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# Trust & Estate Litigation

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Panelist on the 2018 Entrepreneurs Forum, *Southeast Michigan Entrepreneurs Association, Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce*, May 18, 2018

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