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SHORT TAKES

Golf outing planned by FBA for June 25

The Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, will host its Bench/Bar Social Golf Outing at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale in Grosse Pointe Woods, on Monday, June 25.

Golf begins at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start (boxed lunch provided). Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following.

Golf costs \$850 per foursome and \$225 for single golfer. Dinner only for FBA members costs \$75.

For additional information, contact George Donnini at 313-225-7042 or donnini@butzel.com; or Kevin Fanning at 248-988-5875 or kfanning@clarkhill.com.

Register online at www.fbamich.org.

Tax-free shop at bridge loses court fight over gas

DETROIT (AP) — A judge won't stop the state of Michigan from enforcing summer restrictions on gasoline sold at the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit.

Ammex operates a shop at the border, allowing Canada-bound travelers to buy a variety of products that are tax-free. But it's having trouble getting a seasonal gas that is required in the Detroit area for better air quality.

Ammex sought an injunction, claiming Michigan's summer gas law is an illegal strike against international commerce. But federal Judge Laurie Michelson rejected the request last Friday in a 43-page decision. She says Ammex in previous years had complied by finding a qualified supplier of fuel.

In a court filing, Detroit International Bridge president Dan Stamper warned that Ammex could lose "substantial profits" this summer without an injunction. It typically sells 400,000 gallons of gas per month.

Dispute over county's insurance refunds reaches state high court

FLINT (AP) — The Michigan Supreme Court will hear arguments in a dispute over health insurance premiums refunded to Genesee County government.

The county drain commissioner, Jeff Wright, and others are suing Genesee County, saying it should have shared premium refunds from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Blue Cross refunded money if premiums exceeded costs. But Wright says the county kept some money that was paid by employees.

The county says it has governmental immunity to Wright's unjust enrichment claim, but the Michigan appeals court rejected that argument last August.

In an order last Wednesday, the Supreme Court says it will explore whether the appeals court made the right call.

Today in history . . .

Today is Tuesday, June 5, the 156th day of 2018. There are 209 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On this date: In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country

that was at peace with the United States.
In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T.
Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Henderson v. United States, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles; assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was arrested at the scene.

—The Associated Press

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Federal court launches Early Mediation Program for Pro Se Prisoner Civil Rights Cases

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan launched a two-year pilot program Monday to mediate federal civil rights lawsuits filed by Michigan prisoners who represent themselves in litigation.

The project—the Early Mediation Program for Pro Se Prisoner Civil Rights Cases—will encourage speedy resolution of legal disputes between prisoners and state corrections officials and lawyers to avoid costly, protracted litigation.

Prisoners will benefit by having an early opportunity to speak candidly with a trained mediator and the defendants in an informal and confidential environment rather than through legal filings. It also will give them a voice in crafting a potential settlement.

The Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) and the state Attorney General's

Office will benefit by getting a chance to resolve claims early on without engaging in expensive litigation. The court will benefit by being able to focus on cases that cannot be resolved through mediation.

"Pro se litigants are outnumbered and out gunned in the legal system," said U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts, who modeled the program after one in the U.S. District Court of Nevada. Federal district courts have similar programs in Arizona, Idaho, Eastern California, and the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

"Many prisoners have legitimate claims, but lack the legal education to successfully navigate the legal system," Roberts added. "These lawsuits create a significant drain on state and federal resources. We think many of these cases can be resolved if we can get everybody in the same room to come to a resolution satisfactory to everyone."

State Corrections Director Heidi Washington said: "We are looking forward to participating in this innovative approach to prisoner litigation. The MDOC is hopeful that the mediation program will result in early resolution of cases thereby reducing the burdens and cost on the MDOC and taxpayers that result from traditional litigation."

The Michigan program will be conducted with the help of more than 40 mediators, who are skilled lawyers and who have received specialized training. They will serve without compensation.

Paul Monicatti, a mediator and expert in alternative dispute resolution, vetted all of the program materials and helped recruit and (See MEDIATION PROGRAM, Back Page)



Law grad honored with President's Award

By Sheila Pursglove

Legal News

From childhood, Iraqi native Ameer Alkhalidi dreamt of becoming a lawyer.

"I realized the law affects every part of our lives," he says. "I always enjoyed reaching out and assisting people with their problems. As a son of two immigrants from Iraq, it was always a goal to make my parents proud and set an example for my siblings by pursuing a professional career in the study of law."

A recent graduate from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, Alkhalidi earned his undergrad degree in political science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"Sometime down the road I anticipate running for a judicial position—and realized the best way to learn about how the politics behind such an election would be is to learn more about political science," he says.

In order to gain experience about the legal system, Alkhalidi spent 14 months interning at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, in two divisions, Forfeiture and General Trials Unit.

"I learned about the systematic process the county takes when prosecuting individuals for committing certain crimes," he says.

