

Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

Win an iPad just for attending! Register now for our annual business meeting and presentation on the activities of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention in conjunction with the SBM Annual Meeting on September 20: <http://www.michbar.org/adminlaw/>. Bylaw changes and council and officer elections are on the agenda for the business meeting. The presentation features LARA Director Steve Hilfinger and Deputy Director Robert Nederhood. For breaking section news and event information, please “like” our new Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SBM.Adminlaw>.

Appellate Practice Section

On June 25, members of the Appellate Practice Section Council served dinner to families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. Volunteer council members included Marilena David-Martin, State Appellate Defender Office; Danielle Schoeny, Sommers Schwartz; Beth Wittmann, Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook; and Phillip DeRosier, Dickinson Wright. The group served a homemade dinner to families whose children and young loved ones are hospitalized at the nearby Children’s Hospital.

Criminal Law Section

Please join us for our annual meeting and program, which will be held at the DeVos

Place in Grand Rapids on Friday, September 21. The business meeting will be held 9 a.m.–10 a.m. Five members will be elected to the council, and officers will be inducted into their new positions. The annual program follows from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. More detailed information, including agenda and speakers, will be posted in upcoming newsletters and at <http://www.michbar.org/criminal/news.cfm>.

Environmental Law Section

Presentation materials for the August 3 summer program at the Wayne State University Law School’s Damon J. Keith Center are available on the ELS website. The program featured keynote speaker Susan Hedman, administrator, EPA Region 5 Office; a panel discussion on hydraulic fracturing in Michigan; and the Greenhouse Gas Rule Decision. The fall joint conference with the Air Waste and Management Association is in November. Please visit <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for up-to-date section information.

Information Technology Law

Please save the date of September 27 for the section’s annual meeting and our Fifth Annual Information Technology Law Seminar. Both events will be held at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth. We look forward to seeing you there.

International Law Section

The ILS Annual Meeting Planning Committee is busy conferencing, finalizing topics, and inviting speakers to the section’s annual meeting and program titled “The 2012 U.S. Presidential Election—Impact on International Law and International Lawyers.” The event will be held Wednesday, September 12 at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. Please mark your calendar and save the date now. Details to follow.

Probate and Estate Planning Section

Durable power of attorney law changes: Public Act 141 of 2012 amended Section 5501 of EPIC (MCL 700.5501) to impose a number of changes including witnessing requirements, explicit obligation of the attorney-in-fact, and a signed acknowledgement by the attorney-in-fact as to stated obligations and certain limitations. These changes take effect October 1, 2012. If you draft durable powers of attorney, you should read the act.

Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendars! The Annual Winter Conference will be held March 14–16, 2013, at the JW Marriott in New Orleans, Louisiana. The program coordinator is Nicholas P. Scavone Jr. of Bodman PLC in Detroit. More information will be available at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm>. For room reservations, visit JW Marriott New Orleans >> or call (800) 228-9290 or (504) 525-6500.

Taxation Section

Please join the section’s State and Local Tax Committee at the 2nd Annual Michigan SALT Mixer on August 23, 5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m., at Dykema Gossett’s Lansing office, 201 Townsend, Suite 900. There is no fee to attend. RSVP by August 9 to Jackie Cook at cookjj@millercafield.com or (313) 496-8468. The annual meeting will be held September 27 at 5:00 p.m. at the Novi Chop House, followed by a reception and optional dinner. ■