

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Dr. Elizabeth Stokoe, professor of social interaction at Loughborough University, UK, will present “Negotiation, Persuasion, and High Stakes Decision-Making—What the Research Teaches Us” on June 19 at WMU-Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills. The Ann Arbor mediator diversity lunch is August 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 and ADR Conference are October 12–13 in Traverse City.

## Children’s Law Section

The Children’s Law Section organized child welfare training, “Speak for Those Who Need a Voice,” in November 2017. Michigan attorneys and judges presented on topics including reasonable efforts to prevent child removals, the impact of substance abuse on newborns and families, education issues for court wards, and the intersection of child custody and child protection cases. The section is preparing articles for its *Child Welfare Law Journal* and seeking to participate as amicus curiae in Michigan appellate courts.

## Criminal Law Section

Register by June 11! Zehnder’s of Frankenthum will host our 9th spring conference June 15–16. This year’s conference addresses

forensic evidence with Justices Clement and McCormack, MSP personnel, Professor Imran Syed, Dr. Carl Christensen, Larry Daniel, Mike Nichols, Officer Andrew Tobias, and K9 Yukon. The \$25 fee for section members and \$30 fee for nonmembers includes lunch on Friday. Register online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/crimspring2018>. Questions? Contact Mike Marutiak at (517) 242-4792 or [MarutiakM@michigan.gov](mailto:MarutiakM@michigan.gov).

## Environmental Law Section

Thanks to the Program Committee for hosting our summer program on June 14 at the Bengal Wildlife Center. Upcoming events include our annual meeting on September 27 in Grand Rapids and the Joint Environmental Law Conference, cosponsored with the West Michigan and East Michigan chapters of the AWMA, in early November in Lansing. Special thanks to Amanda Urban and the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal* coeditors for producing the Spring 2018 edition. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home> for *Journal* access and more.

## Family Law Section

Please note that ADM File No. 2016-27 is a proposed amendment change to MRPC 7.2 by the Representative Assembly that would affect lawyer advertising. The stated concern is that legal advertisements that include only a phone number or website address and don’t identify the lawyer or law firm

providing legal services are a problem for the public.

## Law Practice Management & Legal Administrators Section

Our section is offering 15 scholarships to second- and third-year law students to attend the NEXT Conference. Andrew A. Busch, Elizabeth Kubera, and Jamicia L. Willingham from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law have received awards. We are waiting to hear from the other four Michigan law schools. Save the dates: July 21—“Market Your Practice for the 21st Century” in Traverse City; and August 15—LPM&LA Tech Show, presenters, vendors, and food trucks at the Royal Oak Farmers Market.

## Marijuana Law Section

The Marijuana Law Section is hosting a one-day conference on “Representing Commercial Marijuana Businesses in Michigan” on June 7 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. The seminar includes sessions on environmental issues, zoning, employment, banking, intellectual property, insurance, municipalities, ethics for attorneys, what prosecutors consider when charging, and other business issues. Register online through the SBM or contact Mary Chartier at [mary@cndefenders.com](mailto:mary@cndefenders.com) with any questions.

## Negligence Law Section

The Negligence Law Section has announced its annual awards. Judge Matthew Leitman received the Trial Judge of the Year Award in April, George Sinas will receive the Earl Cline/Sherwin Schreier Award for Excellence at our annual past chairs event in June, and Michael Hayes Dettmer will receive the Outstanding Achievement Award in Traverse City on August 9.

## Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section cosponsored “The Lawyer-Paralegal Team: Effective Workflow to Maximize Efficiency” with ICLE on May 3. Attorney/paralegal teams explained how they worked together in different aspects of the legal world, with specific examples as to case flow, organization



## MONEY JUDGMENT INTEREST RATE

MCL 600.6013 governs how to calculate the interest on a money judgment in a Michigan state court. Interest is calculated at six-month intervals in January and July of each year, from when the complaint was filed, and is compounded annually.

For a complaint filed after December 31, 1986, the rate as of January 1, 2018 is 2.984 percent. This rate includes the statutory 1 percent.

But a different rule applies for a complaint filed after June 30, 2002 that is based on a written instrument with its own specified interest rate. The rate is the lesser of:

- (1) 13 percent a year, compounded annually; or
- (2) the specified rate, if it is fixed—or if it is variable, the variable rate when the complaint was filed if that rate was legal.

For past rates, see <http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Resources/Documents/other/interest.pdf>.

*As the application of MCL 600.6013 varies depending on the circumstances, you should review the statute carefully.*

of documents, document search, calendaring, and more. The section is planning a seminar on the day of the annual meeting in Grand Rapids. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/paralegal/home> for more information.

## 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/home>. The section is comprised of a great group of attorneys who are generous with their time and advice.

## Real Property Law Section

The annual summer conference, "Great Lakes, Great Times: Michigan Real Estate from the Mountaintop," will be held July 18–21 at Crystal Mountain. Program coordinators are C. Lynn Sagar of First American Title Insurance Co. and Brian P. Foley of Dickinson Wright. Register for the conference online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=321087&> or mail the form at [https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/summer\\_conference/SC18Reg.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/summer_conference/SC18Reg.pdf). To book a room, visit <https://reservations.crystalmountain.com/crystaldefault/Trip-Planner/Lodging?GroupCode=45U4MQ> or call (855) 520-2974 and use special code 45U4MQ to receive the section group discount.

## Taxation Section

The Taxation Section recently held its annual Michigan Tax Conference featuring a number of excellent presentations on a variety of tax topics. Attendees also enjoyed the opportunity to network with more than 100 attorneys, accountants, judges, and government officials. Please save the date for the Fundamentals of Taxation Program on October 25. For more information about other upcoming events and to sign up for committees, visit [michbar.org/tax](http://michbar.org/tax). ■



## 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 [jlark@michbar.org](mailto:jlark@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**  
Maple Grove  
6773 W. Maple Rd.  
Willingness Group Room 21  
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 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