Heading to WMU-Cooley in 2015, he appreciated the school's diverse atmosphere that created an expertunity of

ated an opportunity for him to learn about other people and their backgrounds.
"Cooley's faculty also made a positive

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"Cooley's faculty also made a positive impact on my success," he says. "The professors all had experience in the practice of law and gave students practical experience

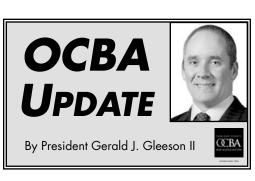
as opposed to simply reading from a book."
At the law school's recent commencement program, Alkhalidi was honored with the President's Achievement Award.

"I was humbled and grateful to have been chosen to receive the award among many qualified students in my graduating class," he says.

"I owe a lot of my success in law school to my classmate Abdullah Farhat," he adds. "We both enrolled in every class together and motivated each other to stay focused and to never fall off track—fortunately, it paid off for both of us."

For the past three years, Alkhalidi has clerked at Elia & Ponto, PLLC, in Southfield, a personal injury law firm that specializes in car, truck, bus, motorcycle, railroad and boating accidents; animal/dog attacks; apartment complex injuries; hit and run/uninsured motorist claims; no fault claims; and general negligence. His work

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The loneliest defendants

By Gerald J. Gleeson II and Jeffrey A. Crapko

When I started as an attorney many state courts did not have metal detectors at the doors. Now courthouses are becoming fortress-like: fences, bulletproof glass, berms and barriers. I am not sure what it says about our society or principles of equal and open justice when courthouse security begins to resemble that of a United States embassy in a dangerous country. Like everyone else, I loathe taking off my belt and watch, knowing the worst danger I pose is a bad turn of phrase during an argument. But like everyone else, I do as is expected. The point made to me every time I pull into the parking lot is that clearly things have changed.

Since law school, events like the Oklahoma City bombing, plots/threats to kill federal judges, and mass shootings like those at Columbine, Las Vegas and Parkland (to name just a few) have come to fruition where nothing like them had ever happened before. I am not sure if these events show the beginning of a decline of American society, but something is clearly wrong here. I know that I and those I know are not going to perpetrate such atrocities and are no risk to our fellow citizens. But others in this country do and have done such things. Perhaps the cause is our society's inability to properly address the issues related to mental health.

Early on, my experience with mental health issues was largely confined to prosecuting criminals who asserted the insanity defense.1 In hindsight, I confess to being a bit callous in approaching these cases. It was a matter of looking for evidence of "goal-oriented behavior" or hints that the defendant "understood right from wrong." And in cases where the defendant pled or was found not guilty by reason of insanity, the goal was often to keep the defendant (now a respondent in probate court) confined in mental health institutions. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to represent many individuals with various mental health issues, and these cases have caused me to rethink my views on the mentally ill and how little we as society do to address these

The statistics on mental illness are eye-

 Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. experiences mental illness in a given year.²

• Approximately 1 in 5 youths aged 13–18 experiences a severe mental disorder at some point during their life. For children aged 8–15, the estimate is 13 percent.³

• 18.1 percent of adults in the U.S. experienced an anxiety disorder such as post-traumatic stress disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and specific phobias.⁴

• An estimated 46 percent of homeless adults live with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders.⁵

• Approximately 20 percent of state and local prisoners have "a recent history" of a (See OCBA UPDATE, Back Page)

Societies participate in Service Project Day



The Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers (ISIAL) and the Catholic Lawyers Society (CLS) coordinated their latest Service Project Day at Focus: HOPE's central warehouse in Detroit on Saturday, May 12. The societies' members along with friends and family helped to pack boxes of food for homebound

senior citizens. The ISIAL and CLS have lent a hand to Focus: HOPE since 1994, helping pack more than 75,000 boxes of food for the elderly in the Detroit community.

Photo by John Meiu

Spending Up

Construction spending up 1.8 percent in April to record.

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Worried Economists

Business economists worry about possible recession in 2020.

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Taking on the System

'dreamers' are getting law degrees.

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By President Gerald J. Gleeson II



The loneliest defendants

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• 70 percent of youths in juvenile justice systems have at least one mental health condition and at least 20 percent live with a serious mental illness.

• Suicide is the third leading cause of death for people aged 10-14 and the second leading cause of death for people aged 15-24.8

• Each day an estimated 18-22 veterans die by suicide.9

A major obstacle in our society is the stigma attached to mental illness. The fear of being labeled "crazy" or "dangerous" acts as a disincentive to seek treatment. Many fear (or at a minimum have a bias toward) the mentally ill. Those who suffer from mental illness fear negative consequences in school, work, relationships and parenting time. But in reality, people with mental illness "are no more likely to be violent than anyone else" and "people with severe mental illnesses are more than 10 times more likely to be victims of violent crime than the general population."10 Only 41 percent of adults in the U.S. with a mental health condition received mental health services in the past year.11 This is a population that deserves society's protection, not its scorn and fear.

