

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The 5th Annual ADR Summit with Dwight Golann is March 19, 2019, at WMU–Cooley Law in Auburn Hills. The 2019 annual meeting and ADR conference will be held October 11–12, 2019, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

Appellate Practice Section

The Appellate Practice Section thanks Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Stephen Markman and Justices Brian Zahra, Bridget McCormack, and David Viviano, as well as Michigan Court of Appeals Judges Peter O'Connell, Elizabeth Gleicher, Jane Beckering, and Michael Riordan for their participation in the section's annual program held on September 27. The section also congratulates its newly elected officers on council: Bridget Brown Powers, chair; Bradley Hall, chair-elect; Anne Argiroff, secretary; and Stephanie Simon Morita, treasurer.

Business Law Section

Congratulations to Tania (Dee Dee) Fuller of Fuller Law & Counseling, PC, 2018 recipient of the Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award. Fuller was recognized at the annual meeting on October 5. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to sign up to participate on committees and learn about other section events. Please join us at one of our next council meetings: December 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Detroit or March 7, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. in Lansing.

Children's Law Section

Michigan children lost an amazing advocate with the passing of Jack McKaig in June. For Jack, it was “all about the children,” as evidenced by his zealous advocacy and excellent leadership of the section. We established the John H. McKaig II scholarship in his honor. The section filed six amicus briefs in appellate courts, voiced positions on legislation/DHHS policies affecting families, and called for submissions for the November 2019 child welfare law theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*.

Criminal Law Section

Time for a break in the weather at a *new* venue! The 42nd Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference will again be held over President's Day Weekend (February 16–18, 2019) but at a new venue: Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. The revamped program, with conference sessions that are closer together in time on Sunday, will again be offered. More information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website.

Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

The Elder Law and Disability Rights Section held its annual fall conference on Mackinac Island in October. Congratulations to Paul Sturgul for being named volunteer of the year! Officers for the upcoming year include Christopher Smith, chair; Kelly Quardokus, chair-elect; Christine Caswell, secretary; Robert Mannor, treasurer; and Sara Schimke, past chair. Save the date for the section's annual spring conference, which will be held on March 15 at The Inn at St. John's.

Environmental Law Section

The Joint Environmental Conference, co-sponsored with the East Michigan and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association, was held on November 8 and featured the most up-to-date information available on environmental issues. The section also held an informative webinar on “Examining Shared Environmental Interests” with the Ontario Bar Association. The webinar recording and joint conference program materials are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>.

Family Law Section

In August 2018, SCAO approved and released the MC 01 Summons form in translated versions for both Arabic (<https://courts.michigan.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/courtforms/mc01AR.pdf>) and Spanish (<https://courts.michigan.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/courtforms/mc01SP.pdf>). These translated versions are for informational purposes only, and not to

be filed with the courts. With a large number of unrepresented litigants in the domestic relations and family law arenas who have either Spanish or Arabic as their primary language, the Family Law Section applauds and thanks SCAO for these recent updates.

Intellectual Property Law Section

The IP Law Section is proud to announce that David Berry was awarded the 2018 Excellence in IP Award at the 44th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute. Save the dates for the 2019 Intellectual Property Law Spring Seminar on Monday, March 18, 2019. Visit <http://www.icle.org/ip> for more information.

International Law Section

The ILS held its annual meeting on September 13 at the Detroit Regional Chamber. The program, “Building Bridges: From Infrastructure to Economic Development,” featured experts on legal issues arising in cross-border infrastructure matters. On November 7, the section held a council meeting at Walsh College. The program was entitled “U.S. Sanction Programs: What International Businesses in the U.S. Need to Know” and featured experts on trade restrictions to accomplish foreign policy and national security goals.

Marijuana Law Section

The Marijuana Law Section completed its annual conference October 25–27 at the Grand Traverse Resort. We recognized the contributions of many at a formal awards ceremony, including the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Chair-elect Matthew Abel, the second Trailblazer Award, several Pioneer Awards, and the Unsung Hero Award. Attendees enjoyed presentations on hemp and CBD, banking, tax audits, and Proposition 1 and socializing in beautiful northern Michigan. Next year, we'll be in Grand Rapids October 24–26.

Master Lawyers Section

Looking back at 2018 events, the section convened a strategic planning session, reviewed and revised its bylaws, conducted

a survey of its membership, and compiled “Words of Wisdom,” a gem of hindsight and experience that the section is sharing with its membership and other State Bar sections. The MLS also partnered with the Young Lawyers Section to present an educational program on limited scope representation at the SBM NEXT Conference in Grand Rapids on September 28.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Oakland County Circuit Judge Nancy Grant denied paralegal fees in a recent collection case. The decision is being appealed by the plaintiff, a nonprofit condominium association, counseled by The Meisner Law Group, PC. Additionally, our section held a retreat in October and sent members a survey for their input and ideas for the coming year. We look forward to an exciting 2019!

Prisons and Corrections Section

The section is currently laying plans for its 2019 annual conference on the first Saturday of June at the State Bar building in Lansing. Conference topic will be announced soon in the section’s newsletter. The council’s meetings for this coming year will focus on proposals in the new legislative session and on the more general topic of trauma screening for incarcerated persons, particularly females. The council presently has an opening for an associate (non-attorney) member, and nominations are being accepted.

Probate and Estate Planning Section

The Probate and Estate Planning Section is pleased to cosponsor ICLE’s 2019 Annual Probate Institute, which will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme on May 16–19, 2019, and repeated at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth on June 20–21, 2019. This is a great opportunity to learn from experts and network with your peers.

Real Property Law Section

Please join the Real Property Law Section for its 2019 Winter Conference at the Omni Royal Orleans in New Orleans. The program, “Riding the Storm of Redevelop-

ment—Legal Tactics for Charting the Course Forward,” will take place March 7–9, 2019. Register online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=377623&> or mail the form at https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/winter_conference/WC19_Reg.pdf. Limited rooms are available. To book a room, visit https://ssl.omnihotels.com/Omni?Perseus_state=clear&hotelCode=MSYROY&group_code=0304192019winte&EndDate=03/11/2019&StartDate=03/04/2019 or call (800) 578-0500 and ask for the Real Property Law special rate.

Social Security Lawyers Section

Please keep the following 2019 seminar dates in mind: March 28–29, 6th Circuit Seminar; June 7–8, Up North Seminar; and

September 11–14, NOSSCR 40th anniversary in New Orleans. We have been active in coming up with ideas to make the section more valuable for its members. With this in mind, we will launch a regular newsletter with information on 6th Circuit cases/current court decisions, ERE issues/technology tips, and practical tips.

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 23, 2019, 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) by December 31 for publication opportunities with the *Michigan Tax Lawyer*. ■



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