

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section's spring summit will be held March 15 at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School's Auburn Hills campus. Our featured speaker is Nina Meierding, a nationally renowned and ever-popular mediator, trainer, and teacher. Meierding will explore the predictability of competitive bargaining, offer advanced skills in dealing with resistance, and present a new model of brainstorming. Later this spring, the ADR and Business Law sections plan to cosponsor a seminar on the business courts for western Michigan practitioners.

### Appellate Practice Section

Practicing in or near Lansing? Mark your calendar to attend the council's regular meeting at the Hall of Justice on February 26, hosted by Larry Royster, Michigan Supreme Court clerk and chief of staff. This meeting is frequently attended by justices of the Michigan Supreme Court and their staff. For more information or if you plan to attend, please contact Gaëtan Gerville-Réache, chair-elect, at greache@wnj.com or (616) 752-2207.

### Business Law Section

Join us at the next council meeting on March 10 at 3 p.m. in Lansing. The Business Law Institute and annual meeting will be held in Grand Rapids in October. Business Boot Camp I will be offered in November in Grand Rapids and January 2017 in southeast Michigan. The section's many committees are looking for members. Sign up at <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to participate. Join our LinkedIn group to learn about upcoming events or to become active in the section.

### Criminal Law Section

It's not too late to register for the 39th Mid-Winter Ski Conference, offered February 13–15 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. The conference includes a review of high-impact court decisions and other sessions. For Criminal Law Section members, advance registration is only \$25 via fax, mail, or online at <http://e.michbar.org> (until February 10). Onsite and nonmember registration is \$30. Questions? Contact Steve Taratuta at [staratut@waynecounty.com](mailto:staratut@waynecounty.com) or

(313) 224-5770 or Opolla Brown at [obrown@waynecounty.com](mailto:obrown@waynecounty.com) or (313) 224-5731.

### Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

The Elder Law and Disability Rights Section will hold its annual spring conference on Friday, March 4 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Registration will be available on the State Bar website.

### Environmental Law Section

Scheduling for this year and next is underway! It's *your* turn to contact the section's leadership to indicate the committees that interest you and the "Fourth Wednesday" webinar topics *you'd* like addressed (or are willing to address) in 2016. For contact and registration information and the ever-changing list of upcoming events, regularly check our SBM Connect site, including the home page (<http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>), Contacts page (<http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/council/councilinfo>), and Events page (<http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/events/recentcommunityeventsdashboard>).

### Information Technology Law Section

Save the dates! On Wednesday, March 16, the IT Law Section and council evening meeting will include a networking and educational session with the International Law Section at the Auburn Hills campus of Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. On Thursday, September 8, the 9th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar will feature an all-day educational event and networking at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Additional information will be provided on the IT Law Section's calendar at <http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/home>.

### Litigation Section

The Litigation Section is busy planning a fantastic summer conference at the Crystal Mountain Resort the weekend of July 22–24. Please stay posted, as you will not want to miss speaker Michael Cash, a well-known trial expert, and the opportunity to network with other litigators in a beautiful resort setting. For those looking for a leadership opportunity, the council has several vacancies.

Please contact Marcy Tayler, section chair, at [Marcy.Tayler@Kitch.com](mailto:Marcy.Tayler@Kitch.com).

### Probate and Estate Planning Section

The Probate and Estate Planning Section is pleased to announce that registration is open for the 56th Annual Probate & Estate Planning Institute (cosponsored with ICLE), which will be held at two separate times and locations: May 12–14 in Acme and June 17–18 in Plymouth. Our next section meeting is February 13 at The University Club of MSU in Lansing. We continue to encourage all section members to attend and participate.

### Real Property Law Section

Last chance to register! The Annual Winter Conference, "Development in the Desert," will be held March 3–5 at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. Glen M. Zatz of Bodman PLC is the program coordinator. Register information is available at <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/home/winterconf>. Limited rooms are available. To reserve a room, call (800) 354-5892 and ask for the Real Property Law Section 2016 Winter Conference rate or reserve online at Westin Kierland.

### Taxation Section

Regularly visit <http://connect.michbar.org/tax/home> for updated committee meeting dates and events to meet your tax law preferences. On March 15, the eclectic webinar series continues live (thereafter on demand) with "Estate Planning Tax Considerations for 2016," and the Estates and Trusts Committee meets later that day. The Young Tax Lawyers will meet in Detroit on March 24. Looking ahead, hold May 19 for the 29th Annual Tax Conference.

### Workers' Compensation Law Section

The Workers' Compensation Law Section will hold its annual meeting and hall of fame reception June 16–18 at Boyne Mountain Resort. Please save the date! The hall of fame committee is now seeking nominations for 2016 inductees. If you wish to make a nomination, please contact a member of the hall of fame committee: Chris Rabideau, Ella Parker, Bill Housefield, and Chuck Palmer. ■