

## Business Law Section

The Business Law Section welcomes your involvement in our section. There are many opportunities to participate on our various committees. Please consider joining us at our next council meeting on March 2 at 3:30 p.m. at the State Bar of Michigan in Lansing. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to learn about section events and to indicate interest in our various committees.

## Criminal Law Section

It's not too late to register for the 40th Mid-Winter Ski Conference, offered on February 19 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. The conference includes a review of high-impact court decisions and several sessions on forensic evidence—all on Sunday. For Criminal Law Section members, advance registration is only \$25 via fax, mail, or online at <http://e.michbar.org> (until February 15). On-site and nonmember registration is \$30. Questions? Contact Opolla Brown at [obrown@waynecounty.com](mailto:obrown@waynecounty.com) or (313) 224-5731.



## Join the INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY LAW SECTION

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State Bar of Michigan

- Quarterly *Journal*
- Online discussion groups
- Networking with insureds' counsel, insurers' counsel, and regulatory counsel

## Environmental Law Section

The "Clearing the Air in 2017" Spring Air Program, cosponsored by the Environmental Law Section and the Michigan Manufacturers Association, is scheduled for Thursday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The program will take place at the Michigan Manufacturers Association offices in Lansing. Registration and agenda information will be available soon at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>.

## Family Law Section

Two projects are looking for input. First, the Custody and Parenting Time Committee seeks suggestions for improvements to the child custody process to help ensure that all parents are treated fairly and equitably while prioritizing their children's needs and without significant unintended consequences. Second, the 20-year Review Committee is examining the successes (and less-than-successes) of the Family Division, as its 20-year anniversary is this October. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/familylaw/home> to learn more.

## Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section held a webinar titled "Ring in the New Year Under MACRA: Value Based Payments to Providers" on January 10. The webinar discussed what the new rules mean to healthcare providers. The section hosted a "Night at the Palace" on January 18 to watch the Pistons take on the Atlanta Hawks at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Networking began at 7 p.m. and included food and beverages.

## Information Technology Law Section

Save the date! On Thursday, September 7, plan to attend the 10th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The seminar will include an all-day educational event of informative topics, the IT Law Section's annual meeting, lunch, and a complimentary cocktail reception. When available, additional information will be provided on

the section's calendar at <http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/home>. See you there.

## International Law Section

In March, the International Law Section will hold its quarterly council meeting followed by a program and networking opportunity. The program will focus on the potential impact of the 2017 U.S. presidential election on issues of international trade and immigration. Details regarding venue and speakers are being finalized and will be announced to all section members. Interested members of other sections should contact Troy Harris, section secretary, at [troy.harris@harrisarbitration.com](mailto:troy.harris@harrisarbitration.com) for details.

## LGBTQA Law Section

The LGBTQA Section held its organizational meeting on January 4 with 31 members present. Proposed bylaws were approved, several committees were formed, and a nine-person council was elected, including Richard Roane, chairperson; Hon. Richard Halloran, chairperson-elect; and Tim Cordes, secretary/treasurer. In partnership with the Family Law Section, we will produce a special journal in June 2017 on LGBTQA legal issues. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/lgbtqa/home> for upcoming meetings and opportunities to get involved.

## Real Property Law Section

The ICLE on-demand webcast, "Can I Build a Fence? Living In and Operating Member-Controlled Community Associations," will be available in March. The program focuses on mature associations in condominium projects and platted communities after a developer has turned over control. Topics include the Michigan Non-profit Corporation Act, restriction enforcement, secondary market standards, estoppel letters, rental restrictions dos and don'ts, rights, powers and duties of directors, defending lawsuits brought by members, and dues collection and lien foreclosures. Register at [http://www.icle.org/modules/store/seminars/schedule.aspx?PRODUCT\\_CODE=2017CT7163](http://www.icle.org/modules/store/seminars/schedule.aspx?PRODUCT_CODE=2017CT7163). ■