2025

Annual Report





Over the last year the Detroit Bar Association served over 4,743 attendees, hosting 305 networking events, fundraisers, webinars, educational programs, board, committee, section, and planning meetings!



Raising the Bar Annual Dinner



Summer Breeze Law Clerk's Party



Detroit Bar Association Golf Outing



Night Out with the Bench and Bar



Jingle Mingle Holiday Celebration



Mardi Gras in the "D"



State of the Court Address & Reception



New Lawyer Boot Camp



Inn of Court



Law Day

Jillian Bommarito

BACKGROUND

Jillian is an expert in technology governance with over 15 years of experience in compliance and risk management across highly-regulated industries.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Her work includes strategic AI consulting for global law firms, legal departments, and State Bars. Jillian holds CIPP/US and CIPP/E certifications from IAPP and is a licensed CPA, bringing a multifaceted approach to AI ethics and governance.



BOARD-LEVEL CONSULTING

Jillian develops board-level workshops, presentations, and practical support for corporate boards and executives on topics such as AI literacy, emerging tech briefings, and risk management guidance.

NONPROFIT WORK

As Executive Director and Head of Governance at the Institute for the Advancement of Legal and Ethical AI, she leads technical and policy research promoting responsible AI use, including open-source model development.

Potential Penalties for Noncompliance

Civil and criminal penalties are available for any person violating the reporting obligations

- Focus is expected to be on "senior officers", but the rule is written broadly to cover "any person" who violates the reporting obligations

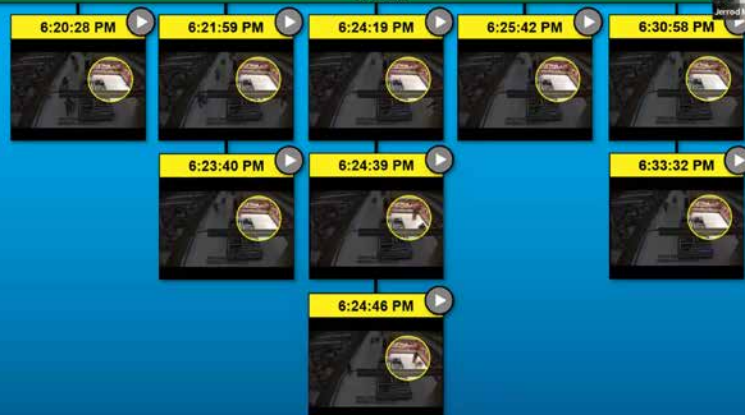
Up to **Two Years** in jail and/or fines of **\$500 per day up to \$10,000** for:

