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MCPI MISSION STATEMENT: The Michigan Council of Professional Investigators (MCPI) is an organizational network of investigators from across the State of Michigan founded on integrity, professionalism and high industry standards. Our organization will strive to provide investigators with education, legislative support, business opportunities, and synergistic forums to gather and exchange ideas. The MCPI members maintain the highest standard of ethics and confidentiality to promote trust and support amongst our clients and colleagues.

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President's Message

Jim Schoenherr

Dear Members,

I would like to introduce myself to those who don't know me: My name is Jim Schoenherr, I have been a PI for 25 years with Recon Management Group LLC; I have been a member of MCPI since 2005 and the Sgt at Arms for the last 5 years. I have 2 degrees (Criminal Justice and Sociology) from Michigan State University.

Since being elected and taking office as President of MCPI I have had the opportunity to speak to several members and shared my vision of where I would like to see our organization go. I want us to give back and I want us to build on the momentum created by the past BOD to raise the bar for our members and profession as a whole.

Our new BOD has created 2 new committees to further focus our plan for the near future: the Scholarship Committee (Co-chaired by me and VP, Cheri Gelnak) have already hit the ground running by preparing a preliminary draft of our program. The Continued Education Committee (chaired by Sgt at Arms, Mike Cook) will be putting together a plan to help us lead the organization to raise the bar for education for all members as we provide our clients the highest quality end product.

Accountability will be a strong theme for the next 2 years with me as President as the BOD will set and meet deadlines, work to provide quality meeting topics, locations, and industry specific legal information.

I hope all members will reach out to become more involved, join a committee, provide feedback and/or use the "list-serve" to share ideas, request assistance or provide assistance to the membership. Please keep an eye on the list-serve as we provide committee updates, meeting dates, meeting locations and topics.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Past President, Jerry Hardesty and former Vice President Steve Crain for their leadership and professionalism as they lead our organization through a difficult transition from "that's the way we have always done it" and COVID to the newest era of Professional Accountability and the highest standards of service.

Jim

Save the Date

Michigan Council of Professional Investigators Annual Conference

October 27, 2022

The Inn at St. John's | Plymouth, MI



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MCPI Election Results

2021 - 2023 Michigan Council of Professional Investigators Board of Directors

The election results are in, please welcome your new MCPI Board of Directors. Pictured left to right are Sue Hardesty, Treasurer; Jim Kelly, Board Member at Large; Jim Schoenherr, President; Cheri Gelnak, Vice President; Jill Hillier, Secretary; Mike Cook, Sergeant-at-Arms; and not present for photo – Eugene Butler, Board Member at Large; Mike Manning, Legislative Chair.



Fall Conference Outcome

The 2021 Fall Conference, held Thursday, October 28, 2021, at the Inn of St. John's, Plymouth, MI. was a great success! Here is what the attendees had to say. "Excellent all around plus the food was fantastic." "The board did a superb job." "This was my 1st MCPI event and I will definitely attend many more to come." "Thanks for your hard work" and "I am proud to be a member!"



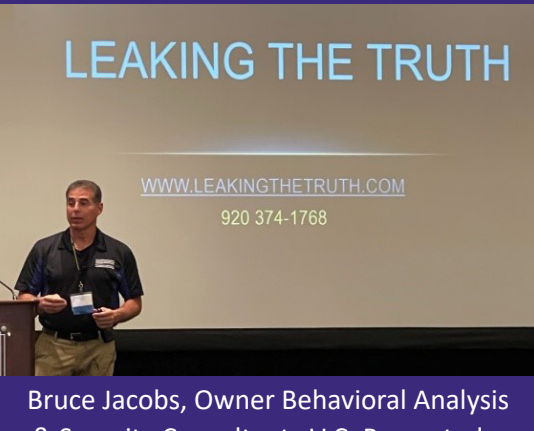
Jerry Hardesty, President, discussing MCPI business updates with the audience



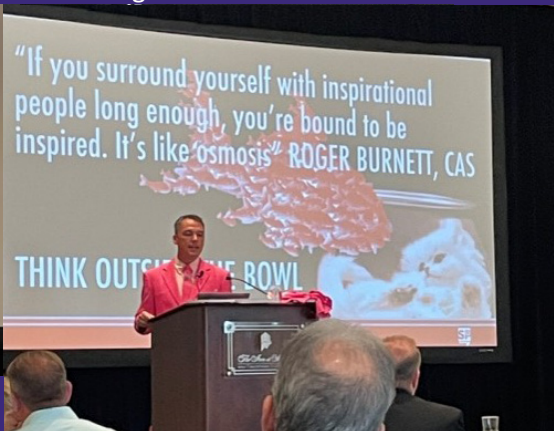
Jim Nanos, COO Apple Investigations; Presented - Investigations and Surveillance



