

Business Law Section

The section recently updated its strategic plan, in part as a result of a survey of section members and to incorporate the 21st Century Practice Task Force report recommendations. The updated strategic plan can be reviewed at <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/council/councilinfo>. Join us at our upcoming council meeting on June 6 in Bloomfield Hills. The section's annual meeting and the Business Law Institute have been scheduled for October 6 in Grand Rapids.

Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section's biennial policy conference returns June 8–10 at a new venue—Mission Point Resort. Conference participants, with a distinguished panel of experts, will examine issues surrounding conviction integrity. Register for the conference at <http://e.michbar.org> and help adopt a position statement to guide future action. Mission Point is offering special rates for the conference, and other accommodations can be found at <http://www.mackinac.com/stay>. Questions? Contact Stephanie Farkas at (248) 885-4205 or sfarkas@berriencounty.org.

Environmental Law Section

The ELS Air Committee recently hosted the “Clearing the Air in 2017” Spring Air Program, cosponsored with the Michigan Manufacturers Association. The Hazardous Substances and Brownfields Committee hosted two webinars: “Vapor Intrusion: Issues in Transactional Due Diligence and Due Care” and “Environmental Lawyers' Next Frontier: Vapor Intrusion.” The Natural Resources, Energy and Sustainability Committee hosted an “Endangered Species Act and Land Use” webinar. Program materials and webinar recordings are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>.

Family Law Section

The Parenting Solutions Committee is adding members and developing surveys to identify ways to improve the process of resolving custody and parenting time disputes. A new Self-Represented Litigants Committee was formed to address issues that section members (lawyers, referees, and judges) face when dealing with those individuals. The Twenty-Year Review Committee is actively working to evaluate and report on the successes and remaining challenges after 20 years of experience with the family court system.

Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section members attended the annual ICLE Health Law Institute March 9 and 10. The section sponsored a happy hour networking event after the first day of the seminar. Several section members met with law students at Michigan State University College of Law to talk about their careers as health lawyers. The section has a number of educational webinars and social events planned for the spring.

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 International Law Section will hold its quarterly council meeting and program May 10 in Grand Rapids in conjunction with

West Michigan World Trade Week. The conference theme is “Managing Global Teams,” and the section will host panel discussions on “Protecting Intellectual Property Against Cybertheft and Infringement,” “Working with Foreign Nationals: International Data Laws and Deemed Exports,” and “Creating International Sales Agreements that Stick.” All section members are encouraged to attend.

Marijuana Law Section

The Marijuana Law Section's fall conference will be held September 7–9 at the MGM Grand Casino and Hotel in Detroit. A terrific agenda is being put in place, including presentations on the MMA and the newly enacted Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. This event is a must-attend for all attorneys practicing cannabis law, so please mark your calendars. Contact Mary Chartier at mary@alanechartier.com with any questions.

Prisons and Corrections Section

The Prisons and Corrections Section will present “Electronic Monitoring: From Pretrial to Parole” Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., at the State Bar building in Lansing. The seminar will discuss electronic monitoring of probationers, parolees, and people awaiting trial. Is this a positive alternative to incarceration or an excessive and ever-expanding means of government control? Hear experts address the methods, rationale, costs, and consequences. The \$25 fee includes buffet breakfast and materials. To register, visit <http://e.michbar.org>.

Public Corporation Law Section

On June 23–25, the section will hold its annual meeting and summer educational conference at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Section members may attend the annual meeting and are encouraged to register for the conference (online registration at

<http://www.mama-online.org/>). At the annual meeting, section members will vote on an amendment to the bylaws to change the name of the section to the “Government Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.”

Real Property Law Section

Register today! The annual summer conference, “Mission Possible: Traversing Michigan’s Real Estate Landscape,” will be held July 19–22 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa. The program coordinators are Brian Holt of Miller Canfield and C. Lynn Sagar of First American Title Insurance Co. Register online at <https://e.michbar.org> or mail the form at https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/summer_conference/SC17_Reg.pdf. To book a room, visit <https://www.grandtraverseresort.com/promocode?promocode=sbm0717>.

Solo and Small Firm Section

Mark your calendars for the Solo and Small Firm Section’s information-packed seminar on drunk driving to be held May 25, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., at the WMU-Cooley Law School’s Auburn Hills campus, 2630 Featherstone Road. Arm yourself with all the legal tools you need to defend the DUI client. For more information and to register, contact Elizabeth Silverman, program chair, at elizabeth@elizabethsilverman.com. Food and beverages will be provided.

Taxation Section

The Taxation Section will hold its 30th Annual Tax Conference in conjunction with ICLE on May 25 at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth. The conference will feature speakers from government, industry, and the bench, and practicing experts from within and outside Michigan. To register, visit www.icle.org/tax or call (877) 229-4350. Come join us and stay on the cutting edge. ■



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