

Criminal Law Section

Congratulations to Christina Hines, who was installed as the chair of the Criminal Law Section, and to the other officers and new members of the council. The start of a new bar year brings many opportunities for our members, and the council already has several conferences in the planning stages for 2020–2021. We will soon announce topics for the 44th Annual Mid-Winter Conference, which is traditionally held over Presidents' Day weekend.

Environmental Law Section

The annual Fall Joint Environmental Conference will be held virtually on Nov. 5, 10, 12, 17, and 19 from 9–11 a.m. Registration is available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw> along with the latest issue of the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*. The section will not have an in-person annual meeting this year.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section held its annual meeting via Zoom on September 12. Elected

to the section council for three-year terms were Sean Blume, Shon Cook, Steven Heisler, Shelley Kester, Peter Kulas-Dominguez, Amy Spilman, and Gail Towne. Elected as officers were Chair-Elect Christopher Harrington; Treasurer Shelley Kester; Corresponding Secretary Kristen Robinson; and Recording Secretary Liisa Speaker. Sahera Housey is the section's incoming chairperson.

Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section recently published two new white papers related to COVID-19. The first, "Informed Consent and the COVID-19 Pandemic," provides an analysis of how informed consent in health care has evolved within the past few months. The second, "Care in the Time of COVID: How the Pandemic Has Moved Telemedicine Forward," outlines the legal changes and ramifications of telemedicine during the pandemic and examines its future growth. Both white papers are available at <https://connect.michbar.org/healthcare/publications/sectionpublications>.

Social Security Section

Because of the unusual circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 virus, the section voted during its annual meeting to keep the same slate of officers for the upcoming year. Also, due to the success of our September virtual seminar, the section plans to hold another virtual seminar in February 2021. If you know a speaker who would like to participate in one of our seminars, please contact us through the section listserv.

Workers' Compensation Section

The Workers' Compensation Section has been working with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration regarding Michigan Workers' Disability Compensation Agency policies and procedures, focusing on post-COVID-19 reopening and a prompt return to business before magistrates. The section's annual winter meeting is scheduled for December 4 via Zoom. Stay tuned to the section newsletter and e-blasts for more details on the topics and agenda for this meeting. ■



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