

**CRIMINAL LAW SECTION MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM**  
September 20, 2013 (Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan)

A. The Section hosted its 2013 Annual Meeting program together with the Prisons & Corrections Section and the EAI Disabilities Workgroup. The program preceded the business meeting and began at 9 a.m. The program consisted of two distinguished panels discussing problem-solving courts and pilot projects across the state as follows:

*Problem Solving Courts: Lessons Learned & Implications for People with Mental Health Care Needs*  
Assessment of pilot projects across Michigan and discuss matters that people with mental health care needs encounter when they face the legal system. From law enforcement to courts to corrections, people with special needs are faced with unique barriers to overcome in order to be appropriately served. Two-panels look at the issue from multiple views in an effort to identify solutions to support access to justice for every individual.

Panel 1: 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Hon. Patricia P. Fresard, *Moderator*

*3rd Circuit Court, Civil Division, Wayne County*

Hon. David A. Hoort

*8th Circuit Court, Ionia County*

Hon. Timothy M. Kenny

*3rd Circuit Court, Criminal Division, Wayne County*

Sheryl P. Kubiak

*Associate Professor, Michigan State University*

Michael J. Nichols

*Attorney, East Lansing*

Ronald J. Schafer

*Prosecuting Attorney, Ionia County*

Panel 2: 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Hon. Nicholas M. Ohanesian, *Moderator*

*Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Admin. ODAR*

Greg Boyd

*Project Coordinator, Michigan Partners in Crisis*

Christopher K. Cooke

*Attorney, Traverse City; Governor's Mental Health Diversion Council*

Blaine A. Koops

*Allegan County Sheriff*

Jeff Patton

*CEO, Kalamazoo Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Servs.*

John A. Shea

*Attorney, Ann Arbor; Prisons & Corrections Section Chair*

B. Business Meeting held immediately after the program at about 11:00am:

1. Election of Council Members:

There were five vacancies to fill in accord with Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws. Nomination of the candidates, including those taken from the floor, numbered six. Candidates or their proxies

were permitted to make brief statements. Ballots were handed out to those Section members present. After a count of the ballots, the following individuals were elected to the Council for a three-year term, beginning at the close of the Annual Meeting:

P72601 Joshua Adam Blanchard, Stanton  
P17381 Ward F. McDonough, Jr., Battle Creek  
P38147 Matthew P. Smith, Battle Creek  
P46935 Stephen M. Taratuta, Detroit  
P33955 Kimberley Reed Thompson, Detroit

A motion was made to authorize the disposal of the ballots and ballot summary. This action was approved upon a unanimous voice vote of the Section members present.

2. Appointment and designation of representatives to the Council from other sections, committees, or organizations for a one-year term will occur in accord with Article III, Section 3 of the Bylaws.

3. Election of Council Officers:

(a) Section Treasurer:

The Hon. William J. Caprathe's name was submitted for consideration by the Council in accord with Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws. No other nominations were presented and nominations were closed. Judge Caprathe was elected Treasurer at the close of the Annual Meeting for a one-year term by a unanimous vote of the Council members present.

(b) Other Section Officers:

In accord with Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws, current Council Officers succeeded to the following positions:

**Chair**

P28492 Hon. David A. Hoort, 8th Circuit Court, Ionia

**Chair-Elect**

P36289 Charles H. Marr, Northville

**Secretary**

P56521 Stephen J. Gobbo, Lansing

(c) David E. Gilbert will continue to serve on the council as ex-officio Immediate Past-Chair and in his elected position, which expires in 2014.

Meeting adjourned at about 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Stephen J. Gobbo

Approved: November 19, 2013