

ADR Section

Upcoming section events include Elder Caring Coordination, A Dispute Resolution Option on May 25; a presentation from Dr. Tsedale M. Melaku titled, “You Don’t Look Like A Lawyer: Black Women and Systemic Gendered Racism” on Sept. 9; and the section’s conference, awards, and annual meeting on Oct. 8–9. The latest *Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal*, upcoming events, and event materials and recordings can be found at <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/home>.

Cannabis Law Section

The Cannabis Law Section is excited to announce an in-person seminar at Northern Michigan University in Marquette on Sept. 3. The section is also continuing its monthly webinar series on the third Thursday of the month. Watch for more information on the section listserv and Zoom credentials for the webinars under Events on the Connect site.

Consumer Law Section

In December, the section submitted testimony opposing HB 5097 to a state Senate committee. The measure would expand Michigan’s payday lending statute to include loans up to \$2,500 with a triple-digit interest rate equivalent to a 132-percent APR — under this scenario, a borrower would pay back more than \$4,000 on a one-year loan of \$2,500. HB 5097 did not pass prior to

the end of the 2020 legislative session, but the measure was reintroduced in January as HB 4004.

Elder Law Section

ELDRS plans to hold its fall conference at the DoubleTree Hotel Bay City from Oct. 4–6. Note that Oct. 4–6 is Monday through Wednesday as opposed to the typical Wednesday–Friday program. The section will update members if the conference needs to be changed to a virtual event.

Environmental Law Section

The annual Clearing the Air Spring Conference cosponsored by the Air Committee of the Environmental Law Section and the Michigan Manufacturers Association will take place virtually on May 20 from noon–3 p.m. Registration will be available soon. The latest issue of the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal* and more information are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw>.

Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section sponsored a virtual lunch-and-learn event at three Michigan law schools: University of Detroit Mercy Law School, Wayne State University Law School, and Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School. The sessions provide an opportunity for law students to hear from a panel of attorneys on

various topics and ask the questions; the latest lunch-and-learn included discussions about the pathway to becoming a health care attorney and professional life before and during the pandemic.

International Law Section

On May 7, the International Law Section held a panel discussion on alternative dispute resolution in the Middle East. It followed an April 7 panel on ADR in Africa. The presentations are tailored to educate international trade attorneys on ADR systems in some African and Middle Eastern countries and provide a comparison with other dispute resolution options around the world.

Real Property Law Section

The Real Property Law Academy Program I will be held virtually from May 18–21. This program is taught by some of the most respected and experienced Michigan real estate attorneys, each an expert in their field. The program provides a basic understanding of the most fundamental aspects of a real estate practice and is targeted not only for real estate attorneys, but also for attorneys who encounter real estate issues from time to time. Firm registration is available. Register today at <https://na.eventscloud.com/rpla051821>.

Religious Liberty Law Section

The Religious Liberty Law Section prepared four articles for publication in the April issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*.

Social Security Section

The summer seminar at Boyne Mountain has been postponed until Sept. 12–14. The rescheduled summer seminar will be a free streaming event beginning at 1 p.m. on June 15. Among the topics expected to be discussed are new orthopedic listings, video hearings, issues regarding unemployment benefits, and more. Mark your calendars today! ■

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