# Section Briefs

## Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

On March 25, the Administrative & Regulatory Law Section will host a Lunch & Learn with commissioners of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). This is an opportunity for members of the Bar to meet and discuss the activities of the MLCC while networking with fellow attorneys. The event will be held on the campus of Michigan State University; tickets are \$25 or \$40, depending on select section membership. See the SBM website for more details.

#### Criminal Law Section

Save the date! It's almost time for the Criminal Law Section's 10th spring conference, which will be held the first weekend in June (full day of conference sessions on Friday, June 5). Please join us for this popular biennial event at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth. The conference is still in the planning stages; more information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website.

#### **Environmental Law Section**

The annual spring conference, "Clearing the Air," will be held on April 16 at the Michigan Manufacturers Association in Lansing. The latest issue of the Michigan Environmental Law Journal and upcoming events and registration are available at http://connect. michbar.org/envlaw.

### Family Law Section

Mark your calendars for March 5! The Family Law Section is hosting a seminar on the new FOC ADR rule from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. The seminar is free to section members, judges, and FOC personnel (\$30 for all others). Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Don't miss out on this opportunity to familiarize yourself with the new rule. The Detroit seminar was a huge success!

# Information Technology Law Section

Save the date! On Thursday, April 2, plan to attend "A Legal Look at New Technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Vehicles, and Robotic Process Automation," an evening panel presentation and Q&A at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills. This free event will include a networking opportunity with appetizers, a great moderator, and expert panelists. Additional information is available on the IT Law Section's calendar at http://connect.michbar. org/itlaw/home. See you there!

# Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Please join us on Saturday, March 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Gleaners in Pontiac to help sort food donations. Afterward, we will gather at a local brewery to relax and refresh. Invite your family members (kids are welcome, too!) and join us for this worthwhile community service project. Registration is required. Please contact Patricia Allerton at pallerton@maddinhauser. com for information and to register. We hope to see you there!

# Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendar! The annual summer conference will be held July 15-18 at Mission Point, Mackinac Island. Program coordinators Roxana Zaha of Butzel Long and Brandy Mathie of Kerr Russell invite all real estate practitioners to meet their colleagues and participate in discussions on current legal issues that impact real property law in the state of Michigan. Hotel and registration information to come.

# Religious Liberty Law Section

The Religious Liberty Law Section will conduct its adjourned annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. on February 20 at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium,

1200 Court Tower Boulevard in Pontiac. Attornev Erin Elizabeth Mersino, who has litigated religious freedom cases nationwide, will be the keynote speaker. We will also address the proposed changes in the Judicial Cannon and the Michigan civil rights law that will affect religious liberty.

## Senior Lawyers Section

New business of the council concerns expanding our support for the Michigan Indian Legal Services Program and involvement with the Interim Administrative Program being advanced by the State Bar. We also are looking for legal and nonlegal volunteer services for our members. If any section member would like to join a committee or has a recommendation for SLS action. email Charles Fleck at CAF208@aol.com.

## Social Security Lawyers Section

We have been active in coming up with ideas to make the section more valuable for members with our quarterly newsletter containing information on 6th Circuit cases/current court decisions, ERE/technology issues, and practical tips. Make sure to register on the State Bar website for our 2020 seminars, which will be held June 14-16 at Boyne and September 11 (also our annual meeting) at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.

## Workers' Compensation Law Section

We welcome 2020. The section had its annual winter seminar, which was wellattended. We look forward to our summer section meeting in Grand Rapids; many events are being planned to make it informative and enjoyable.