

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

As part of its lunch-and-learn audio series, the ADR Section will present “New ADR Rules in Federal Court: What Do They Mean for You?” on August 18. Featured speakers include Hon. Gershwin Drain, Hon. David M. Lawson, and Hon. Laurie J. Michelson. The cost of the program is \$10 for ADR Section members and \$40 for nonmembers, and includes a copy of the new rules.

Business Law Section

Learn and network at the 27th Annual Business Law Institute on September 25 in Grand Rapids. Get the latest updates, strategies, and practical tools you need to succeed in the demanding world of business law and take advantage of the many networking opportunities like the annual meeting, reception, pub dinner event, and ArtPrize. Register at www.icle.org. Visit our website at <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> or join our LinkedIn group to learn about upcoming events or to become active in the section.

Criminal Law Section

Michigan has 83 counties, each with its own indigent defense delivery system. The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission has been tasked with proposing minimum standards for indigent defense and working with these local delivery systems to implement plans that comply with the standards. Join us for an interactive discussion of the new minimum standards for indigent defense systems on Friday, October 9, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Register online at <http://e.michbar.org>.

Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

The 2015 ELDRS fall conference will be held September 30 through October 2 at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls. This year’s keynote speakers are Kevin Urbatsch and Tim Takacs. The conference will include a judge’s panel, discussion on the new MI Health Link, and the section’s own experts. Nonlawyers and law students are

invited to attend at discounted rates. To register, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/elderlaw/home>.

Environmental Law Section

The ELS “Fourth Wednesday” webinars continue bringing relevant environmental topics to a wide audience. Let us know which topics *you’d* like addressed in the coming months. Meanwhile, plan to attend our October 8 annual meeting, which is expected to feature a keynote presentation from MDEQ Director Dan Wyant, and mark your calendars for the November 5 annual joint conference with the Air & Waste Management Association. Don’t forget to visit the SBM Connect/ELS website at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home> for regular updates.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section filed an amicus brief in *In re Helton* (SC no. 148927), a case before the Michigan Supreme Court involving the Revocation of Paternity Act. The Supreme Court issued an order generally consistent with the positions that the section took. Specifically, the Court held that an order revoking an acknowledgment of parentage constitutes an order “setting aside a paternity determination” and is subject to a best-interest analysis under MCL 722.1443(4).

Information Technology Law Section

Everyone with an interest in IT law is invited to attend the 8th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar on Thursday, September 10 at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth. The event includes informative topics, the annual IT Law Section meeting, lunch, and a cocktail reception. Sponsors are Dykema, Privacy Associates International LLC, and Bejin Bieneman. For more information, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/home> and click “Annual IT Law Seminar” below “Calendar.” See you there!

Litigation Section

The Litigation Section’s annual meeting will be held October 8 at 2 p.m. during the SBM Annual Meeting in Novi. The Masters in Litigation fall program is scheduled for

October 29 and features Steve Easton on “Revisiting Younger’s 10 Commandments of Cross-Examination.”

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Immediately following the meeting, there will be a presentation from attorney Corey D. Silverstein on the topic of “Criminal Defense Meets Social Media.” Afterward, there will be a luncheon to celebrate our section’s 25th anniversary! The cost is \$35. For details and registration information, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/paralegal/home>.

Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendars! The next Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtable will be held October 15 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by the roundtables from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. More information will be available at <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/events/roundtables>.

Taxation Section

Save the dates: SALT mixer on Thursday, August 13 at 5 p.m. at the Lansing offices of Dykema (contact Andrea Crumback for details). Section annual meeting and dinner on Thursday, September 24 at the Townsend Hotel. The council meeting begins at 3 p.m., followed by dinner at 5 p.m. (contact Joe Pia for details). For all upcoming events, registration information, and updates, join the Taxation Section and visit our website at <http://connect.michbar.org/tax/home>.

Workers’ Compensation Law Section

The Workers’ Compensation Section’s annual meeting was held in Traverse City on June 18 and 19. Thomas Cypher and Myron Charfoos were inducted into the Workers’ Compensation Hall of Fame. Nell Kuhn-muench, a former lobbyist, presented on the legislative and rulemaking process. New officers were elected to the council, including Christopher Rabideau, chair; Ella Parker, vice chair; Timothy Esper, secretary; and Dennis Flynn, treasurer. Christopher Westgate was elected as a new member to the council. ■