

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The October 27 mediator luncheon in Traverse City, moderated by Section to Section Team Chair Mike Leib, was cosponsored by the Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim Bar Association under the leadership of its president, Agnes Jury, and Marie Walker, co-chair of its ADR Committee. On February 15, 2018, the section will cosponsor Kim Pappilon at Mercy Law School. The March 20, 2018, ADR Summit will feature Lee Jay Berman at Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills.

## Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section

Many thanks to outgoing chair David Steinberg for all of his hard work on behalf of the section. Congratulations to the following officers on their election for 2017–2018: Cale Johnson, chair; Briar Siljander, vice chair; Howard Lederman, secretary; and Alexander Blum, treasurer. We also welcome new council members John Forrest, Robert Murkowski, Gary Remer, and Movses Shrikian. If you would like to become involved in the section, please contact [cjohnson@dykema.com](mailto:cjohnson@dykema.com) for more information.

## Appellate Practice Section

The Appellate Practice Section's E-Briefing/Readability Subcommittee has proposed a pilot program that will bring appellate briefing requirements into the digital age. The proposal recommends adjustments to length, line spacing, font, margins, and

other formatting parameters that improve readability on electronic devices. The recommendations also enhance the functional efficiency of briefs through the use of bookmarking and searchable formats. Follow-up efforts are underway to refine the subcommittee's recommendations for formal presentation and approval.

## Business Law Section

Congratulations to John Trentacosta, 2017 recipient of the Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award. Business Boot Camp II will be held in Plymouth on January 29–30, 2018. Sign up today at <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/events/>. You are invited to participate in the next council meeting on March 1 at the State Bar of Michigan in Lansing. 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

Time for some fun in the snow! The 41st Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference will be held over the President's Day weekend (February 17–19, 2018). The revamped program, with conference sessions that are closer together in time on Sunday, will again be offered this year. Shanty Creek Resort is offering reduced all-inclusive rates, with ski and non-ski packages, and room-only rates for conference participants. More information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website.

## Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

The section thanks Angela Hentkowski and her committee for planning an excellent fall conference this past October. At the conference, the section gave Jim Steward the Volunteer of the Year Award. We also welcomed our new officers: Chair Sara Schimke; Chair-Elect Christopher Smith; Secretary Beth Swagman; and Treasurer Kelly Quardokus. Our spring conference will be held on March 16, 2018, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

## Environmental Law Section

The fall joint environmental conference, cosponsored with the East and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association, took place on November 8 and featured the most up-to-date information available on environmental issues. Program materials will be available at <https://www.westmichiganawma.org>. We also held an informative webinar for section members on "Using SBM Connect to Connect with Other Environmental Law Section Lawyers." A recording of the webinar can be found at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>.

## Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The section has established a \$5,000 scholarship to be awarded annually to a student at one of Michigan's law schools. The recipient of the award will be selected based on a written submission regarding insurance and indemnity matters. The process for determining the winner will be coordinated with each law school's administration.

## Prisons and Corrections Section

The Prisons and Corrections Section has met twice this fall. It presented a plaque to past chair Jackie Ouvry in thanks for two years of service. It is reviewing MDOC policies, including the new restrictive prisoner mail policy designed to stop the influx of Suboxone, changes to volunteer services, and pilot programs providing alternatives to

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administrative segregation. It is also developing a position statement on the use of GPS monitoring for pretrial, probation, parole, and lifetime monitoring.

## Probate and Estate Planning Section

One of the best benefits of membership in the Probate and Estate Planning Section is access to other attorneys to discuss estate planning, probate, tax, estate, and trust administration matters. If you have thought and researched and are still stymied as to the best approach for a tricky situation, reach out to other section members at <http://connect.michbar.org/probate/communityresources/ourdiscussiongroup>. This is a great group of attorneys who are generous with their time and advice.

## Real Property Law Section

The 2018 Annual Winter Conference, “Building the Future—Real Lawyers Estate Lessons from Past & Present,” will be held March 1–3, 2018, at Encore at Wynn Las Vegas. David H. Martyn of Stewart Title Guaranty Company is program coordinator. Register online at <https://e.michbar.org/eCommerce/login/login.aspx> or mail the form at [https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/winter\\_conference/WC18\\_Reg.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/winter_conference/WC18_Reg.pdf). Limited rooms are available. To book a room, visit <https://aws.passkey.com/gt/215885122?gtid=22e2d02f83e680cd5de76102ff1400e9> or call (866) 770-7555 and ask for the SBM Real Property Law Section special rate.

## Taxation Section

The Taxation Section welcomed new leadership at its recent annual meeting, and many great events are already on the books. Please mark your calendars for the Annual Tax Conference, which will be held on May 24, 2018, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. In addition, employee benefits and trusts and estates specialists should contact Mindi Johnson ([mjohnson@fosterswift.com](mailto:mjohnson@fosterswift.com)) by December 31 for publication opportunities with the *Michigan Tax Lawyer*. ■



## 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](mailto: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.)

**\*Tuesday 7:30 PM**  
Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
26998 Woodward Ave.  
Royal Oak

**\*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)**  
Maplegrove  
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