

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section elected the following officers at its October 3 annual meeting in Traverse City: Joe Basta, chair; Shel Stark, chair-elect; Lisa Taylor, secretary; and William Gildbride Jr., treasurer. On November 18, the section will conduct a basic arbitrator training course with the American Arbitration Association at the State Bar building in Lansing. Registration is limited, so sign up now.

## Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section Council thanks its members for another successful annual meeting and program, and welcomes new Chair Stephen J. Gobbo. The names of other officers and newly elected council members are listed in our newsletter and on our website. The council looks forward to another productive year with many events for its members, including the 39th annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference at Shanty Creek. More information on the conference and other offerings will be forthcoming.

## Environmental Law Section

Plan to attend the section's joint conference with the Air & Waste Management Association on November 5 at Lansing Community College. The conference will feature luncheon speaker Robert Kaplan from the Environmental Protection Agency and panels and breakout sessions that include several MDEQ division chiefs, industry experts,

and interesting topics. For pricing and registration information and regular updates, visit the section's website by logging in at <http://connect.michbar.org/environmental/home>. Questions? Contact section administrator Brian Figot at [brian@attorneywordsmith.com](mailto:brian@attorneywordsmith.com).

## Information Technology Law Section

Each year, the Information Technology Law Section seeks student essays for Edward F. Langs Writing Awards. A maximum of \$3,000 is available for distribution for up to six award-winning essays that contribute to the knowledge and understanding of information technology law. Winning essays are published in the section's newsletter, the *Michigan IT Lawyer*. Please share this opportunity with law school faculty, staff, and students who may be interested. For more information, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/newsletter/news>.

## Judicial Section

The Judicial Section Council has elected officers for the 2015–2016 year: 21st District Court Judge Richard Hammer, chair; Clinton County Probate Judge Lisa Sullivan, chair-elect; Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry, vice chair; 53rd District Court Judge Theresa Brennan, secretary; and 92nd District Court Judge Beth Gibson, treasurer.

## Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The section awarded its 2015 annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Jennifer Rechsteiner, a student at Macomb Com-

munity College. At the October 9 annual meeting in Novi, the section celebrated its 25th anniversary with a buffet lunch and presentation by attorney Corey D. Silverstein, and 2015–2016 council members were sworn into office.

## Probate and Estate Planning Section

This fall, the Probate and Estate Planning Section is cosponsoring two great seminars of general interest: the ICLE Solo and Small Firm Institute, October 7–9 in Novi, to be held in conjunction with the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting (see [www.michbar.org/annualmeeting](http://www.michbar.org/annualmeeting)); and Experts in Estate Planning: Leaving an Education Legacy, November 17 in Plymouth (see [www.icle.org/expertsep](http://www.icle.org/expertsep)). Please join us at our next section meeting on October 10 at The Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

## Real Property Law Section

The next Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtable, "Residential Real Estate—From Land Acquisition to Home Sales," will be held October 15, 7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m., at the Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. Michael Luberto of the Chirco Title Agency, Inc, is program chair. Several experts will provide valuable insight on current issues. The program will focus on issues surrounding land acquisition and development, site condominiums, the impact of the CFPB on residential sales, and conveyances to same-sex spouses. Register at <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/events/roundtables>.

## Workers' Compensation Law Section

The Workers' Compensation Law Section will hold its winter meeting on December 5 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The council will soon e-mail a short survey to all section members to determine members' concerns regarding the workers' compensation practice. The survey results will be incorporated into a question-and-answer session at the winter meeting. The meeting will also include speakers presenting on Medicare set-asides and other CMS issues. ■

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