

Agricultural Law Section

Please join the Agricultural Law Section at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 29 at the SBM NEXT Conference. Speakers include representatives from the Dispute Resolution Center and Great Lakes Ag Labor Services. Watch for more information.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section reinforced its commitment to education by offering two outstanding June seminars, one in Grand Rapids and one in Novi, on how to best represent clients in the mediation process. Well-respected mediators and litigators discussed how mediation advocacy differs from traditional zealous advocacy. Cosponsored by the Labor and Employment, Litigation, Probate and Estate Planning, Real Property, and Young Lawyers sections, the programs received critical acclaim.

American Indian Law Section

The American Indian Law Section will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, September 28. Speakers include Riyaz Kanji, founding partner at Kanji and Katzen; Bryan Newland, founding partner at Fletcher Law PLLC; and Tracy Toulou, director of the Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ). Come hear what changes they expect for Indian country following Justice Gorsuch's appointment, OTJ grant adjustments, the Environmental and Natural Resources Division's policy changes under Trump, and more.

Business Law Section

The 29th Annual Business Law Institute will be held October 6 in Grand Rapids. The section's annual meeting will be conducted as part of the BLI. Congratulations to John Trentacosta, 2017 recipient of the Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award. Trentacosta will be recognized at

the annual meeting. Sign up today at www.icle.org. Business Boot Camp II will be held November 6–7 in Grand Rapids and January 29–30, 2018, in Plymouth. Sign up at <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/events/>.

Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section's annual meeting, where five members will be elected to the council, will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, September 29 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. The program, which will address implicit bias and use-of-force issues in law enforcement, follows from 10 a.m. to noon with Reverend Kenneth Ponds, Darel Ross II, and Lt. Randy Sutton (ret.); retired judge Donald Shelton will moderate. Register for this free program at <http://e.michbar.org>.

Environmental Law Section

The section's annual program and meeting will be held September 28, 1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m., at the Cobo Center. Get up to speed on hot issues facing our Michigan waters, including efforts to assess the risks of and alternatives to the Line 5 pipeline in the Mackinac Straits and discussion of recent issues affecting aquaculture in the state. After the program, stay for the council meeting, followed by our member networking reception at one of Detroit's popular cocktail lounges.

Family Law Section

The mid-summer conference, held July 20–23 on Mackinac Island, was successful for section members and their families. A special edition of the *Family Law Journal* on technology in family law is planned for October. The section is directing much of its efforts on working with decision-makers to develop HB 4691 and focus its provisions to create custody decisions that would provide parents more time with their children without drastically changing current law.

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

At its last meeting, the section council approved the creation of a scholarship to be offered to law students interested in insurance law. Law students will receive a topic to write about, and the council will select the scholarship recipient based on a review of submissions. For more information, contact section chairperson Adam Kutinsky at akutinsky@dawdamann.com.

Intellectual Property Law Section

The IP Section and ICLE are co-hosting a one-day seminar, "Basic Trademark and Patent Practice for Lawyers and Paralegals," at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth on October 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is the perfect seminar for newer intellectual property lawyers, admins, and paralegals to learn the nuts and bolts of IP law with practical advice from Michigan's top patent and trademark lawyers. Visit <http://www.icle.org/ipbasics> for a complete schedule and to register.

International Law Section

Save the date! The section's annual council meeting and program will be held September 28, 1–4 p.m., at the Cobo Center

in conjunction with the SBM NEXT Conference. 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.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section's Shining Star Award honors Michigan paralegals and legal assistants who go above and beyond what is expected of them and recognizes their outstanding charitable and community service work. Nominees will be randomly selected each month and have their stories published on the section's website and Facebook page. To nominate a Shining Star, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/paralegal/shiningstar/nomination> or contact Melvenna Fant-Jones at melvenna@hotmail.com.

Real Property Law Section

Register today for the Real Property Law Academy I on October 11–12 at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids and on May 9–10, 2018, at the MSU–Management Education Center in Troy. Discounts are available for firms. To register and learn more about the academy, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/events/academy>.

Taxation Section

The Taxation Section is launching its first Fundamentals of Taxation seminar on October 12. The cost is \$50 for section members and \$85 for nonmembers. Both core and advanced tracks will be offered. This program augments the Annual Tax Conference held in May each year. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/tax/home> for more information and to register. Also, watch for the announcement of the annual meeting and past presidents' dinner. ■



Meeting Directory

Lawyers and Judges Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous

The following list of meetings reflects the latest information about lawyers and judges AA and NA meetings. Those meetings marked with "*" are meetings that have been designated for lawyers, judges, and law students only. All other meetings are attended primarily by lawyers, judges, and law students, but also are attended by others seeking recovery. In addition, we have listed "Suggested Meetings," which others in recovery have recommended as being good meetings for those in the legal profession. For questions about any of the meetings listed, please contact the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program at (800) 996-5522 or jclark@michbar.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

*Monday 7:00 PM

Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting
St. Paul of the Cross
23333 Schoolcraft Rd.
(I-96 south service drive, just east of Telegraph Rd.)
Detroit

(This is both an AA and NA meeting.)

*Wednesday 12:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
321 W. South St., 3rd Floor
Room 301
Kalamazoo

*Wednesday 6:00 PM

Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church
1340 W. Long Lake Rd.
(1/2 mile west of Telegraph)
Bloomfield Hills

Wednesday 8:00 PM

Sense of Humor AA Meeting
Michigan State University Union
Lake Michigan Room
(S.E. corner of Abbot and Grand River Ave.)
East Lansing

*Thursday 4:00 PM

Al-Anon of Berrien County
4162 Red Arrow Highway
Stevensville

*Thursday 7:00 PM

Central Methodist Church
2nd Floor
(Corner of Capitol and Ottawa Streets)
Lansing

*Thursday 7:30 PM (Barefoot Meeting)

Maple Grove
6773 W. Maple Rd.
Group Room 141
West Bloomfield Township

*Friday 12:00 PM

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
645 Griswold
3550 Penobscot Bldg., 13th Floor
Smart Detroit Global Board Room 2
Detroit

Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

For a list of meetings, visit <http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/mtgdirMI.html>. Please note that these meetings are not specifically for lawyers and judges.

Suggested Meetings

Tuesday 7:00 AM

Antioch Lutheran Church
33360 W. 13 Mile
(Corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Rd., use back/north entrance, basement)
Farmington Hills

Tuesday 12:05 PM

Professionals in Recovery
Human Potential Center
22 W. 2nd St.
Monroe

(Closed meeting; restricted to professionals who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol)

Tuesday 6:00 PM

St. Aloysius Church Office
1232 Washington Blvd.
Detroit

Thursday 5:30 PM

Professional Women's Group
Brighton Hospital
Room 35
12851 E. Grand River
Brighton

Thursday 8:00 PM (also Sunday 8:00 PM)

Manresa Stag
1390 Quarton Rd.
Bloomfield Hills

Friday 8:00 PM

Rochester Presbyterian Church
1385 S. Adams
(South of Avon Rd.)
Rochester

(Closed meeting; men's group)

For anyone interested in starting an LJAA meeting in northern Michigan, please contact LJAP.

For other AA or NA meetings, see listings in your local phone book or call:
Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, (800) 996-5522