



2024 Annual Training Conference Agenda

September 25 – 27, 2024

Shanty Creek Resort Lakeview Hotel & Conference Center - Bellaire, MI

"Celebrating the Past While Shaping the Future"

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. Golf Outing at The Cedar River Course, Shanty Creek Resort
- 1:00 p.m. Conference Registration
- 1:30 p.m. President's Reception
- 2:45 p.m. President's Welcome
- 3:00 p.m. **Legal Update**
Michelle Crockett, Chief Diversity Officer, Deputy Executive Officer, Principal, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone
- 4:45 p.m. **Recent Headwinds in Healthcare and their Impact on Michigan Public Sector Employers**
John Vance, Principal | Practice Leader, Manquen Vance and RDS Services
- Retiree Healthcare Challenges: Retiree Medical Trusts Concepts and Details**
Dannae Delano, Attorney, Wagner Law Group
- 7:15 p.m. Fun and Food at the Dockside

Thursday, September 26, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration
MPELRA Buffet Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. **Arbitration Issues and Challenges**
Samuel E. McCargo, Arbitrator, Michigan Chapter National Academy of Neutral Arbitrators and American Arbitration Association; Of Counsel, Lewis & Munday, P.C.
- 10:30 a.m. **People Centered Benefits Designed to Attract and Retain Today's Talent**
Kimberly Wixon, Senior Vice President and Heath Consultant and Véronique (Nicki) R. Hughes, Senior Consultant, Segal Consulting



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- 12:00 p.m. **Fitness for Duty and Accommodations for First Responders**
David L. Rice, Jr., CIC, CBC, President, Michigan Agency Partner and
Kurt M. Dettmer, CPIA, CAWC, Second Vice President of Business Development
- 1:00 p.m. MPELRA Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. **Effectively Preparing for and Negotiating a Labor Agreement in the Public Sector**
Catherine Brechtelsbauer, Retired, Director of Human Resources & Legal Services, Jackson County ISD; Russell Claggett, Retired, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Calhoun ISD; and Mari Beth Johnson-Jelks, VP of Human Resources & Legal Counsel, Grand Rapids Public Museum
- 3:30 p.m. **Arbitration Clinic: Strategies for Labor Arbitration Advocates**
- 5:30 p.m. Reception
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet
- 8:00 p.m. An Evening of Entertainment

Friday, September 27, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. Annual Business Meeting – Election of Officers, Annual Reports and MPELRA Buffet Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. **Artificial Intelligence: AI is Already in the Workplace, Are You Ready?**
Ashley N. Higginson, Principal and Ahmad A. Chehab, Senior Attorney, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone
- 10:30 a.m. **MERC Case & Legislative Updates**
Sidney McBride, Bureau Director, Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC)
- 11:45 a.m. Prize Drawing *(You must be present to win!)*
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