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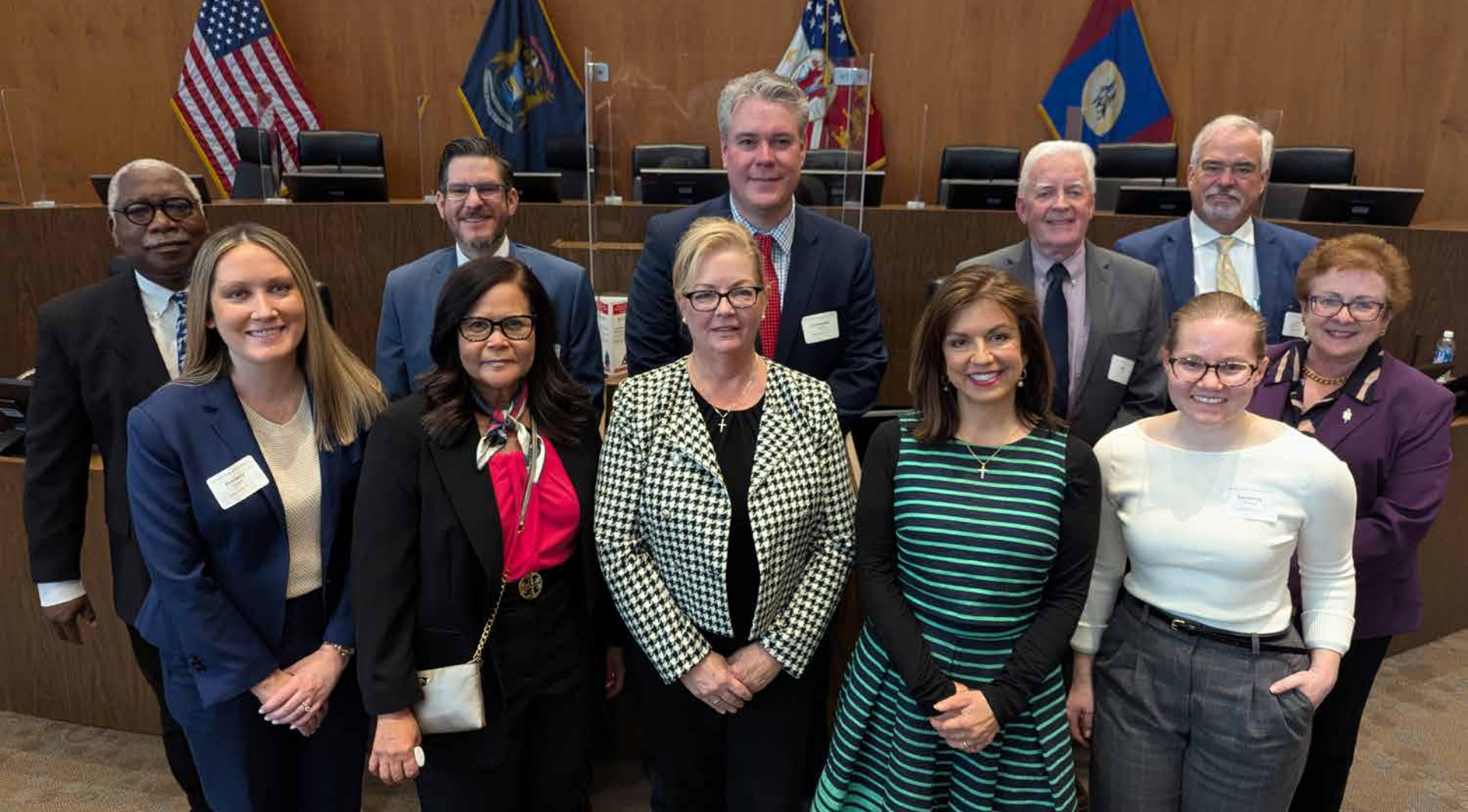


Surveillance Timeline

5/5/22



WEBINARS: Years of Service Recognition, AI In the Legal Profession, Corporate Transparency Act Webinar, Trial Services Technology



Auto No Fault Section:

- When PIP Isn't Unlimited: Managing Capped Claims in Michigan



Barristers Section:

Lessons on Starting Your Own Law Firm

Career Options In House • Barristers Holiday Party

March Madness Meet-Up • Pins & Pinstripes Barristers Bowl

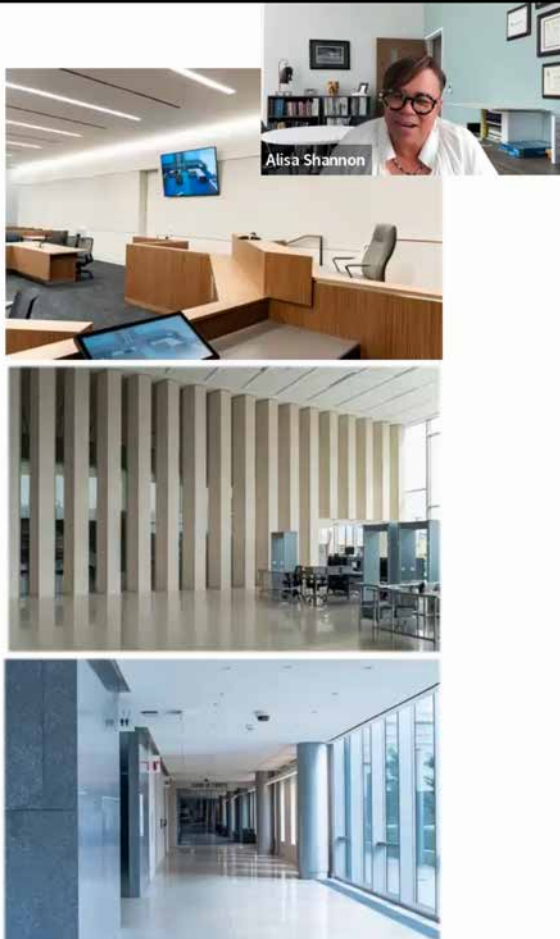


Estate Planning and Probate Litigation Section:

