

**INTRODUCTION:
THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF MICHIGAN LAW**

The Wayne Law Review presents the fifty-third *Annual Survey* of Michigan Law. This *Survey* edition covers Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions in twenty areas of law from June 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010. We thank all the authors for their contributions and support for this edition, especially given this year's earlier deadlines. We extend a very special thank you to Professor Alan Gershel for writing the lead article on developments in criminal procedure.

We have had some exciting developments this *Survey* year, which will increase the relevance of our publication.

First, we decided to extend to a practitioner the opportunity to write the *Survey* forward, whose author has traditionally been the *Survey* editor. Judge David A. Groner of the Wayne County Circuit Court penned an excellent piece discussing the development of our legal system, the present state of the justice system and governmental corruption in our state. Judge Groner was the presiding judge in *People v. Kilpatrick*, the criminal case against former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Second, in light of the recent changes in the composition of the Michigan Supreme Court, we invited John W. Lindstrom, a longtime state Capitol and courts correspondent, to contribute an essay discussing the rivalries and personalities on our state's highest court.

Third, this year we held our first-ever Meet the Survey Authors Night, an event hosting all of the authors who have contributed to this edition, to thank them for their contributions and to meet and interact with *Wayne Law Review* editors. We wish to thank all the attendees for joining us and, again, a special thank you to Professor Gershel for preparing a superb presentation about his article. We remain very enthusiastic about the outcome and hope this new event becomes a tradition in years to come.

Finally, we thank our subscribers and readers for their continued support of this publication and we hope that it will be the practical reference that it is intended to be.

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