

**West Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
2024 Bench Bar Conference**

**Wednesday, September 18 – Friday, September 20, 2024
Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, Michigan**

Please print and return this form and your Registration Fee to:

***West Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
50 Louis St. N.W., Suite300, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503***

***Checks can be made payable to the Federal Bar Association
If you prefer to register online, please visit our website at <https://westmichiganfederalbar.org>***

Reservations and Registration should be completed by July 19, 2024

While we have reserved an ample block of rooms, Crystal Mountain will book quickly.
Additional information will follow with a final agenda and full session descriptions.

Registration Details – Please attach a separate registration form for each conference attendee

Name:

Firm:.....

Email:

Registration Fee

The 2024 Bench Bar Conference Registration fee includes a cocktail and hors d' oeuvres reception Wednesday night, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Thursday and breakfast on Friday. For prior Bench Bar Conferences, the reception and meals were included with the lodging rate, rather than the Conference fee. The combined rates for 2024 for lodging, meals, and registration, however, are comparable to prior years' overall costs per person.

	If received by July 19	If received AFTER July 19
Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$490 (includes discounted annual FBA dues)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$515 (includes discounted annual FBA dues)

Room Reservations

The Bench Bar Conference will be held at Crystal Mountain Resort. Standard rooms start at \$159, plus resort fees and taxes. Rooms are based on availability. The rate runs from 9/16/24-9/21/24. An advanced deposit of one night's room, tax, and fee is required to confirm your reservation. You can make your reservation by calling Crystal Mountain's Reservations Department at 1-855-520-2974 and reference our group number - 46K4B5. Or, you can book online through the FBA website.

All guests will be asked for a credit card upon check-in. Also, any changes or cancellations greater than seven (7) days from arrival may be subject to a \$10 administrative fee, and within seven (7) days of arrival will result in the penalty of the first nights charge.

Iron Fish Distillery and St. Ambrose Cellars Bus Tour (Optional)

Round trip transportation to Iron Fish Distillery with distillery tour and/or transportation to St. Ambrose Cellars on Friday, 9/20. A 40-passenger shuttle bus will depart the resort at approximately noon and 1:00 pm and make returns at approximately 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. The tour of Iron Fish Distillery starts at 1:15 p.m., which follows the grains from field to glass, starting in the distillery and ending with tasting three award-winning spirits in a rickhouse.

- YES** I would like to join the Bus Tour. I have included \$35 per person for this event.

Key Note Speakers and CLE Session Topics (additional information will be emailed after registration)

Maury Nicely, author and historian, will speak about his book on the Jimmy Hoffa trial; Charles Lane, Washington Post Journalist and author on the Colfax Massacre of 1873; Sixth Circuit and District Court Judicial panels and Q&A, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Predictive Policing and AI, Writing Workshop; Private VFM and Court-sponsored Mediation/ADR; Restrictive Covenants and other employment law matters; and a mini-symposium on the POWER Act.

If you would like to purchase the meal package for a guest joining you at the conference, please reach out to Melissa Rabidoux at melissa_rabidoux@fd.org.