

## Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

On October 1, Jon Christinidis, regulatory and nuclear counsel for DTE Energy, became our new section chair. Plans are in the works for an exciting 2012–2013 year, including a networking event and a luncheon this fall. For breaking section news, photos from the annual meeting, and event information, please “like” our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SBM.Adminlaw>. Section members may also join the conversation on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Administrative-Regulatory-Law-Section-State-3627649/about>.

## Animal Law Section

The Animal Law Section’s 2012 Animal Law Conference is on October 19 at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. Some of the topics include prosecuting crimes involving animals, the Animal Abuse registry, and the healing bond between humans and animals. The conference is open

to lawyers, law students, paralegals, and the public. Stay tuned for registration information and a detailed agenda. For questions, contact Litigation Chairperson Mary Chartier at (517) 482-2000 or [mary@alanechartier.com](mailto:mary@alanechartier.com).

## Business Law Section

The section congratulates Jeffrey Ammon of Miller Johnson, the 2012 recipient of the Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award. The next council meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 10 a.m. at Bodman in Detroit. Look for information on the next Small Business Forum Seminar to be held in Troy this fall. Get involved in the section at <http://www.michbar.org/business/activities.cfm>. Visit our website, watch for our monthly e-newsletter, join our LinkedIn groups, or visit us on Facebook to learn about section events.

## Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section Council thanks its members for another successful annual

meeting and program and welcomes David E. Gilbert as new section chair. The names of other officers and newly elected council members are listed in our newsletter and posted at <http://michbar.org/criminal/councilinfo.cfm>. The council looks forward to another productive year with many events for its members, including the 36th annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference at Shanty Creek. Watch for details regarding the conference and other offerings.

## Environmental Law Section

The ELS Joint Conference is November 14 at the Lansing Community College West Campus. As in prior years, this is a joint conference with cosponsorship from the East and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association. It will feature the most up-to-date information available on environmental issues after the elections. Please continue to visit the ELS website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for more information.

## International Law Section

The section’s council meeting will be held in November; date, location, speaker, and international law topic to be announced. Please join the section in welcoming new officers and council members for 2012–2013: Jeffrey Paulsen, chair; A. Reed Newland, chair-elect; David Guenther, secretary; Daphne Short, treasurer; and new council members Timothy Attalla, Debra Auerbach Clephane, Douglas Duchek, and Lara Phillip. The section thanks Margaret Dobrowsky, immediate past chair, for her service.

## Real Property Law Section

Congratulations to the 2012 RPLS Scholarship Award Program recipients: Emerson Hilton, University of Michigan; Mark Hanna, University of Detroit Mercy; Dylan Holland, Wayne State University; Joseph Viviano, Michigan State University; and Anthony Ventimiglia, Thomas M. Cooley. These students, selected by their respective law school’s faculty, excelled in their advanced real-property-related courses. The award is a cash prize and an opportunity to attend the 2013 Summer Conference. ■