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Panel discussion explores character, fitness process

The Young Lawyers Section (YLS) of the State Bar of Michigan and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School will host a panel discussion on the character and fitness process on Wednesday, January 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School, located at 651 East Jefferson Avenue, Room 126, in Detroit.

The discussion is an opportunity for law students to get a realistic view of the scrutiny they will face when they apply for admission to the bar. Young Lawyers Section Executive Council member Tim Gardner of the Michigan Attorney General's Office will moderate the panel.

The panelists include attorneys Jeanine Jones of the United States Attorney's Office; Thomas Hathaway of Brady, Hathaway, Brady, & Bretz P.C.; Francis Ortiz, Dickinson Wright P.L.L.C.; and Wendy Neeley of the Attorney Grievance Commission.

"This panel discussion was designed to educate students on how to approach the character and fitness process," Gardner said. Moreover, students are encouraged to consult legal counsel now and disclose serious past conduct that may prevent them from receiving approval from the State Bar of Michigan.