Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

On Wednesday, March 25, the Administrative & Regulatory Law Section will host a Lunch & Learn with commissioners of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The event will be held at the Kellogg Center on MSU’s campus from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. An RSVP is required; no walk-ins will be accepted, as this will be a sold-out event.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Proposals for the ADR Section’s October 16–17 annual conference in Grand Rapids are due by February 14. Email michael@leibadr.com with your proposals and any seminar program topic or format suggestions. Upcoming events include a Mediator Standards teleseminar on Tuesday, February 11, and the 2020 ADR Summit featuring Andrea Schneider on Tuesday, May 12, at UD Mercy in Detroit. Visit http://connect.michbar.org/adr/home to read the latest issue of The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal.

American Indian Law Section

The American Indian Law Section has partnered with Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) on its new pro bono program. MILS seeks pro bono attorneys to help increase legal assistance to low-income Native Americans in Michigan. MILS has a pro bono opportunity to fit your schedule, your location, and your practice area. For more information about volunteering, contact Norika Kida Betti or Hank Fields at probono@mils3.org or by calling (800) 968-6877.

Criminal Law Section

Join us for the 43rd Mid-Winter Conference, February 15–16 at Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant, and learn about collateral consequences of criminal behavior related to professional and occupational licenses, immigration, sex offender registration, social benefits, educational loans, and collateral registry and family law. Criminal Law Section members pay only $25 with early registration. Nonmember and limited on-site registration—only with advance permission—is $30. Scholarships available for section members. Questions? Contact Opolla Brown at obrown@waynecounty.com or (313) 833-2538.

Environmental Law Section


Family Law Section

Membership has its privileges in the Family Law Section. Access to the section listserv, which continues to thrive, is a game-changing benefit of membership. The listserv is home to 1,085 section members—judges, lawyers, and referees from throughout the state—offering its users instant knowledge about changes to family law and keen insights to solve problems in your daily practice. Is 2020 the year you elevate your practice by joining the section? It’s time. Visit http://connect.michbar.org/familylaw/home.

Government Law Section

Save the dates for the section’s upcoming seminars: The winter seminar will be held February 7 at The Henry in Dearborn. Personnel issues will be discussed, including investigation of sexual harassment in the municipal workplace. The summer seminar is scheduled for June 26–27 at the Grand Traverse Bay Resort. This year’s topics include areas of interest to all municipal attorneys. Please visit http://connect.michbar.org/govlaw/home for future notices. We look forward to seeing you!

Information Technology Law Section

Save the date! On Thursday, April 2, plan to attend an evening presentation and Q&A session that takes a legal look at artificial intelligence at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills. The event will include a great moderator, expert panelists, and a networking opportunity with appetizers. When available, additional information will be provided on the IT Law Section’s calendar at http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/home. See you there!

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The section is sponsoring a $5,000 scholarship. Any student currently enrolled in one of Michigan’s five law schools is eligible to apply for the scholarship. The winner will be selected based on the submission of an article of original work on a topic chosen by the section. The topic and details of the required submission can be viewed and downloaded at https://tinyurl.com/insurance-scholarship. Submissions are due no later than February 29.

Real Property Law Section


Religious Liberty Law Section

The Religious Liberty Law Section commented on recent proposed changes in judicial ethics rules that the section believes
would detrimentally impair religious liberty. The section expects to hold several meetings this year for members to highlight increased risks to religious liberty. The section also has a goal this year to produce and distribute its first newsletter to highlight current important issues in the law concerning religious liberty.

Senior Lawyers Section

If any section members would like to join a committee or have a recommendation for SLS action, email Charles Fleck at CAF208@aol.com. The section is reviewing a name change back to Master Lawyers and preparing a strategic planning session.

Social Security Lawyers Section

Our summer section meeting will be held at Boyne Mountain on June 14–16. We are putting together a fantastic program; however, we have openings for speakers. If you have suggestions for someone who would be willing to speak on Social Security issues or possible entertainment ideas in Boyne, please email the section chair at jrrinck@jrrink.com or the vice chair at kerryspencer77@gmail.com. Visit our website at http://connect.michbar.org/socsecurity/home for details on upcoming events.

Workers’ Compensation Law Section

The rules that govern workers’ compensation claim hearings are currently being re-drafted. If you have suggestions concerning changes to the rules, please contact Director Mark Long at LongM1@michigan.gov.

Young Lawyers Section

Upcoming YLS events: Stand Up & Be Counted: The Power of Grit (February 17 at Wayne State University Law School); 30 Tips in 30 minutes—A Must for New Associates (March 31 at MSU College of Law). See the SBM YLS Connect page and Facebook page for more details. Save the date: SBM YLS Summit at UDM School of Law (September 12).

For anyone interested in starting an LIAA meeting in northern Michigan, please contact LIAP.

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 are also 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 jcclark@michbar.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

*Monday 7:00 PM
Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting
St. Paul of the Cross
23533 Schoolcraft Rd.
(196 south service drive, just east of Telegraph Rd.)
Detroit
(This is both an AA and NA meeting.)

*Tuesday 7:00 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
1540 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
Maplegrove
6773 W. Maple Rd.
Willingness Group, Room 21
West Bloomfield Township

*Second Saturday of the Month 1:00 PM
Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting
Houghton Lake Alano Club
2410 N. Markey Rd.
Houghton Lake
(Contact Scott at (989) 246-1200 with questions)

Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

For a list of meetings, visit http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/mtdirMI.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 12:00 PM
Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
645 Griswold
3550 Penobscot Bldg., 13th Floor
Smart Detroit Global Board Room 2
Detroit

Friday 6:00 PM
The Business & Professional (STAG)
Closed Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
Pilgrim Congregational Church
3061 N Adams
(Closed meeting; restricted to professionals specifically for lawyers and judges.)

For other AA or NA meetings, see listings in your local phone book or call: Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, (800) 996-5522.