A number of people I have represented were dual-diagnosed, meaning there existed both mental health and substance abuse disorders. Oftentimes the mentally ill self-medicate, causing any number of additional issues and problems. The statistics bear out that this is a common situation:

• Among the 20.2 million adults in the U.S. who experienced a substance use disorder, 50.5 percent had a co-occurring mental illness.12

The issues related to mental illness are by no means confined to the legal system. There is certainly an economic consequence. Serious mental illness costs America \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year.13

In seeing how our current system "treats" those with mental illness, we could and clearly must do more. But where do we start to address such an overwhelming problem? I would suggest we each begin with a hard look in the mirror; perhaps each of us could do the hardest thing – that is, being nice and making an effort to include those who are often marginalized. This means reaching out to the "weird" person whom you would rather not talk to. Making an effort to get to know those who surround us. Being less quick to judge, and more quick to sympathize. While national solutions may be out of our individual reach, it is worth a reminder that kindness, inclusion, empathy and basic decency begins with each of us.

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includes interviewing clients, following up with correspondence, and drafting legal documents.

"Clerking at Elia & Ponto gave me an opportunity to shift away from the criminal aspect of the law to the civil side," he says. "I quickly realized my passion for assisting people who have been seriously injured, and as a law clerk, I was able to familiarize myself with a case from beginning to end."

Alkhalidi makes his home in Dearborn Heights, with his wife and two sons.

"I owe a great deal of my success to my wife and kids who I always kept in the back of my mind as I took on the rigorous hours of studying," he says. "My kids allow me to stay dedicated where my goal is to provide them with a bright future.

"My wife has always been by my side throughout my experience in law school—even when days were stressful and tough she would reassure me that there is always a light at the end of the tunnel and it's only a matter of time.'

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Michigan prisoners filed 248 civil

rights suits in the U.S. District Court for

the Eastern District of Michigan in 2017,

representing themselves in 97 percent of

the cases. The lawsuits involved: alleged

violations of the First Amendment con-

cerning the exercise of religion and

access to libraries; Eighth Amendment

claims involving deliberate indifference

to medical treatment, conditions of con-

finement, retaliation, excessive force, and

general allegations of cruel and unusual

punishment; and Fourteenth Amendment

claims alleging violation of due process

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The majority of the cases were decided

The program is part of the court's con-

tinuing effort to address goals of the

Strategic Plan for the Federal Judiciary

issued by the Judicial Conference of the

United States in 2010 and 2015 to improve

tions and the state Attorney General's

Office have agreed to participate in the

program for at least one year. The U.S.

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possible adoption on the west side of the The Eastern District of Michigan cov-

ers 34 eastern counties from the Ohio border to the Mackinac Bridge. Here's how the program will work: Pro se prisoner cases will be screened in the normal manner by the court's staff attorneys. Screening typically eliminates about half of the lawsuits because prison-

ers fail to state a legal claim, sue the wrong party, or seek damages from someone who is entitled to legal immunity. The civil rights suits that survive screening will be stayed for 90 days and referred to mediation. Either side can ask U.S. Magistrate Judge Patricia Morris to exclude them from the process. If mediation fails to produce a settlement within 90

Prisoners will participate in mediation via video conferencing from prison. The mediator, prison officials and a state lawyer will interact with them from the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in

If the case settles during mediation, it will be placed on the record and the court will enter an order dismissing the case but retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms

tle, the case will proceed in the normal manner. The District Court Clerk's Office will

notify pro se prisoners about the program after the prisoners have filed their civil rights lawsuit. Then, prisoners will be given information about the mediation program and required to watch an orientation video.

The court will evaluate the program for two years to determine if it should

Morris, who will run the mediation project from the federal courthouse in Bay City, said she has high hopes for the program.

Hopefully, the prisoners will get some satisfaction out of the process," Morris said. "The district court in Nevadays, the case will proceed to litigation which could take months or years to da, which was extremely helpful in helping us set up our program, says it resolved 20-30 percent of its prisoner civil rights cases. If we can achieve the same result, it will have a significant impact on the time and expense that it takes the state and the court to handle these cases."

In January, at Roberts' urging, the court and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law opened a Pro Se Legal Assistance Clinic to provide legal advice

of the agreement. If the case does not set- to low-income citizens – non-prisoners – who wish to represent themselves in civil lawsuits.

> The new program for pro se prisoners will not provide legal advice. It is designed to speed the resolution of disputes filed by prisoners with the aid of trained, neutral third parties with no stake in the outcome.

U.S. District Chief Judge Denise Page Hood said she is pleased that the court adopted the program.

"Prisoners face many limitations in pursuing their claims against the MDOC," she said. "This program will enhance the ability of prisoners to have their pro se complaints addressed and potentially resolved at an early stage of the proceedings and in a variety of ways that better redress their complaints about prison conditions and other civil rights claims. Some of these complaints may be creatively redressed without substantial costs."

She added: "I am proud that Judge Roberts brought this program to our court and has been able to motivate so many mediators to volunteer their time. Magistrate Judge Patricia Morris has been so helpful in agreeing to coordinate the program and the staff of the court has been amazingly open and effective in the process.'

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