

Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section Council thanks its members for another successful annual meeting and program, and welcomes new chairperson Hon. William Caprathe. 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 40th Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference at Shanty Creek. Watch for more information regarding the conference and other offerings.

Information Technology Law Section

Edward F. Langs Writing Awards provide a maximum of \$3,000 for distribution to up to six law students for essays contributing to the knowledge and understanding of information technology law. Winning essays are published in the *Michigan IT Lawyer*. For consideration, essays must be submitted by June 30, 2017. For more information, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/newsletter/news>. Please share this opportunity with law school faculty and students who may be interested.

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The Insurance and Indemnity Law Section thanks immediate past chairperson Kathleen Lopilato for her many years of tireless service. Kathleen always offered good humor with her hard work. Our annual program, "Commercial Property from Start to Finish," featured four unique perspectives from the commercial property insurance process. The *Journal of Insurance & Indemnity Law* features articles on current topics and quarterly updates on reported decisions in property-casualty, personal lines, ERISA, and automobile no-fault insurance.

Litigation Section

The section held its annual business meeting on September 22 in conjunction with the SBM Annual Meeting. We are finalizing

plans for the evidence seminar we are sponsoring with ICLE, "Evidence Basics: Introducing and Objecting," to be held Friday, October 14 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. We hope to see you there.

Marijuana Law Section

The Marijuana Law Section is hosting a conference, "Marijuana—What Every Lawyer Must Know," October 21–23 at the Fire-Keepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek. The agenda and registration form are available online at <http://connect.michbar.org/marijuana/home>. Issues relating to marijuana now touch almost every area of law. The conference will cover a broad range of legal, medical, and scientific topics presented by experts from Michigan and beyond. Please contact Mary Chartier at mary@alanechartier.com with any questions.

Public Corporation Law Section

The section held its annual meeting on June 24 during the annual summer educational conference, which was cosponsored with the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys. At the meeting, the following council members were elected as officers: Mark Nettleton (Grand Rapids), chair; Karrie Zeits (Traverse City), chair-elect; and Steve Joppich (Farmington Hills), secretary/treasurer. In 2016–2017, the council will continue to provide educational opportunities, information, and legal analysis on topics of interest to section members.

Real Property Law Section

Register today! The next Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtable, "Tax Aspects of Real Estate," will be held October 20, 7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m., at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Jason C. Long of Steinhardt Pesick & Cohen is the program chair. Experts, including CPAs, attorneys, and a former Michigan Tax Tribunal judge, will discuss a variety of tax issues. Program topics include tax basics, tax-deferred exchanges, property tax assessments, and transfers of ownership. Register at <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/roundtables>. ■

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