

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The section presented a “Facilitating Group Dynamics and Conflicts” webinar on June 23. The ADR annual conference is scheduled for October 16–17. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/home> for webinar recordings and the latest issue of *The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal*.

American Indian Law Section

The American Indian Law Section’s 2020 annual meeting will take place virtually on September 24. The meeting will feature a panel discussion on the impacts of COVID-19 on Indian country and legal practitioners in Indian country, and paths for moving forward after the pandemic. Watch for additional information to be posted on the section’s social media and at <https://connect.michbar.org/amerindian/home>.

Appellate Practice Section

On September 24, the Appellate Practice Section will hold its annual meeting and program remotely by Zoom. This virtual event is free to section members and will include a hands-on webinar training focusing on the Michigan Supreme Court E-Briefing Pilot Program, a panel discussion with appellate judges and court staff focusing on “Justice in the Age of Remote Access,” and the annual section meeting. For more information, contact Anne Argiroff at anneargiroffplc@gmail.com.

Criminal Law Section

On October 17, the Criminal Law Section will offer its annual meeting, program, and a social event at the University Club of MSU. The event will begin with a business meeting, which will include elections and a vote on a proposed new bylaw, followed by a joint program with the Immigration Law and Prisons and Corrections sections. The event will close with a reception and keynote address. Watch for more information, including registration link.

Information Technology Law Section

Save the date! On Thursday, September 10, plan to attend the 13th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth. The seminar will include an all-day educational event of informative topics, the IT Law Section’s annual meeting, lunch, and a complimentary cocktail reception. When available, additional information will be provided on the section’s calendar at <http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/home>. See you there!

International Law Section

On June 12, the section joined U.S. Commercial Service Michigan in presenting “How to Mitigate International Contract Problems During and After the Global Crisis.” The timely webinar included high-level Michigan industry and ILS council speakers and moderator. Thanks to council member and organizer Eve Lerman, we reached an audience far beyond Michigan, with thousands of recipients all over the U.S. and even abroad. The hugely positive response is gratifying.

Religious Liberty Law Section

The governor’s stay-at-home orders have raised significant issues for religious liberty. Several of our section members, including David Kallman, William Wagner, Erin

Elizabeth Mersino, and Tracey Lee, assisted with a lawsuit filed against the governor, asserting that the religious exemptions in the order did not properly protect attendees of religious services. As a result, within days of the filing of the lawsuit, the governor expanded the religious exemption.

Social Security Lawyers Section

Welcome new board member Jeffrey Kirschner. Please note that our annual meeting, which was planned for September 11 at Weber’s Inn in Ann Arbor, has been changed. Because of COVID-19 issues and the logistics of being in a conference room and the current uncertainty of the virus and safety, this meeting will be held via Zoom or some other video communication software platform. We will keep you posted as to the registration instructions.

Young Lawyers Section

The Young Lawyers Section has regrettably been forced to postpone the annual summit that was scheduled for September 12 at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law until 2021 due to the uncertainty involved with COVID-19. The section is working to organize new events in webinar format in the future. Stay safe and stay healthy. ■



MONEY JUDGMENT INTEREST RATE

MCL 600.6013 governs how to calculate the interest on a money judgment in a Michigan state court. Interest is calculated at six-month intervals in January and July of each year, from when the complaint was filed, and is compounded annually.

For a complaint filed after December 31, 1986, the rate as of January 1, 2020 is 2.617 percent. This rate includes the statutory 1 percent.

But a different rule applies for a complaint filed after June 30, 2002 that is based on a written instrument with its own specified interest rate. The rate is the lesser of:

- (1) 13 percent a year, compounded annually; or
- (2) the specified rate, if it is fixed—or if it is variable, the variable rate when the complaint was filed if that rate was legal.

For past rates, see <http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Resources/Documents/other/interest.pdf>.

As the application of MCL 600.6013 varies depending on the circumstances, you should review the statute carefully.