The Importance of Special Needs Trusts
in Relation to Personal Injury Settlements

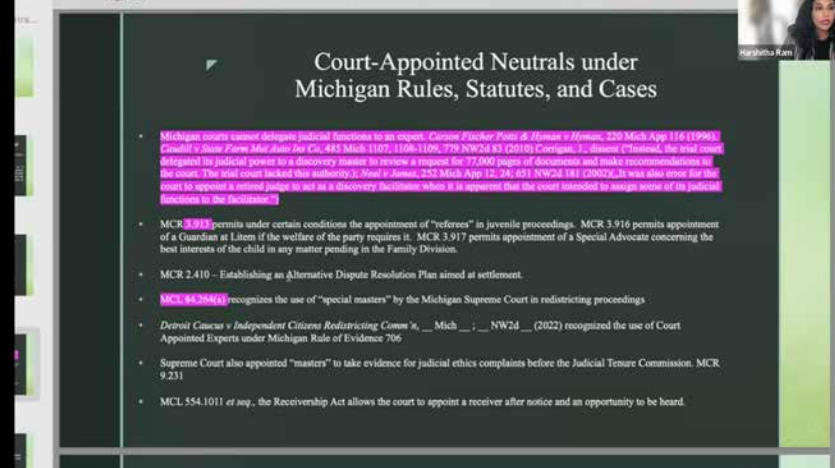


In-House Counsel Section:
From Law Firm to In-House Counsel:
Navigating the Transition



Criminal Defense Section:

The Move From Frank Murphy Hall of Justice
How to Stay Grounded When the Scales are Unbalanced



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ADR Section:

The Role and Implementation of Court-Appointed Neutrals

AI Made Simple for Mediators: Tools to Improve Your Practice and Client Experience

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Atomic Habits

An Easy & Proven Way
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Work Life Balance Section:
Tree Planting Day
Book Club

DETROIT BAR ASSOCIATION 25 IN '25

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION CHALLENGE

The Detroit Bar Association Diversity & Inclusion Committee invites you to continue the activities and practices we started last year. To accept the challenge, please email: slawkillinger@detroitlawyer.org. You will be invited to participate in virtual meetings where we will check in on our progress and learnings.



1. CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Watch [this video](#) to learn about cultural competency and why it is important.



2. INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP

Read about how you can become a [more inclusive leader](#).

Diversity & Inclusion Committee:
25 in '25 Diversity & Inclusion
Reflections Meeting

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Headline: Detroit Bar Association Releases 2024 Judicial Candidate Ratings

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Contact: Tracey Cooley, Detroit Bar Association Executive Director
tcooley@detroitlawyer.org

The Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee of the Detroit Bar Association has completed its rating of participating judicial candidates officially running for open seats in the courts of Wayne County for the 2024 election cycle. The Committee is comprised of 33 attorneys from the Detroit Metropolitan area who evaluated the fitness of each candidate for judicial office based upon the candidate's legal ability (scholarship, analysis, judgment, clarity of expression), trial experience, integrity, honesty, judicial temperament, and reputation, without regard to party affiliation, race or creed. Ratings are given after review of the candidate's completed questionnaire and/or an in-person interview conducted with an Interview Panel of the Committee. The ratings refer only to a candidate's qualifications for the position of judge in the court that the candidate is seeking, and do not in any way refer to a candidate's qualifications

Strategic Planning Committee:

Completed the Detroit Bar
Association Strategic Plan

Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee

34 members evaluating
46 judicial candidates

ROAD TO RESTORATION

Road to Restoration driver's license clinics were held across Michigan through a partnership between the Michigan Department of State, Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Corrections, the Detroit Justic Center, DTE Energy, Miller-Canfield law firm and nonprofit organizations



Pro Bono Access to Justice Committee:

