

Business Law Section

We welcome your participation in section activities. Join us at our upcoming council meetings on March 2 in Lansing and June 6 in Bloomfield Hills. The section is actively interested in and planning joint events with other sections. The section's committees need you! Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to sign up to participate on committees and learn about upcoming events.

Criminal Law Section

Save the date! The CLS Policy Conference is scheduled for June 8–11. Together with a distinguished panel of professionals, attendees will examine issues related to criminal law and draft a policy statement. Please join us for the return of this important conference at a new venue—Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island. The conference is still in the planning stages, but more information will be provided in our newsletter and posted on our website.

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. Register at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>; contact MMA's Sarah Martin at (517) 487-8521 for sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

Family Law Section

The Custody and Parenting Time Committee is continuing its work to help ensure that parents are treated fairly and equitably while prioritizing children's needs and avoiding significant unintended consequences. The schedule of section committee meetings and chairs, including the new Judicial Response Committee to help judges who are publicly attacked, is now at <http://connect.michbar.org/familylaw/aboutus/committees>. Mark your calendars for the Mid-Summer Conference, July 20–23 on Mackinac Island, and the Family Law Institute, November 9–10 in Novi.

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

The section's next quarterly council meeting will be held March 8 at Butzel's Bloomfield Hills office. The business meeting runs 4:30 p.m.–5:15 p.m., followed by networking and a substantive program at 5:45 p.m. The topic will be potential changes in international trade and immigration law under the new Trump administration. Confirmed speakers include Nick Coutsas, chief of staff at the American Automotive Policy Council, a policy lobbying organization in Washington, D.C.

Real Property Law Section

The next Groundbreaker Roundtable, “Tax Aspects of Real Estate,” will be held April 20, 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m., at the Downtown Market in Grand Rapids. The real

estate market has improved significantly over the last several years, meaning that taxes applicable to real estate are again an issue. The program will address income tax basics, tax-deferred exchanges, property tax assessments, and transfers of ownership, among other topics. Registration and program information will be available at <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/events/roundtables>.

Solo and Small Firm Section

Whether you are a new lawyer looking for a mentor in a substantive area of law or an experienced lawyer looking to exchange information on technology, navigating social media, or another area to boost your practice, consider becoming a part of the Solo and Small Firm Section's newly rolled out Mutual Mentorship Program. For more information, contact Michael Gunderson at mgunderson@trowbridgehouse.com. Also, please visit the section's web page at <http://connect.michbar.org/solo/home> for information about our upcoming seminars.

Taxation Section

The Taxation Section is having a Tax Court luncheon on March 30 at the Westin Book Cadillac with Judge Ronald L. Buch as guest of honor. There will be a small charge to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sean Cook at scook@wnj.com. Seating is limited. Also, the section is accepting articles for upcoming editions of *The Tax Lawyer*; contact Andrew MacLeod at amacleod@dickinsonwright.com.

Young Lawyers Section

The Young Lawyers Section will host its 10th Annual Young Lawyer Summit April 28–29 at the Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville. This year's focus will be on litigation and professional and business development. More information regarding the summit will be available soon in our newsletter, *Inter Alia*, and on our website at <http://connect.michbar.org/yls/home>. Save the date for this great event. We look forward to seeing you there! ■



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