

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The March 20 ADR Summit features Lee Jay Berman at Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills. The Detroit mediator lunch, cosponsored with the Wayne County Family Bar Association, is April 17. The construction dispute mediation teleseminar is April 26. The Grand Rapids Mediator Mixer, cosponsored with the Grand Rapids Bar Association, is June 7. The Marquette mediator lunch, cosponsored with the Marquette County Bar Association, is September 21. The mediator ethics teleseminar is October 3. The annual meeting is October 12–13.

Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent section survey. If you have additional feedback, please reach out to us through Chairperson Cale Johnson at cjohnson@dykema.com or through SBM Connect.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan publishes proposed amendments and approved amendments to its Local Rules on its website at www.mied.uscourts.gov. Attorneys are encouraged to visit the court's website frequently for up-to-date information. A printer-friendly version of the Local Rules, which includes appendices approved by the court, can also be found on the website.

Business Law Section

Congratulations to John Trentacosta, 2017 recipient of the Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award. You are invited to participate in the next council meeting on March 1 at the State Bar in Lansing. The Debtor Creditor Rights Committee will host a seminar on the new fraudulent transfer statute in Michigan and other important developments in fraudulent transfer law on March 14. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to sign up for this seminar, participate on committees, and learn about upcoming events.

Criminal Law Section

Save the date! It's almost time for the Criminal Law Section's 9th spring conference, which will be held June 15–16 (full day Friday and half day Saturday). Please join us for this popular biennial conference at a new venue—Zehnder's of Frankenmuth. The conference is still in the planning stages, but more information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website. Questions? Contact Mike Marutiak at (517) 242-4792 or MarutiakM@michigan.gov.

Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

Mark your calendar for the Elder Law and Disability Rights Section's fall conference, which will be held October 17–19 at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island.

Environmental Law Section

Join us on April 11 for "Clearing the Air in 2018: An Overview of Federal, Regional and State Air Quality Issues," sponsored by the Air Committee of the Environmental Law Section and hosted by the Michigan Manufacturers Association. The half-day program (lunch included) will feature updates on the most urgent air quality issues facing Michigan companies. Experts from government, industry, advocacy groups, and the legal profession will address the latest developments. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/events/recentcommunityevents> dashboard for registration details.

Family Law Section

MCR 2.626 states: "An award of attorney fees may include an award for the time and labor of any legal assistant who contributed nonclerical, legal support under the supervision of an attorney, provided the legal assistant meets the criteria set forth in Article 1, § 6 of the Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan." Attorneys should be mindful of how MCR 2.626 is interpreted by the Attorney Grievance Commission at it relates to MRPC 1.5(a).

Law Practice Management & Legal Administrators Section

We are offering three second- and third-year students from each Michigan law school to attend the educational sessions of the NEXT Conference, win section membership for a year, and have lunch on Thursday of the conference with the Executive Board. A "Pizza and Practice" event in the spring will be held at each of the law schools. The educational portion of our section's annual meeting will be held on August 18 at the Royal Oak Farmers Market.

Marijuana Law Section

Save the date: the Marijuana Law Section will hold its fall conference October 25–27 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. This great location offers plenty of activities for individuals and families, and it's a wonderful time to enjoy fall in northern Michigan. For more information or to suggest topics or speakers, contact Chairperson Mary Chartier at mary@cndefenders.com.

Negligence Law Section

The Negligence Law Section hosted a well-received educational program in September, focused on training the next generation of trial lawyers. We are also hosting the section's annual spring meeting, where we take our show on the road. This year we will be in Las Vegas May 3–6. There is still time to register. We will host our annual newer/younger lawyers' reception at the Punch Bowl Social in Detroit on March 1.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section's next council meeting is March 10. We have scheduled a networking event at Dino's Lounge in Ferndale on March 13, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. We are also partnering with ICLE on a half-day seminar in St. Johns in May. Finally, the section is in the early planning stages of a half-day seminar a day before the annual meeting in Grand Rapids. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/paralegal/home> for more information.

Real Property Law Section

Save the date! The next Groundbreaker Roundtable, "Developments in Construction," will be held April 19 at the Downtown Market in Grand Rapids. Roundtables: 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.; reception: 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. The program will host experts in the field to confer both practical and specialized knowledge related to negotiating AIA contract terms, financing and loan documentation considerations, project compensation schemes, and title-related considerations. Register online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=314226&> or mail the form at https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/breakfast_roundtable/GBApril_Reg.pdf.

Taxation Section

Authors interested in publication opportunities with the *Michigan Tax Lawyer* should contact Mindi Johnson at mjohnson@fosterswift.com. The upcoming edition will feature articles on trusts and estates and SALT. Registration is open for the Michigan Tax Conference, to be held Thursday, May 24 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The section has a number of other great events coming up. Be sure to join our committees on SBM Connect (<http://connect.michbar.org/tax/home>) for more information.

Young Lawyers Section

Save the date for the 11th Annual Young Lawyers Summit! This year's event will take place June 15–17. It promises to be a lovely getaway at The Inn at Bay Harbor with relevant educational programming. ■



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.)

***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