Detroit Legal Services Clinic

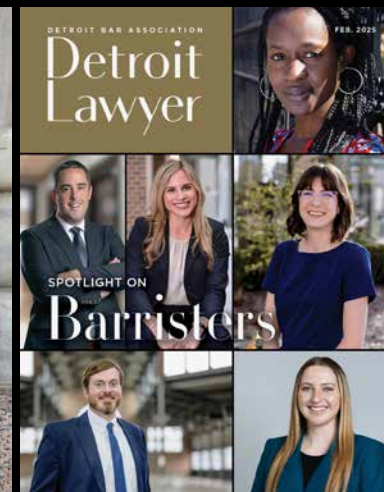
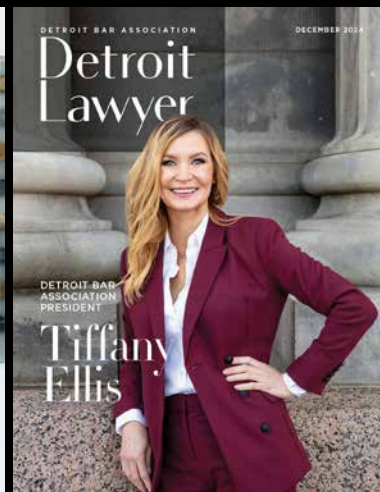
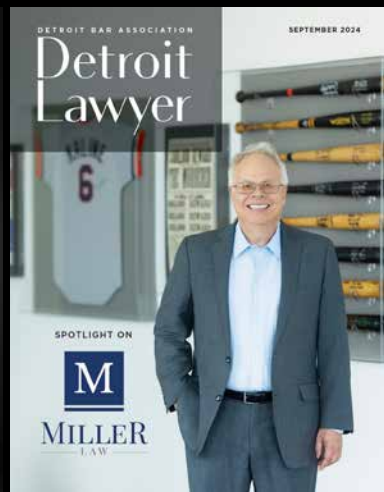
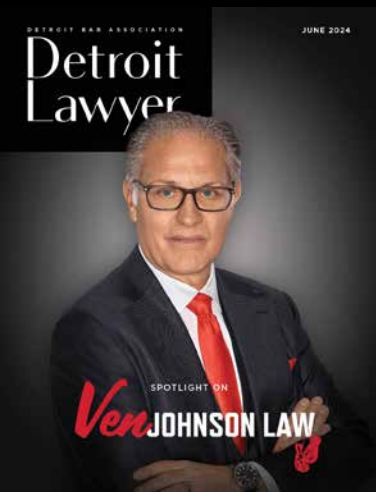
7 Lunch & Learn Volunteer Training Sessions