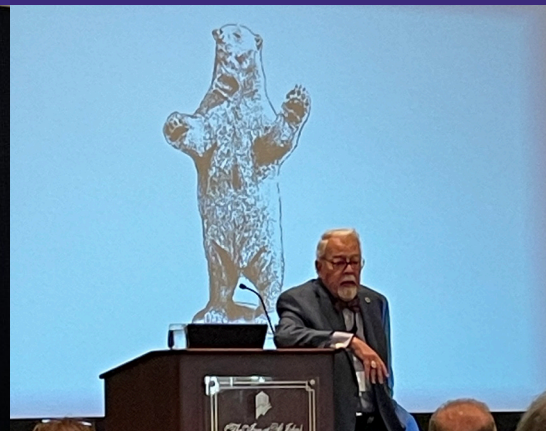
Russ Rheume accepts his award



Bruce Jacobs, Owner Behavioral Analysis & Security Consultants LLC; Presented – Leaking the Truth, Recognizing Deception through Micro Expressions, Body Gestures and Statement Analysis



Roger Burnett, with Social Good Promotions; Presented – Marketing with Purpose, how to stand out from the competition



Joe Dickerson, CFE Presented, Investigative Techniques for Judgement Enforcement - domestic and international recovery



The Inn at St. John's attendees and vendors filled the conference room.



Michigan Supreme Court Case #162121

AFT Michigan v Project Veritas

Under Michigan’s Eavesdropping law it is a felony punishable by up to two years and \$2,000 to willfully use any “device” to “eavesdrop” on a conversation without the consent of all participants in that conversation. It is also a felony for a person to “use or divulge” any information that they know was obtained through illegal eavesdropping.

Michigan courts have consistently recognized an important exception to Michigan’s eavesdropping statute: it does not apply to recordings you make of your own conversations; it only applies to conversations of “other” people. If you are a participant in the conversation, you are free to record, even without the permission of any other participants.

Since 1982, Michigan has been referred to as a “one-party” consent state for eavesdropping if the person recording is a party to that conversation.

However, a ruling from U.S. District Judge Linda Parker, in the federal district court for the Eastern District of Michigan, called that interpretation into question. In *AFT Michigan v. Project Veritas*, the Court held that Michigan’s eavesdropping statute, MCL 750.539c, requires all parties in a private conversation – not just one party – to consent to recording it.

Around the time the *AFT* decision was reached, a different judge in the Eastern District of Michigan came to a different conclusion. The Court in *Fisher v. Perron* elected to follow the prodigy of case law supporting one-way consent.

As a result, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel intervened and asked the Michigan Supreme Court to weigh in. However, on May 26, 2021, the Michigan Supreme Court stated that it would not weigh in on the issues.

On November 8, 2021, U.S. District Judge Linda Parker, in the federal district court for the Eastern District of Michigan, considered the prior ruling and issued an Opinion & Order, resulting in dismissal of *AFT Michigan’s* case.

As it stands, Michigan case law continues to support a one-way consent standard as to a participant in a conversation.

MCPI’s Involvement

MCPI was not a party to the case, but had a strong interest in the matter. Earlier this year MCPI partnered with *Michigan Association of Security and Investigative Professionals* (MASIP) to retain an attorney and file an Amicus Brief in support of the current law. MCPI was one of twelve parties who submitted Amicus Briefs with the intent of influencing the court’s decision.

Additional Information

Go to MCPI’s [News & Announcements](#) web page for additional information and links to the latest Court Order.



Featured Sleuth

Bonnie Riley

By Russ Rheaume



Bonnie Riley of Integrated Investigations & Paralegal Services, a Division of Integrated Records Management, LLC is our current sleuth. Bonnie grew up in Paw Paw, Michigan. She attended University of Colorado where she obtained her B.A. in Political Science and Paralegal Certificate. After college, Bonnie provided paralegal and investigative services in Colorado for 14 years. She then returned to

Michigan and obtained her Private Investigator's License.

Early in her career as a paralegal and investigator, Bonnie Riley saw a need for more in-depth support services within the legal community. Support like paralegal, investigative e-discovery, and records management that could make or break a case. With this as a vision, she established a company that quickly grew into a successful multi-level litigation and records support service. Since 1999, Bonnie has provided critical support required of today's litigation & records management needs.

Bonnie's husband, Tim Riley, has assisted her since 2004 with surveillance and investigations. They have 3 sons and 1 daughter and are enjoying their empty nester phase of life. They enjoy traveling, tennis, hiking and sailing with their children and grandchildren.

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