

## Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

The section hosted a luncheon on December 11, where a moderated panel of the Michigan Tax Tribunal addressed issues and responded to audience questions. The section hosts similar events throughout the year. Section membership unlocks event discounts and exclusive content on the SBM website. Law students may join the section for \$1 and newly admitted SBM members pay nothing for the first two years; others pay only \$20. More information is available at <http://connect.michbar.org/adminlaw/home>.

## Business Law Section

Congratulations to Eric Lark, recipient of the 2019 Stephen Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award. You are invited to attend our next council meeting on March 12 in Lansing. Business Boot Camp I will be held in Plymouth on January 30–31. The Symposium on Corporate Oppression Actions will be held on January 15 in Troy. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to sign up for Boot Camp and the symposium and to learn about other section events.

## Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section will offer its 43rd Mid-Winter Ski Conference at Soaring Eagle Casino on February 15–16. On Saturday evening, the conference kicks off with a keynote and reception. On Sunday, Tim Baughman opens the training with his review of high-impact court decisions, followed by several sessions on collateral consequences of criminal behavior. Register in advance online; only \$25 for section members. Questions? Contact Opolla Brown at [obrown@waynecounty.com](mailto:obrown@waynecounty.com) or (313) 833-2538.

## Family Law Section

Considerable changes to FOC/ADR procedures went into effect January 1. The Family Law Section is sponsoring presentations by local FOC representatives to explain how new MCR 3.224 will work in practice.

Presentations are free to section members and will be held in Grand Rapids, Southfield/Novi, Lansing, and Traverse City. Interested in joining the section? Application forms are available on the Family Law Section website at State Bar of Michigan Connect.

## Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section is hosting a night out at the Detroit Pistons game on Wednesday, January 22. Network and mingle with other section members at Little Caesar's Arena while cheering on the Pistons as they face off against the Sacramento Kings. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. Must be a section member to attend. Details and RSVP information will be circulated via email.

## International Law Section

Increasing the emphasis of connecting international law to relevant business developments, the ILS events over the past year included Global Impacts of Industry 4.0 Technologies; U.S. Sanction Programs; Federal Government Contracting Issues and Disputes; Transatlantic Automotive Triangle; Global Impact of Tax Reform; and New U.S.–Mexico–Canada Trade Agreement. The section also held social events with international groups and chambers. We have another exciting year planned and underway.

## Marijuana Law Section

More than 200 members attended the section's fourth annual conference in October at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids. The conference featured both business and criminal law tracks and a panel of judges, including Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack. Matthew Abel was sworn in as 2019–2020 chair, with John Fraser as chair-elect and Allison Arnold as secretary/treasurer. The fifth annual conference is scheduled for October 22–24 at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant.

## Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Join us for a pizza party in February, a wine-tasting event in March at Michigan by

the Bottle in Royal Oak, a volunteer event in May, and our Annual Day of Education on May 29 at the historic Federal Reserve Building. Event details coming soon on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram; in the *Michigan Paralegal*; and on our website. We look forward to meeting you!

## Real Property Law Section

Register now! The 2020 annual winter conference, "Earth, Wind & Fire," will be held March 12–14 at the Hotel del Coronado. Register online at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=495500&> or mail the form at [https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/winter\\_conference/RP\\_WinterReg.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/winter_conference/RP_WinterReg.pdf). Limited rooms are available. To book a room, visit <https://book.passkey.com/event/49987433/owner/10689/home> or call (619) 435-6611 and ask for the Real Property Law special rate. Rooms must be booked by February 10.

## Social Security Lawyers Section

Congratulations to our officers for 2020–2021: Chair Jim Rinck, Vice Chair Kerry Spencer, Secretary Joshua McFarland, and Treasurer Crystal P. Bui. Our section will have two seminars this year. The summer seminar will be at Boyne Mountain on June 14–16 and our fall seminar will be at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor on September 11. More information will be posted in our newsletter. Please consider submitting newsletter articles on Social Security topics to Kerry Spencer at [kerryspencer77@gmail.com](mailto:kerryspencer77@gmail.com). ■



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