Archer Award Gala



Admissions Ceremony



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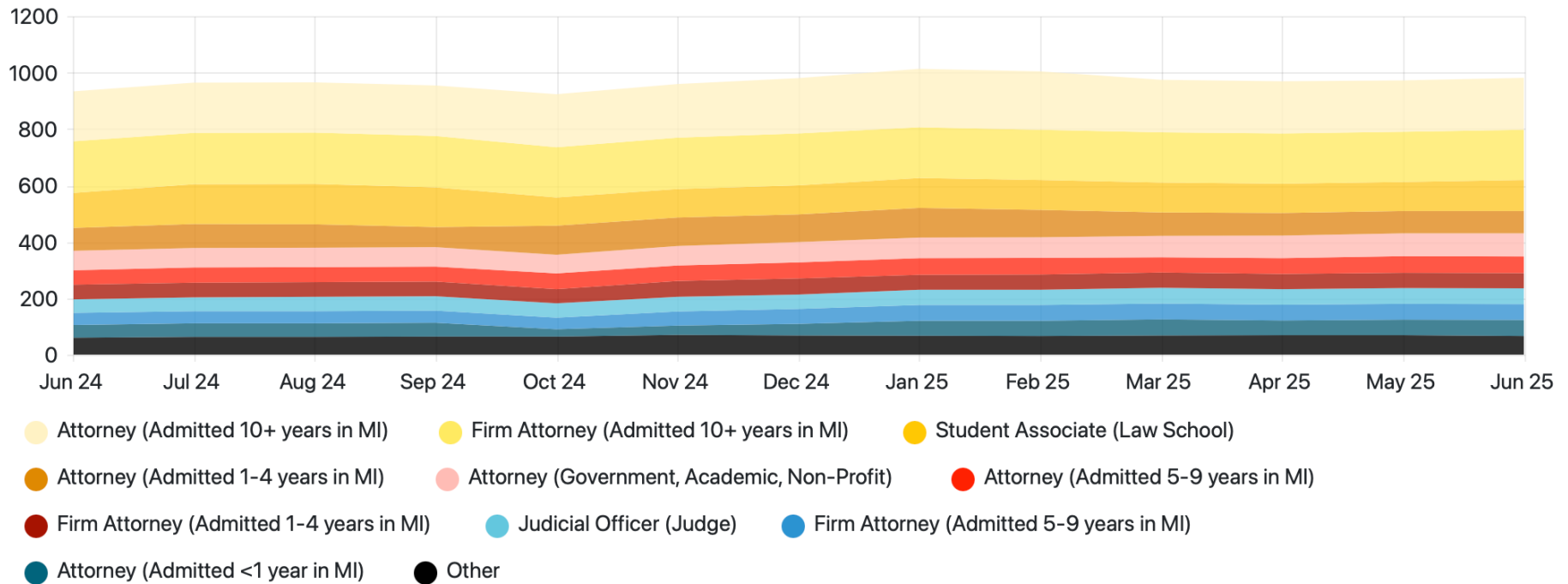
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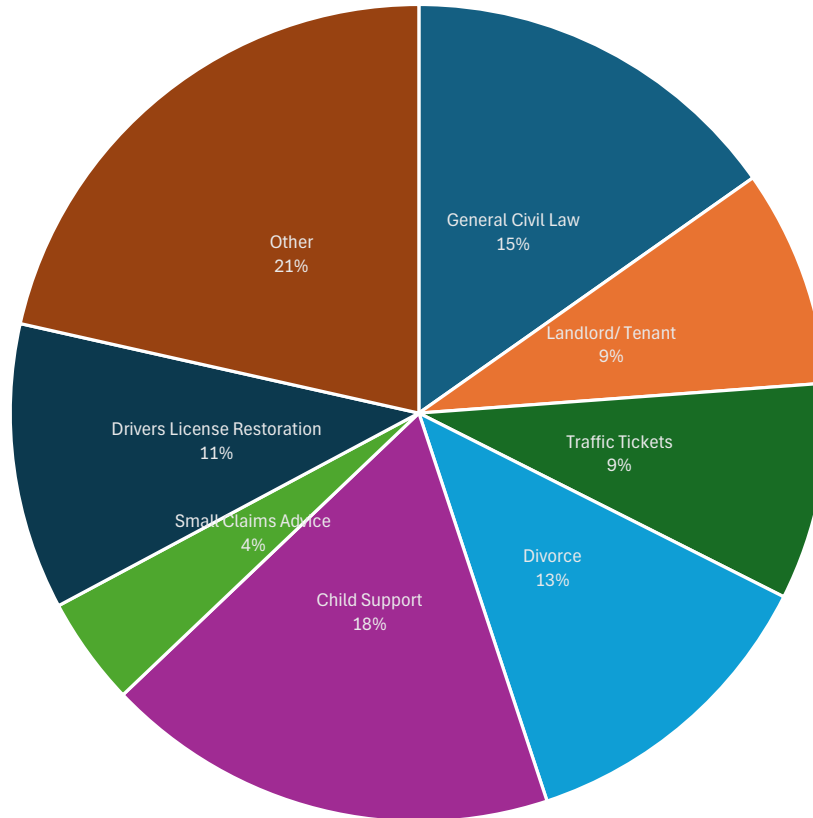
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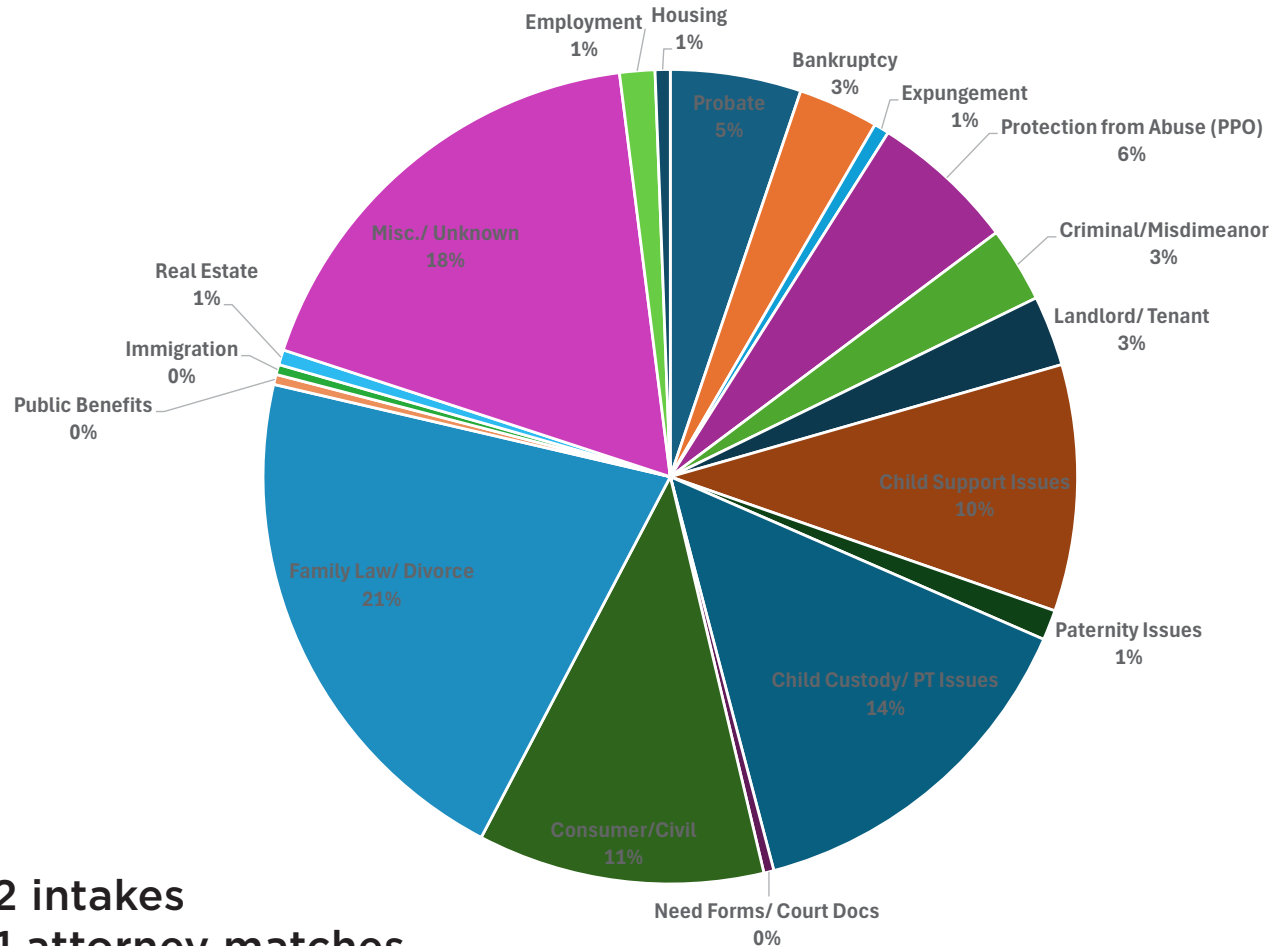
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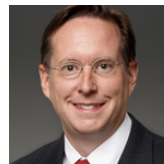
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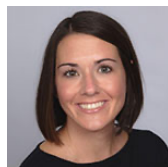
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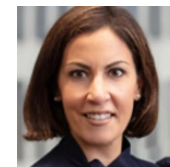
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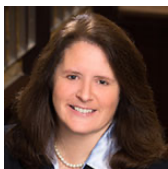


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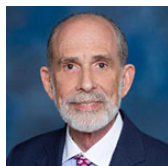
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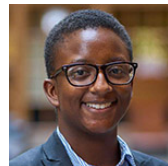
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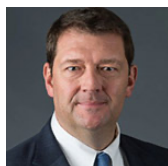
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