

## Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

A luncheon meeting with the Tax Tribunal, jointly sponsored by the Taxation and Public Corporation sections, is tentatively set for December 16 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. It will feature Chief Judge Kimbal R. Smith along with other Tax Tribunal judges and staff. The program committee is also planning additional events, including a luncheon with the Public Service Commission.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section is undertaking a state-wide initiative related to the use of mediation. Michigan Mediates! is a public education campaign designed to raise awareness for mediation as a valuable tool to resolve conflicts in a variety of contexts. This campaign will be a collaborative effort with non-profit, educational, and government agencies. More information will be provided in the future.

## Business Law Section

The next council meeting will be held December 3 at Butzel Long. The In-House Counsel Cost Management Panel Breakfast will be held December 8 at the Birmingham Community House. Business Boot Camp II will be held January 23–24, 2012, in Plymouth. The Business Law Institute will be held May 4–5, 2012, in Grand Rapids. Visit our website, watch for our monthly e-newsletter, join our LinkedIn Group, or visit us on Face-

book to learn about section events and for registration information.

## Criminal Law Section

The 35th Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference will be held over the President's Day weekend (February 18–20, 2012). The conference begins on Saturday and includes, for the first time, a session for new lawyers on Monday. The program has several long breaks for skiing and other winter activities. Shanty Creek Resort is offering reduced all-inclusive rates, with ski and non-ski packages, and room-only rates for participants. For more information, contact Jon Posner at [jonposner@bignet.net](mailto:jonposner@bignet.net) or (313) 962-7210.

## Environmental Law Section

We are proud to announce that the section celebrated its 30th anniversary at the University Club in Lansing on October 6. The section recently hosted two well-attended new member/law school student receptions in Detroit and East Lansing, and our 11th annual law student writing competition is now underway. On November 10, the Joint Conference of the A&WMA was held at Lansing Community College with more than 150 attendees. Visit our website at [www.michbar.org/environmental](http://www.michbar.org/environmental) for more information.

## Information Technology Law Section

The IT Law Section has already begun planning for its Fifth Annual IT Law Seminar in September 2012, following our successful event this past September. The 2011

seminar, held in connection with ICLE, attracted almost 100 attendees and got rave reviews. Also, watch for announcements concerning our upcoming meetings in the winter and spring of 2012, including our always-popular Spring Networking Event (tentatively planned for May 2012).

## Labor and Employment Law Section

The Labor and Employment Law Section will have its annual holiday party on December 15 at 5 p.m. at the Birmingham Country Club. Entertainment will be provided by the Forum Shoppers. The section's Mid-Winter Meeting will be at the Detroit Athletic Club on the evening of January 20, 2012, and the morning of January 21, 2012.

## Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Save the dates: Annual Day of Education, May 4, 2012, at Oakland Community College; and section annual meeting, September 21, 2012, in Grand Rapids. For more information or to help plan these events, contact Kathy Ann Blunck, chair, at (231) 486-4526. Event details are also available online at [www.michbar.org/paralegal](http://www.michbar.org/paralegal).

## Real Property Law Section

Register today! The Annual Winter Conference will be held March 15–17, 2012, at the Loews Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando®, Florida. Program coordinators are Melissa B. Papke of Varnum Law in Grand Rapids and Nicholas P. Scavone Jr. of Bodman PLC in Detroit. Online registration is now available at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm>. Rooms are limited, so book your reservation soon. To reserve rooms, visit <http://www.loewshotels.com/en/Portofino-Bay-Hotel/GroupPages/RPLS>.

## Taxation Section

The section submitted comments to Lieutenant Governor Calley's office regarding aspects of the Michigan Corporate Income Tax Act. The section's concern was focused on the sourcing of income from flow-through entities for purposes of the CIT. A copy of the comments is available from the section. ■