# Section Briefs

#### Criminal Law Section

Join us October 17 for our annual meeting and program at the University Club of MSU. During the 9 a.m.—10 a.m. meeting, new officers will be inducted and members will be elected to the council. To be nominated, email the candidate's name, P number, and one-page statement to criminal lawsection@gmail.com. The daylong program—a joint effort with the Immigration Law Section and Prisons and Corrections Section—ends with a reception keynoted by Justice Stephen Markman. Online registration opens soon.

### Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section recently published two whitepapers related to COVID-19 and nursing homes. The first,

"Health Providers May Accept Provider Relief Fund Payments Without Knowing What They Signed Up For," discusses relief funding to healthcare providers under the CARES Act. The second, "Voluntary Closure of Nursing Homes in Michigan," provides an overview of the steps nursing home providers must take before closing their doors. Both whitepapers are available online at https://connect.michbar.org/healthcare/publications/sectionpublications.

## Information Technology Law Section

Save the date! On Thursday, September 10, plan to attend the 13th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar. The seminar will include interesting and informative topics (including emerging issues in biometrics, privacy, cloud security risks, enforceability of online contracts, and counseling

on cutting-edge technology products and services) and the IT Law Section's annual meeting. When available, additional information will be provided on the section's calendar at http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/home. See you there!

#### Religious Liberty Law Section

The Religious Liberty Law Section's June 25 Zoom meeting featured speakers Professor William Wagner and Timothy Denney. Wagner spoke on stay-at-home orders and religious freedom. Denney spoke on the proposed initiative being circulated that would shrink religious liberty protection by, among other things, shrinking the definition of religion in Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. The section has also set up a Google group to facilitate communication among members.

