

Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

On Tuesday, May 12 the section will sponsor a luncheon with the Michigan Public Service Commission from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the University Club in East Lansing. The cost is \$20 for members, and registration is available online. The section will host an ALJ Effective Presentation Program in late summer. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/adminlaw/home/> for details of all upcoming events and other noteworthy issues.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section recently held its first March Mediator's Summit. The event drew 100 mediators and was a great success. The section plans to continue this program each March. The section's annual training program and meeting on October 2–3 in Traverse City will feature "homegrown" speakers including Eugene Driker, who will discuss the role of mediation and his experiences in the Detroit bankruptcy resulting in the "grand bargain."

Appellate Practice Section

Council members attended by invitation the Court of Appeals rules committee meeting on April 28 to discuss revisions to MCR 7.215 (unpublished opinions). Also, the council may move to electronic production and delivery of its newsletter, possibly as a "flip book." For more information, contact Gaëtan Gerville-Réache, council secretary, at greache@wnj.com or (616) 752-2207.

Consumer Law Section

The Consumer Law Section Council has invited Howard Nusbaum to be the keynote speaker for the section's program, scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 3:15 p.m. during the SBM Annual Meeting. Nusbaum is administrator of the National Salvage Vehicle Reporting Program, a leading not-for-profit law enforcement support organization dedicated to reducing auto theft and title fraud and abuse, and helping to control criminal activities related to the exportation of stolen and fraudulently obtained vehicles.

Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section's biennial policy conference will be held June 19–21 at a new venue—the Grand Traverse Resort. Conference participants and a distinguished panel of experts will examine issues surrounding court funding. Join us and help adopt a position statement to guide future action. The Grand Traverse Resort is offering special rates for the conference; alternative accommodations can be found at <http://www.traversecity.com/lodging-5/>. Questions? Contact Charlie Marr at (248) 596-1599 or marrlaw@msn.com.

Environmental Law Section

Please join us for the ELS summer program, to be held on Friday, June 11 at the Lansing-area Bath Wildlife Conservancy along with a regular council meeting. Attention law students: the June 30 deadline for submissions in the Environmental Law Writing Contest fast approaches, while some of last year's best essays continue to grace the pages of the quarterly *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*. Visit the new SBM Connect/ELS website at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home/> for the most up-to-date information.

Family Law Section

With the new legislative session in place, the Family Law Section has been monitoring several family law proposals. Of particular concern is HB 4141, which would require a judge to order substantially equal custody unless it's shown by clear and convincing evidence that a parent is unfit, unwilling, or unable to care for a child. The section opposes the bill's one-size-fits-all approach because it believes that custody should be determined based on the particular needs of each family.

Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section is pleased to announce it has once again endowed the Law School Achievement Award at all eligible Michigan law schools. The recipient of this award will be selected by his or her respective law school and will receive a gift of \$1,500. Please contact your law

school for more information about the application process and criteria.

Labor and Employment Law Section

Join the section for its *Spring-Board* event covering LGBTQ issues in the workplace on June 3, 4–8 p.m., at the Big Rock Chop House, Birmingham. The event features a panel presentation and roundtable discussions followed by networking and complimentary beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Presenters and discussion leaders include the attorneys litigating the United States Supreme Court same-sex marriage case and the EEOC's historic case alleging sex discrimination against a transgender individual. Cost is \$50 in advance.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

In February and March, we welcomed five new members to our section: Debra J. Lahr, Susan Loraine Marin, Timothy McMacken, Barbara Reinke, and Donald Walker. The section also hosted "Cheers, Chow, and Know-How" sessions in Grand Rapids on April 16 and Traverse City on May 2. Our next session is tentatively scheduled for mid-September in Rochester. Stay tuned to our SBM Connect website and Facebook and LinkedIn pages for details!

Prisons and Corrections Section

Save the date! The Prisons and Corrections Section will hold its annual training conference on Saturday, June 6 at 9 a.m. at the State Bar building in Lansing. For details and registration information, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/prisons/home/> or our Facebook page.

Probate and Estate Planning Section

For our fellow practitioners who have probate or estate planning cases on appeal, the section has dedicated funds for the filing of amicus briefs in matters that involve potentially important probate and estate planning issues with broad applicability. Please contact Section Chair Amy Morrissey at amorrissey@westernpc.com or Amicus Committee Chair David Skidmore

at dskidmore@wnj.com for an application for consideration.

Public Corporation Law Section

The PCLS/MAMA 17th Annual Summer Educational Conference and section annual meeting will be held June 19–21 at the Inn at Harbor Shores in St. Joseph. The program features a point-counterpoint real estate municipality/developer presentation and covers municipal bankruptcy, privacy and the Fourth Amendment, annual United States Supreme Court review, and more. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack is the keynote speaker. This is a great networking opportunity. Registration/housing information is available at <http://connect.michbar.org/publiccorp/home>.

Real Property Law Section

Register today! The annual summer conference, “Knowing the Ropes for the

Voyage—The Michigan Real Estate Recovery Sails On,” will be held July 15–18 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. The program coordinators are Michael Luberto, Chirco Title Agency, Inc.; and J. Scott Timmer, Miller Johnson. You may register for the conference online at <https://e.michbar.org/eCommerce/login/login.aspx> or mail/fax the form at http://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/a3e3ec65-50c1-474f-a532-30197d2d7171/UploadedImages/pdf/summer_conference/SummConfReg15.pdf. Reserve your room now by printing and submitting the form at http://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/a3e3ec65-50c1-474f-a532-30197d2d7171/UploadedImages/pdf/summer_conference/GH_HotelForm.pdf.

Solo and Small Firm Section

The Solo and Small Firm Section is looking for members who are interested in par-

ticipating in a mutual mentorship program. Those interested and those willing to contribute to put together details for this type of program are encouraged to reply. The idea is to trade your expertise in an area for help in a different substantive area or for technological legal knowledge. Interested members should contact the section's chairperson, Michael Gunderson, at mgunderson@trowbridgehouse.com.

Workers' Compensation Law Section

The Workers' Compensation Law Section Council has voted to return to the Traverse City area for this year's annual meeting. The meeting is scheduled for June 18 and 19 at the Park Place Hotel. Please check the section's website or newsletter or look for the upcoming registration form to be sent from the State Bar. ■



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