

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The section offered an innovative new seminar, “Representing Clients in Mediation: The Art of Effective Mediation Advocacy,” in Grand Rapids and Novi, cosponsored by the Labor and Employment Law, Litigation, Probate and Estate Planning, Real Property Law, and Young Lawyers sections. We are also lobbying the Michigan legislature to bring about “automatic” mediation in civil cases. We created a Young Lawyers Section hotline to mentor new lawyers in ADR. Our annual meeting is October 13–14.

Criminal Law Section

Save the date! The Criminal Law Section’s annual meeting and program will be held Friday, September 29. Join us for the program at Cobo Center in Detroit. Five members will be elected to the council and new officers will be inducted during the business meeting at 9 a.m. Our program—use of force issues in law enforcement—follows from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. More information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website.

Environmental Law Section

The section recently hosted a “Conceptual Site Models” webinar that included speakers Sara Pearson of MDEQ and Nick Welty of Arcadis. Materials are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>. Our section’s annual meeting will take place September 28 in Detroit. The Program Committee welcomes input from all section members. For anyone interested, contact Todd C. Schebor at tschebor@dykema.com or Margrethe K. Kearney at MKearney@elpc.org.

Family Law Section

The Shared Parenting Act was introduced June 1 without input from the section. HB 4691 makes significant changes to the Child Custody Act, imposing substantially equal parenting time on virtually every child and moving the focus from the child’s interest to the parents’. Council voted to oppose the bill at its June meeting. The Parenting Solutions and Legislative

committees will continue their work to allow family law attorneys to have a voice in this important legislation.

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.

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The Insurance and Indemnity Law Section is establishing a scholarship for law students interested in practicing insurance law. The selection process will likely include submission of an essay or other written brief by interested students. The scholarship would be awarded by the council based on the written submission. No formal steps have been taken yet, but it is the section’s goal to establish the scholarship by the end of this term.

International Law Section

Save the date! The section’s annual council meeting and program will be held Sep-

tember 28, 1–4 p.m., at Cobo Hall in conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting. The program, entitled “The Face of Immigration Under a New Administration: Policy and Practice,” will feature panel presentations on immigration policy, business immigration, criminal aliens and inadmissibility, family immigration, and asylum/refugee issues. Topics will be of interest to a variety of practitioners.

Real Property Law Section

The Real Property Law Academy I Program will be held October 11–12 in Grand Rapids and May 9–10, 2018, in Troy. This new program, divided into Academy I and Academy II, is being taught by some of the most experienced Michigan real estate attorneys. The program will provide an understanding of the fundamental aspects of a real estate practice and is targeted to both real estate attorneys and attorneys who confront these issues occasionally. For more information, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/home>.

Social Security Lawyers Section

Wish you could find out what the judge was thinking? Now is your opportunity. On Friday, September 22, the Social Security Lawyers Section will host a judges’ forum at Henry Ford Community College M-TEC Center in Dearborn. AIJs from across the state will answer all your questions. Submit your questions now by e-mailing them to simsandstern.jan@gmail.com. ■



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FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES

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