

Alternative Dispute Resolution

The ADR Section has two upcoming webinars: “Best Mediation Techniques Panel” on Thursday, January 21, and “How to Be an Effective Mediation Advocate” on Thursday, February 18. The February event is cosponsored by the SBM Young Lawyers Section. The latest issue of *The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal*, upcoming events, and event materials and recordings can be found at <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/home>.

Criminal Law

On Saturday, February 13, the mid-winter conference returns for its 44th year. The primary focus of the conference is implicit bias in the criminal justice system. The program is offered free and will be livestreamed via Zoom. More information about the conference, including the agenda and registration link, will be posted on our website and in our newsletter. For questions, contact Stephanie Farkas at sfarkas@ndsdetroit.org or (313) 418-5556.

Elder Law & Disability Rights

The virtual ELDRS spring conference will be held March 19. There is no cost to attend. A registration link will be sent to section members via e-blast.

Environmental Law

The Hazardous Substance and Brownfield Committee recently hosted a webinar focusing on notable changes in 2020 to Michigan’s environmental regulations and

what we can anticipate for 2021. The annual fall joint environmental conference was held in November. The latest issue of the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal* and event information are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw>.

Family Law

The Michigan child support formula changed effective January 1. The changes, which can be found in the *2021 Michigan Child Support Formula Manual*, mean a new Uniform Child Support Order and Deviation Addendum must be used for child support orders. The updated UCSO and addendum can be found on the SCAO website.

Health Care Law

The Health Care Law Section recently hosted a virtual panel conversation entitled “Emerging Trends—Practicing During a Pandemic.” Panelists included attorneys Rebecca Glitman of Honigman, Timothy Gutwald of Miller Johnson, and Andrew Wachler of Wachler & Associates. The panel discussed how the unprecedented pandemic affects the practice of health care law and offered advice on professional growth and emerging trends as well as best practice tips for sustaining a successful legal career.

Real Property Law

Register for the “Recent Legislation and Hot Topics on the Horizon” Zoom program on Thursday, January 28, from 3–4:30 p.m. for updates on recent legislation and executive orders and a preview of new legisla-

tion that may be on the horizon. Register virtually to attend at <https://na.eventscloud.com/RPL012821>.

Religious Liberty

Many thanks to outgoing chair Tim Denney for his hard work on behalf of the section. We welcome William Wagner as the new section chair. We also welcome our incoming council: Dennis Barnes, David Campbell, Erin Mersino, David French, Tracey Lee, Kevin Klevorn, Tim Denney, and Daniel Dalton. Peace.

Social Security

We will livestream another free seminar for section members through our YouTube channel on Friday, February 19, starting at 9 a.m. Register through our section email at statebarmichigansocsecsection@gmail.com. Once registered, you will receive a secure link to watch the stream. Note that even if you register now, the link will be sent closer to the seminar date. In addition to several speakers, there will be an opportunity to ask questions via Chatbox roundtable.

Workers’ Compensation

The section’s winter meeting took place by Zoom on December 4. Subjects included the impact of the new no-fault act on workers’ compensation claims and a presentation on COVID-19 issues. As we move forward, the section council continues to work hard with the agency and board of magistrates toward a safe and meaningful reopening of hearings. ■