

## SYMPOSIUM: Issues in Sports on the Field and in the Court

Sponsored by the *Michigan State International Law Review*

Speakers included attorneys from professional teams, investigative journalists, and industry professionals from all over the world. Presenters highlighted cutting-edge legal issues, including:

- Concussions
- Match fixing
- Steroid use
- Betting
- Corruption
- Sexual abuse

Larissa Boyce, Morgan McCaul, and Jessica Smith – survivors of Larry Nassar’s sexual abuse – spoke as special guests. During her speech, McCaul urged symposia attendees to improve the legal system’s treatment of sexual assault survivors.



“If my experience as a survivor has brought anything to light, it’s that we desperately need legislation to protect victims, not at the expense of victims,” she said. “Proactive steps can and should be taken to prevent these crimes from ever taking place, and as a room of incredibly educated individuals who are familiar with the ins-and-outs of state and federal law, I call upon you to be leaders in this pursuit.”



## SYMPOSIUM: Service Animals and the Law

Sponsored by the *Journal of Animal and Natural Resources Law*

The *Journal of Animal and Natural Resources Law* assembled scholars, practitioners, and experts to speak on the subject of service animals. Featured speakers included representatives from the following organizations:

- Michigan Service Dogs
- Canine Advocacy Program
- Fair Housing Office
- Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, PLC

Special guests included two service dogs – retired leader dog, Louie, and canine advocate, Amos.

Amos was the first dog in the state of Michigan to be a canine advocate. He is often called “famous Amos,” and stories about him have appeared in the *Detroit Free Press*, *USA Today*, and *Delta Skymiles*.

# SYMPOSIUM: Is it Time for Truth and Reconciliation in Post-Ferguson America?

Sponsored by the *Michigan State Law Review*

The *Michigan State Law Review* engaged with leading academics, activists, and practitioners as they discussed the nation's responsibility regarding the history of racial injustice and explored possible ways to move toward healing. The two-day event included a showcase of student work on the subject, a film viewing, and expert-led panels:

- The Quest for Racial Justice
- Justice for Indigenous Peoples
- Truth-telling: America's history of Racial Injustice
- Truth-telling: Criminal Justice and Policing
- Truth & Reconciliation: International and Practice Perspectives
- Truth & Reconciliation: What Next?

Professor Darlene C. Hine delivered the keynote address. Professor Hine is best known as a Northwestern Board of Trustees member and a leading historian of the African-American experience who helped found the field of black women's history.

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## RECEPTION: “We the People” Sculpture Unveiling

Distinguished alumnus Ed Littlejohn, '70, gifted MSU Law with a powerfully symbolic sculpture entitled “We the People.” The one-of-a-kind metalwork piece was unveiled at a ceremony honoring the gift and its donor on March 15.

“It is a fitting permanent display at the college,” said Dean Lawrence Ponoroff. “It is a tribute to both Littlejohn and the reminder that the legal and justice systems are special and important to protect.”

Richard Bennett, the artist, also spoke about the sculpture, which is permanently located across from the Moot Courtroom.

“It was a tremendous honor,” said Bennett. “It is relevant for today and tomorrow as well. It shows that people stand between rights and wrongs on the scales of justice, and reminds us that we should stand up for democracy.”

