

Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

The 18th annual ELDRS spring conference will be held virtually on Friday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The topics will include long-term services at the Department of Health and Human Services; the intersection of disability rights and elder law; an update on the Attorney General's Elder Abuse Task Force; and Medicaid updates. There will be no charge for the virtual conference. A registration link will be sent to section members closer to the event.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section is hosting a "Drafting COVID-19 Provisions for Your Judgments and Orders" webinar on Tuesday, March 16, from 3–5 p.m. via Zoom. The webinar will focus on drafting COVID-19 language relating to custody, parenting time, child support, and spousal support. Only Family Law Section members may attend this free event. To join the Family Law Section, visit <https://connect.michbar.org/familylaw/home> and click on Section Membership Application.

Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section hosted a February webinar titled "Provider Immunity, COVID-19 and Claims." Panelists included attorneys Sara Brundage and Jenna

Simon from Honigman's insurance division. The panel discussed the various types of immunities by jurisdiction, uncertainties due to the nature and fluidity of the unprecedented issues raised by COVID-19, and factors to consider when dealing with pandemic-related claims. They also advised on best practices to prepare for claims and anticipate future coverage matters.

Immigration Law Section

The purpose of the Immigration Law Section is fostering awareness and appreciation of the area of immigration; promoting recognition of immigration as a specialized area of practice; promoting the legal education of attorneys and the public; sponsoring, preparing, or assisting the publication of legal writing in this field; and furthering the interests of the State Bar of Michigan and the legal profession in all ways related to immigration law.

Labor and Employment Law Section

The SBM Labor and Employment Law Section held its midwinter annual meeting via Zoom on Friday, January 29, where officers and council members were elected. The council also expressed its appreciation to retiring members and presented a plaque to outgoing chair Michelle Crockett, thanking her for her leadership during a most challenging year.

The LELS Mentorship Pilot Project also got underway with a Zoom orientation on January 25, 2021. Those interested in participating in the project can contact LELS Chair John Runyan at jrunyan@michlabor.legal.

Religious Liberty Law Section

The Religious Liberty Law Section started building a motions and briefs bank for members engaging in pro bono work.

Solo and Small Firm Section

The section held a free virtual seminar in November on tips for building a thriving law practice. The Zoom session is posted to the section's Facebook page at <https://fb.watch/3j5W2YQcZA/>.

Upcoming virtual seminars include:

- March 18: How to Perform an Effective Preliminary Exam
- April 22: Simple Probate Administration
- May 27: Bankruptcy 101
- June 24: Adoption 101

The Solo and Small Firm Section has a listserv and can be found on SBM Connect. If you'd like to learn more about the section's online content, email us at sbmsolo_smallfirm@gmail.com. ■

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