



## 2009 MECRA Conference

The MECRA Board is proud to present the 2009 Conference held at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, Michigan from September 30th – October 2nd, 2009.

This year's agenda has much to offer our members including the most important educational and legislative updates. Sessions for both court and freelance reporters will be available.

Registration has been available since the beginning of this year and many members have already taken advantage of the early registration. Be sure to pass this information to all court reporters at your court or freelance company. You can still access this information from the website, including conference updates. Nominations are being accepted for the following:

Court Reporter of the Year  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary

\*Nomination instructions and forms are available on [www.mecra.info](http://www.mecra.info) or the MECRA Yahoo Group.

*Please note: Once you have sent in your registration, a confirmation of your attendance will be posted on our website.*

We promise a fulfilling time for everyone. See you in Traverse City!

Thank you,

Nancy Morrison & Jodi Gordon  
2009 Conference Chairs



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Sobriety Court Session / Video Court Recording <i>Hon. Michael Haley</i> Q & A	3:15 pm - 4:30 pm	86 <sup>th</sup> District Court
Sylvia's Soliloquy - <i>Sylvia Stratton</i>	4:45 pm - 5:15 pm	Park Place Dome
Member's Reception * Court Reporter of the Year * Swearing in New Officers * Acknowledgement of Departing Officers	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Top of the Park Place

**Thursday, October 1, 2009**

Breakfast	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Park Place Dome
Education - <i>Diane Pelts</i>	8:00 am - 10:00 am	“
Vendor Break	10:00 am - 10:30 am	“
“Under the Palm of Deborah” - <i>Tonja Williams</i>	10:30 am - 10:40 am	“
Vendor Break	10:40 am - 11:00 am	“
Court Room Security - <i>Dennis McDonnell</i>	11:00 am - Noon	“
Freelance Workshop Website Design	10:40 am - Noon	Minerva's Boardroom
Lunch - Travel Bureau Welcome	Noon - 1:00 pm	Park Place Dome
Nutrition - <i>MSU Extension</i>	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	“
Board of Review – <i>Hon. John Talbot and Denice Purves</i>	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	“
Bioethics / Probate Matters <i>Hon. John E. Fitzgerald</i>	2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	“

**Friday, October 2, 2009**

Breakfast	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Park Place Dome
Family Treatment Court - <i>Hon. Susan L. Dobrich</i>	8:00 am - 9:00 am	“
Ergonomics	9:00 am – 9:30 am	“
Page Rate Increase - <i>Sen. Nancy Cassis</i>	9:30 am – 10:00 am	“
Vendor Break with Snack	10:00 am – 10:30 am	“
Body & Mind - <i>Rick Saruna</i>	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	“
Conference Closing	12:30 pm	“

*\*This schedule is subject to change pending other . Additional updates will be available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Issue of the Transcript, [www.mecra.info](http://www.mecra.info) and the MECRA Yahoo Group.*

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# *Additional Conference Activities*

- \*Member's Service Table**
- \*Mentoring Sign Up**
- \*Freelance Directory Sign Up**
- \*Yahoo Group login area - Q & A**
- \* Tonjia Williams - Book Display**
- \*FREE Accounting & Tax Consultations**
- \*Arbonne Consultations**
- \*Destination Michigan**
- \*Tomboy Toys**
- \*The Purse Guy**
- \*Vendors - BIS, VIQ, FTR and JAVS**
- \*MECRA Idol**
- \*Color Tour**
- \*Shopping in downtown Traverse City**
- \*Golf and Spa Special Offers to Grand Traverse Resort**
- \*Turtle Creek Casino**
- \*Candle Factory**
- \*Farmer's Market**
- \*Local Restaurants**
- \*State Theater**
- \*Bicycle Rentals**
- \*Special Offers by Local Merchants**
- \*Dennos Museum**
- .... And much more!**

## Conference Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ph. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Member	\$110.00	\$ _____
_____ Non-Member	\$125.00	\$ _____
_____ One Day Only	\$ 65.00	\$ _____
(Indicate Day: _____)		
_____ Guest- Color Tour & Reception Included	\$100.00	\$ _____

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check payable to MECRA along with this registration form by August 31st:  
(No refunds after August 31, 2009)

**Nancy Morrison  
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Newberry, MI 49628**

**Hotel Accommodations**—  
See Attached Reservation Form

Please note any special dietary accommodations below:  
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Please indicate if you would be interested in the Color Tour below:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How many will be in your group? \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Two** – Lunch Menu: Please mark “X” on your selection.

\_\_\_\_\_ Broiled Whitefish with Cherry Butter Sauce

\_\_\_\_\_ Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast with Parmesan Cream Sauce