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METHFESSEL & WERBEL FALL HIGHLIGHTS

M&W's Leslie Koch Appointed to Chair District VIII Ethics Committee; Partners and Counsel to Present at Upcoming ICLE Seminars; New Jersey Law Journal Honors.

Last month, Chief Justice Rabner of the New Jersey Supreme Court appointed [Leslie Koch](#) as Chair of the District VIII Ethics Committee for a two-year term. Appointment to chair a local ethics committee is a high honor bestowed on individuals of exemplary integrity. We congratulate Leslie and thank her for her service to the Middlesex County legal community, which began in 2017 and will continue through 2025 under her stewardship.

On September 27th [Gina Stanziale](#) will serve as moderator, and [Richard Nelke](#) will present on pre-suit investigation and fraud detection, at the [NJICLE seminar "Insurance Law 2023: Analysis of a First Party Property Claim."](#) Gina also will present on first party claims to MSO, Inc. in October.

Our focus on fighting insurance fraud will continue at the October NJ Special Investigators Association convention in Atlantic City, where [Matt Werbel](#) and [Rich Nelke](#) will discuss "Handling Fraudulent and Enhanced Claims by Contractors."

On October 9th at the New Jersey Law Center [Eric Harrison](#) will discuss recent developments under the Tort Claims Act at [NJICLE's annual Tort Law](#)

[Update](#). Two days later Eric will present to attorneys and educators at [NJICLE's annual "Hot Topics in Special Education" seminar](#). Eric will analyze the implications of [Perez v. Sturgis Public Schools](#), the U.S. Supreme Court decision that essentially eliminates lack of administrative exhaustion as a defense to damages lawsuits on behalf of classified students.

The New Jersey Defense Association recently published an article by M&W's own [Angel Hierrezuolo](#) discussing the practical implications of [Café Diner Inc. v. Jaffree](#), which cautioned trial courts against sacrificing substantial justice in the pursuit of efficient trial calendar management.

On September 13 the New Jersey Law Journal honored Methfessel & Werbel as Insurance Defense Law Firm of the Year. [Raina Pitts](#), [Leslie Koch](#), [Bill Bloom](#), [Paul Endler](#), and [Angel Hierrezuolo](#) accepted the ALM award at the annual ALM New Jersey Legal Awards dinner. This was the eighth time in the last ten years that we have won this award - a credit to the hard work and professionalism of our attorneys and support staff, and of course to the clients that we are honored to serve. We thank you for your continued support as we enter the 2023-2024 legal term!

Friends and clients interested in obtaining further information or attending future seminars are welcome to contact [Leslie](#), [Gina](#), [Rich](#), [Matt](#), [Eric](#) and [Angel](#) directly.

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