

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The Marquette mediator lunch, cosponsored with the Marquette County Bar Association, was held September 21. The mediator ethics teleseminar is October 3. The annual meeting and ADR conference are October 12–13 in Traverse City. Award winners are Earlene Baggett-Hayes, Distinguished Service Award; Dr. Jane Millar, Nanci S. Klein Award; and Erin Archerd and L. Graham Ward, Hero of ADR Awards. The 5th Annual ADR Summit with Dwight Golann is March 19, 2019, at WMU–Cooley Law in Auburn Hills.

### Environmental Law Section

Our Joint Environmental Conference will be held on November 8 at Lansing Community College West Campus. The Environmental Law Section and the East and West chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association have prepared an exciting agenda for this year's joint conference, including EPA Region V Administrator Cathy Stepp and MDEQ Director Heidi Grether. Registration is available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>.

### Family Law Section

The Michigan Child Support Formula is required to be reviewed every four years. The quadrennial child support formula review committee startup meeting was held in September. If you have suggestions or issues with the formula, please contact Kent Weichmann at [Kent.Weichmann@3rdcc.org](mailto:Kent.Weichmann@3rdcc.org) or Carlo Martina at [carlo@martinalaw.com](mailto:carlo@martinalaw.com).

### Intellectual Property Law Section

The IP Law Section will host its 44th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute October 25–26 at the Dearborn Inn. Speakers include Hon. Victoria A. Roberts and counsel for each of the local major sport teams, who will present on the intersection of IP and sports law such as equipment patents, design rights, branding, trademark infringement, licensing, and sponsorships. See [www.icle.org/ip](http://www.icle.org/ip) for more information and to register.

### Judicial Section

The Judicial Section Council consists of Court of Appeals and Circuit Court judges and representatives from the Michigan District Judges Association, Michigan Judges Association, and Probate Judges Association. The council's mission is to offer continued support of legislation that improves the court system and the administration of justice. Our annual meeting was held on September 28 during the SBM NEXT Conference in Grand Rapids.

### Marijuana Law Section

The Marijuana Law Section will hold its fall conference October 25–27 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. This is a great location with plenty of activities for individuals and families, and it's a wonderful time to enjoy fall in northern Michigan. Many topics will be covered, including the new Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. If you have any questions, contact Chairperson Mary Chartier at [mary@cndefenders.com](mailto:mary@cndefenders.com).

### Negligence Law Section

The Negligence Law Section took its show on the road in August to host its annual Summer Reception in Traverse City. While there, we presented this year's Outstanding Achievement Award to Traverse City's own Michael Hayes Dettmer. In September, we gathered for our annual meeting at the NEXT Conference in Grand Rapids where Todd Stern moderated a discussion on ADR and we passed the baton to our incoming section chair, Bobby Raitt.

### Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section held its final 2017–2018 council meeting on September 27 followed by a Meet and Greet Party at the Chop House that evening. The section awarded two \$500 scholarships during its annual meeting and program on September 28, and ended the evening with its 2018–2019 Council Retreat. We are excited for the coming year! Contact a council member to become involved with our section.

### Probate and Estate Planning Section

With deep appreciation for all they have done, we thank outgoing section chair Marlane Teahan and outgoing council member Rhonda Clark-Kreuer. We welcome new council members James F. Anderton V, Andrew Mayoras, and Neal Nusholtz and new officers Meg Lentz (chair), Christopher Ballard (chair-elect), David Lucas (vice chair), David Skidmore (secretary), and Mark Kellogg (treasurer). All section members are invited to council meetings. See <http://connect.michbar.org/probate/events/schedule> for the meeting schedule.

### Real Property Law Section

Register today! Limited space is available for the Real Property Law Academy II on October 10–11 at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids and on May 8–9, 2019, at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy. Attendance at Academy I is not a prerequisite for attending Academy II. Discounts are available for firms. To register and learn more about the Academy, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/events/academy2>.

### Social Security Lawyers Section

The Social Security Lawyers Section held its annual meeting on September 14 at the Skyline Club in Southfield. Chuck Robison was honored with the Dudley Award for his advocacy and service to the section. The section seeks members to serve on the council. If you are interested, please contact Jim Rinck at [jrrinck@jrrinck.com](mailto:jrrinck@jrrinck.com).

### Taxation Section

At its annual meeting on September 13, the Taxation Section welcomed new leadership. Many exciting section and committee events are already on the books for the upcoming year, including the Second Annual Fundamentals of Taxation Program, which will be held on October 25. This year's Fundamentals of Taxation Program will again be hosted at Honigman's Detroit office. For more information on this and other upcoming events, please visit [michbar.org/tax](http://michbar.org/tax). ■