

Business Law Section

The next council meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 10 a.m. at Bodman in Detroit. Watch for information regarding an upcoming social event at Vincent's in Detroit in December. 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

Save the date! It's almost time for the 36th Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference. Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire will once again host this popular event, scheduled for February 16–18, 2013. The President's Day weekend conference begins on Saturday. The resort offers reduced all-inclusive rates with ski and non-ski packages in addition to room-only rates. More detailed information, including topics and speakers, will be posted in upcoming newsletters and on our website at <http://www.michbar.org/criminal/news.cfm>.

Environmental Law Section

Join us on November 14 for the ELS Joint Conference, "Michigan's Environment in 2012 and Beyond: Developments and Emerging Issues in the Management and Regulation of Air, Water, Energy, and Waste." The conference is cosponsored with the East and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association and will take place at Lansing Community College West Campus. For details and registration, go to <http://emawma.org>. Visit <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for the most up-to-date information about the Environmental Law Section.

Family Law Section

On September 19, the Family Law Section held its annual dinner and awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously to former Section Chair Jon Ferrier. Four new council members were elected at our September 20 annual meeting. On November 15–16, the section will hold in connection with ICLE the 11th Annual Family Law Institute, which has become the "don't

miss" event of the year for family law practitioners. Last year, we had 478 attendees!

International Law Section

The section will hold its November council meeting and dinner program on Wednesday, November 14 at 4:30 p.m.; location, speaker, and international law topic to be announced. Please save the date on your calendars now. More details to follow. Watch for announcements of programs and speakers for the section's 2013 meetings, to be held January 23, March 20, and May 15.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The section's annual meeting was held on September 21. The new council was sworn in, Kathy Ann Blunck was thanked for her year as chair, and scholarship winners were announced. Guest speaker Kristen Ray of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge presented on new rules relating to jury trials. Save the date: the section's Annual Day of Education is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2013, in Lansing. Check us out on Facebook (please "like" us!) and LinkedIn.

Probate and Estate Planning Section

Legislation continues to be an area of focus for the Probate and Estate Planning Section. Statutory changes affecting guardianships, durable powers of attorney, and the Uniform Principal and Income Act took effect this fall. The section's council continues to study other possible legislation. Section members are welcome to attend the council's monthly meetings in East Lansing. Meeting times, directions, and materials are posted in advance of each meeting at <http://www.michbar.org/probate>.

Real Property Law Section

Register today! 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. Book your room and flight today. For room reservations, visit JW Marriott New Orleans or call (877) 622-3056 (mention group code: RPLS). For more information, visit <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm>. ■