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Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section is pleased to announce that the Michigan Supreme Court took a broad view of mediation communications and confidentiality in its recent opinion in *Tyler v. Findling*. Our section briefed the issue for the Court, which expressly rejected the notion that a mediator must meet with the parties and attorneys before the definition of mediation communications attaches and found that confidentiality extends to parties and participants in a mediation.

Children's Law Section

On October 1, the Children's Law Section will hold its annual meeting at 9 a.m. and participate in a joint annual program with the SBM Criminal Law, Immigration Law, LGBTQA Law, Prisons and Corrections Law, and Senior Law sections from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Environmental Law Section

The 2021 Fall Joint Environmental Conference cosponsored by the Environmental Law Section and the East and West Michigan sections of the Air and Waste Management Association will take place virtually over several days (Nov. 3–5 and Nov. 8) with each session running from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon. For a detailed agenda, registration information, and the latest issue of the Michigan Environmental Law Journal, please visit <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw>.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section's annual winter conference will take place at the Park Hyatt St. Kitts from January 29 through February 5, 2022. The week-long conference features presentations by experienced family law practitioners and valuation experts providing state-of-the-law education and tips on family law issues. This trip is a great opportunity

to network with family law professionals and meet attorneys from across the state. For more information, please visit the Family Law Section webpage.

International Law Section

On October 5, the International Law Section will hold its annual meeting and a presentation on new ways of collaborative manufacturing. Discussion will center on the future dynamics of manufacturing and how it may impact international legal practice. The event will be hosted at Automation Alley in Troy.

Labor & Employment Law Section

The first annual LELS Oktoberfest is Friday, October 22, from 5 p.m. until closing at Bell's Brewery Eccentric Café, 355 East Kalamazoo Ave. in Kalamazoo. Cost is \$50 for pre-registration and \$60 for on-site registration. The invitation-only LELS Mentorship Dinner is Thursday, November 4, at 6 p.m. at Hazel, Ravines & Downtown, 1 Peabody Street, in Birmingham. The LELS annual holiday party is Thursday, December 9, at 5 p.m. at Birmingham Country Club. Finally, the LELS midwinter and annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022, at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Social Security Section

The Social Security Section is pleased to present its new slate of officers for 2021–2022: Chair Kerry Spencer; Vice Chair Josh McFarland; Secretary Crystal Bui; and Treasurer Sarah Schairbaum. They invite all who wish to become involved in the section to contact them as they continue to improve outreach and education to SBM members.

Workers' Compensation Law Section

The section will host its winter meeting at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West on December 10. Its next annual meeting takes place June 30–July 2, 2022, at Crystal Mountain Resort. Please check our upcoming newsletters for more details. ■

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