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Dear Tax Tribunal Practitioner,

This month Tribunal members met with the Southeastern Michigan Assessors Association and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and received valuable suggestions. Based on the suggestions received to date, the Tribunal's web site has been updated to include fillable Small Claims forms with line-by-line instructions, an explanation of our upcoming move to the Ottawa Building in downtown Lansing with a map of the building's location, dates for upcoming Prehearing General Calls, and fillable Entire Tribunal exhibit lists for property and non-property cases. We have also added access to the recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision – *W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital v City of Jackson, et al*, COA Docket Nos. 244670, 244671, 244672, 246122, and 246124 (June 8, 2004).

The Tribunal is currently rewriting its Rules of Practice and Procedure. A first draft of the proposed rewrite will be placed on our web site this August for the purpose of getting other ideas and comments as we continue to work on the rules this fall. Tribunal members will discuss the rewrite at a meeting of the State Bar Association's State and Local Tax Section on August 4, 2004.

We are also issuing four new *Tribunal Notices*. The four notices address motion format and filing fees, motions for immediate consideration, discovery and the extension of discovery after the completion of a prehearing conference, and substitution of authorized representatives.

Your input is, as you know, important to us. If you have members, colleagues or acquaintances who would benefit from keeping up-to-date with Tribunal developments, simply send an e-mail message to Marijo Wakley at mewakle@michigan.gov with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line. To unsubscribe, simply reply to this e-mail with the word "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.