

ALUMNI GATHERING: Golf Outing

On August 17, dozens of alumni came together at Forest Akers West for the 21st annual Alumni Association Golf Outing – a day of catching up and some friendly competition. This year's champion golfers were Patrick Derkacz, '93, The Honorable Peter Jaklevic, '93, Phil Serafini, and Nick Berezowsky.

We extend a special thanks to the Alumni Association, as well as all of this year's sponsors. The outing raised \$20,500 for student scholarships, bar exam meals, student org sponsorships, and nationwide alumni meetups.



ALUMNI GATHERING: MSU Law Honors Norman Lippitt

The Board of Trustees hosted a special reception in honor of Trustee Emeritus Norman Lippitt, '60, to celebrate his unwavering commitment to the Law College and to express their shared gratitude for his inspiring generosity. Trustee Lippitt recently established the Norman L. Lippitt Endowed Funds through an estate bequest.



ALUMNI GATHERING: Southeast Michigan Alumni Reception

MSU College of Law alumni attended the Southeast Michigan Alumni Reception on September 14 at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club to reconnect with law school classmates and faculty members. The Dean provided special recognition to the 2017-18 Class of MSU Law Fellows for their generous contributions to the Annual Fund.

ALUMNI GATHERING: Homecoming Tailgate

The Alumni Association and the Office of Advancement hosted our traditional Homecoming Tailgate for the MSU Law community on the rainy autumn morning of October 6. Although Northwestern's Wildcats emerged triumphant on the football field that afternoon, current and future Spartan lawyers (and their families) enjoyed coming together on MSU's campus with thousands of other sports fans.

LECTURE: Geoffrey Fieger Lecture And Reception

"What I do is important: I'm a trial warrior. I go to war for other people... and I defend the rights of my clients." — Geoffrey Fieger

Leading Michigan attorney Geoffrey N. Fieger, '79, spoke to current MSU Law students at a lecture and reception on November 13, sharing his insights about what it means to be a trial attorney. Mr. Fieger founded the Trial Practice Institute that bears his name with a \$4 million gift for the purpose of training tomorrow's lawyers in the art of fierce and skilled courtroom advocacy.



CONFERENCE: Indigenous Law Conference

MSU Law's Indigenous Law and Policy Center and the Tribal In-House Counsel Association co-hosted their 15th annual Indigenous Law Conference. Professor Matthew Fletcher, of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, provided the keynote address. The three day program featured eight panel discussions covering topics from litigating difficult ICWA cases to tribal self-regulation of healthcare.

Panel discussants included representatives of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Gila River Indian Community, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Pueblo of Nambe, Navajo Nation, the Swinomish Tribal Community, Ute Indian Tribe, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, White Earth Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Crow (Apsáalooke) Nation, Nez Perce, and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.