



Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates

2024 Annual Conference Announcement

September 25-27, 2024

The Highlands at Harbor Springs

The Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates is pleased to announce that the **50th Annual Conference** will take place at The Highlands at Harbor Springs, in beautiful Harbor Springs, MI., from September 25-27, 2024.

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. After you register, please join us at our **Welcome Reception/Networking Event** from 4:00 p.m.-5 p.m. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., we will hear from the Agency Representatives, which will include a round-table Q&A session. Following the Agency presentations, we will conduct our **Annual Business Meeting**, which includes the Election of Officers and Directors for the 2025 year, as well as other matters. Please consider joining our Board and helping move our association forward. We will have 3 openings for Interim Directors (term ending in December 2025) due to Directors taking other jobs and 4 current Directors whose terms end in 2024. We will end the evening with pizza and snacks in our Hospitality Suite, where you will have another opportunity to meet new people and see old friends.

On **Thursday morning**, we start with a presentation on Artificial Intelligence and Ethics in the Law. This session will be presented by Magistrate Val White, a member of the State Bar of Michigan Ethics Committee. Our second session on Thursday will be on Courtroom Demeanor and Dealing with Difficult Individuals (such as Sovereign Citizens), presented by Judge Angela J. Lasher, 90th District Court. Thursday morning will end with Magistrate Practice Tips presented by our Education Committee.

The morning presentations will be followed by a short group lunch, and afternoon committee meetings.

On Thursday evening, we will have our **Dinner Banquet**, where we will present the **Distinguished Service Award** to this year's recipient and swear-in the newly elected **Officers and Directors**. The Hospitality Suite will open at the conclusion of the Banquet.

Friday morning will bring us a presentation by Michael Schuitema, Prosecuting Attorney, Emmet County, and Defense Attorney, Bryan Klawuhn, Esq., who will be discussing **Search Warrants**, and answering questions from the members. These gentlemen gave a great presentation last year and we ran out of time for member questions, so they will be returning this year to again present on this important topic. Please send us any specific search warrant related questions you would like them to address.

Our conference will conclude with an open Forum where we have set aside some time for Members to ask any additional questions to any speakers that have stayed with us and/or ask questions that are directed toward the Membership at large.

We hope that you will join us for these few days of educational and networking opportunities.

Please read below for further information concerning this year's conference.

CLE Credits: We are pleased to inform you that our Association has been approved as a recognized provider for continuing legal education credits. Those attending all conference sessions can expect to receive a total of **7 CLE credits**, with 2 hours being in the area of Ethics and 5 in Judicial Practice.

How to Get a Room: Please use the link provided with the lodging instructions or call the hotel directly at 800.462.6963.

If there are any issues with making a reservation, please contact Magistrate Carey. Her email is: rcarey@geneseecountymi.gov.

Conference Registration: Please use the Conference Registration Form in this packet to reserve your spot to attend the conference. All guests are welcome, but if you plan to bring a guest, please let us know which meals they will be attending. You can pay for these extra meal tickets at the time of registration or at the Conference itself, but we need to know the numbers ahead of time. Please indicate on the registration form how many guests you will be bringing for each meal.

Again this year, you will again be able to pay for the Conference and your Annual Dues via credit card. If you wish to use a credit card to pay for the Conference, Annual Dues and/or guest meals, you can use your phone to scan the QR Codes listed at the bottom of the Registration Form. Alternatively, you can go to the www.madcm.org website where we also have the QR Codes with links that you can click on and then pay with a credit card. If you have any questions, concerns and/or issues with the QR Codes/links, please contact Magistrate Ladwig. His email is: gladwig@co.midland.mi.us.

Early-Bird Registration is \$125.00. If you are paying for the Conference Registration via check, your Registration must be postmarked on or **before July 31, 2024**, to get the **\$125.00 early-bird** rate. For conference registrations postmarked **after July 31, 2024**, the conference fee is **\$150.00**. The 2025 Annual **Dues** are **\$75.00**. Please note that if you are paying for the Conference Registration via credit card, you still need to send the Registration Form and indicate that you already made a credit card payment.

Scholarships: We are pleased again this year to be able to offer 10 scholarships of up to \$150 each, to those attending the Conference whose funding unit will not pay for a portion (or all) of the expenses. If you are a current member of the Association, and your Court does not cover registration or hotel expenses, you may qualify for a scholarship. Scholarship Application Forms are attached herein.

Board Nominations: At the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday evening, the dues-paying Membership will vote for Officers and Directors for the 2025 year. Each Officer serves for a 1-year term. The President and Vice-President cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms. A Director serves a 2-year term and may serve *consecutive* terms thereafter. We will elect 4 new Officers, 4 Directors and 3 Interim Directors this year. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please send us a completed **Nominating Petition for 2025 Officers and Directors**. Nominees will be contacted concerning their willingness to serve before their name is placed on the official ballot.

Distinguished Service Award: Please nominate one of our colleagues who has improved our profession. It is an important way to recognize one of our own members and celebrate their accomplishments on behalf of the Association and our profession.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Conference this year!



Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates 2024 Annual Conference Registration Form

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_____ **Early-Bird Registration** - I will be attending the 2024 Annual Conference. I am either paying \$200.00 via credit card [*see QR Codes and links below* or *go to www.madcm.org if making a credit card payment*]* or I am mailing a check for \$200.00 **on or before July 31, 2024**, which is for my conference fee (\$125.00) and annual dues for 2025 (\$75.00).**

_____ **Late Registration** – I will be attending the 2024 Annual Conference but **was not able to register by July 31, 2024**. I am either paying \$225.00 via credit card* or mailing a check for \$225.00, which is for my conference fee (\$150.00) and annual dues for 2024 (\$75.00).**

_____ **I am a First-Time Attendee of the Annual Conference**

Name: _____ Court: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ MI Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

All meals for Conference Attendees are included in the Conference Fee. However, we need to know how many **guest tickets** you will be purchasing for each meal (please indicate below). If you have special dietary needs such as vegetarian, gluten-free, vegan, etc., please let us know.

Thursday Breakfast:(\$24) _____ Lunch: (\$25) _____ Dinner:(\$36) _____ Friday Breakfast: (\$24) _____

Send completed Registration Form by July 31, 2024 to:

Magistrate Gerald Ladwig
301 W. Main
Midland, MI 48640
E-mail: gladwig@co.midland.mi.us

* If you have any questions or concerns with payment via Credit Card, please contact Magistrate Ladwig.

If your funding unit will not pay (reimburse) for part or all of your 2024 Conference expenses, please feel free to send the **Scholarship Application Form to Magistrate Ladwig.

ANNUAL DUES

EARLY BIRD CONFERENCE FEE

LATE REGISTRATION CONFERENCE FEE





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IMPORTANT - LODGING RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS

Reservations must be completed separately from your Conference Registration.

To reserve your room, you can use the link below before 8/26/24 to reserve your room in our MADCM Room Block: There are a limited number of each room type available to us.

Inverness Standard	\$129.00 per night
Inverness Loft	\$151.00 per night
Pleasant View Suite	\$154.00 per night
Pleasant View Suite Deluxe	\$160.00 per night
The Glen Standard – 1 king	\$165.00 per night
The Hazel Standard – 2 queens	\$165.00 per night

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Please note that after the cut-off date of 8/26/2024 you will have to call Central Reservations at 800.462.6963 and ask for the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates to book their reservations, based on availability.

So, reserve your rooms now!



Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates Nominating Petition for 2025 Officers & Directors

Note: Nominations will not be placed on the ballot without the prior consent of the nominee. Include the name and District Court number of those you are nominating so that the Committee may contact them for their approval. Officers are elected for a one-year term, and the President and Vice-President may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Directors are elected for a two-year term and may serve more than one consecutive term. This year we have 3 Interim Director spots to fill positions with the term ending in 2025.

TO THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

MY NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE:

PRESIDENT: _____	DISTRICT COURT: _____
VICE-PRES: _____	DISTRICT COURT: _____
SECRETARY: _____	DISTRICT COURT: _____
TREASURER: _____	DISTRICT COURT: _____
DIRECTOR: _____	DISTRICT COURT: _____
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INTERIM DIRECTOR: _____	DISTRICT COURT: _____
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Send completed Nominating Petition by August 24, 2024 to:

Magistrate Rhonda Carey
8173 S. Saginaw Street
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
E-mail: rcarey@geneseecountymi.gov



Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates 2024 Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form

For many years, the Association has presented a **Distinguished Service Award** at the Annual Conference. The Award is designed to acknowledge a Magistrate who has shown exemplary service to the profession, a dedication to public service, and who has furthered the goals of the Association. Nominate an individual who, in your opinion, has made a significant contribution or has advanced the principles and ideals of the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates. Examples may include new legislation, court rules, technology, forms, policies, procedures, education or other applicable areas.

NOMINEES MAY BE ACTIVE OR RETIRED ASSOCIATION MEMBERS.

Please keep your nomination confidential. The Recognition Committee will make the final decision.

I NOMINATE: _____

Address (or Court number): _____

Submitted by: _____ Court: _____

Please describe the reasons for your nomination, and specific examples of those contributions (including dates) would be appreciated (include additional sheet if needed):

Send completed Nomination Form by August 4, 2024 to:

Magistrate Gerald Ladwig
301 W. Main
Midland, MI 48640
E-mail: gladwig@co.midland.mi.us



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Scholarship Application Form

The Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates is proud to announce the offering of ten (10) scholarships, in the amount of \$150.00 (each) to help defray the cost of attendance at the 2024 MADCM Annual Conference to be held September 25-27, 2024, at The Highlands at Harbor Springs, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

To qualify, you must have been a member of MADCM for the calendar year 2024 and certify that all (or part) of your conference expenses will **not** be paid (or reimbursed) by your funding unit. Upon attendance at the 2024 Annual Conference, the Association will present your scholarship check.

To apply, simply fill out the application below and return it to Magistrate Gerald Ladwig on or before **July 31, 2024**. Applicants will be notified of their award no later than August 23, 2024.

By placing your name on the application form, you certify that all or a part of your conference expenses will not be paid for (or reimbursed) by your funding unit.

Name: _____ Court: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ MI Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

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