

## Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

The section held a business meeting and program during the State Bar Annual Meeting. The program featured a presentation by former Michigan Solicitor General John Bursch. In December 2014, the section will sponsor an event for networking with members and key administrators of the Michigan Tax Tribunal to discuss trends and procedures at the tribunal. Information about all events will be on the section website at <http://www.michbar.org/adminlaw>. Contact Ford J. H. Turrell at [fturrell@wnj.com](mailto:fturrell@wnj.com) with questions.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section held its annual meeting October 17–18 in Ann Arbor featuring eight hours of advanced mediation training conducted by nationally known mediator and trainer Cheryl Cutrona. Next year's event will be held in Traverse City. During this new term, the section will work jointly with other State Bar sections in presenting webinars or mini seminars on topics of specific interest to those sections relating to the use of ADR.

## Business Law Section

Business Boot Camp II, "Basic Training for Every Business Lawyer," will be held November 3–4 in Grand Rapids and January 23–24, 2015 in Plymouth. Visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/> for registration information, to learn about upcoming section events, or to become involved on a committee. The next council meeting will be held December 3 at 10 a.m. at Clark Hill in Birmingham.

## Criminal Law Section

Save the date! It's almost time for the 38th annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference. Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire will host this popular event February 14–16, 2015. The President's Day weekend conference begins on Saturday, and the compressed conference schedule is being offered again this year. The resort offers reduced all-inclusive rates with ski and non-ski packages in addition to room-only rates. More detailed information will be posted in upcoming newsletters and on our website.

## Environmental Law Section

Visit the ELS website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for the most up-to-date information, including issues of the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*, details about the 2014–2015 webinar series, materials and pictures from recent events, and materials from the October 28 annual joint conference on current and emerging issues, cosponsored by the ELS and the East and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association.

## Family Law Section

At the September 18 Family Law Section annual meeting, new members Vanessa Moss-Wilson and Amy Spilman were elected to the council. Newly elected council officers include Rebecca Shiemke, chair; Carol Breitmeyer, chair-elect; Hon. Richard Halloran, treasurer; Kent Weichmann, corresponding secretary; and Robert Treat Jr., recording secretary. All section members are eligible and encouraged to participate in council committees. If interested, please contact Rebecca Shiemke at [rshiemke@mplp.org](mailto:rshiemke@mplp.org).

## Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section held its annual meeting on September 23 at the Detroit Athletic Club. The meeting featured a keynote presentation by Celeste Davis, regional manager for Region V of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. HCLS officers elected for 2014–2015 are Jennifer Benedict, chair; Mark Kopson, chair-elect; Cara Jansma, secretary; and Tom McGraw, treasurer.

## Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The section council welcomes new members Barry Feldman and Jason Liss, and returning members Laurretta Pominville and Kim Ruppel. We also welcome Gus Igwe, our new treasurer. Watch for our annual holiday event announcement. We are interested in hearing from you. Please send your thoughts and ideas for the coming years to any of our officers: Kathleen Lopilato, Adam Kutinsky, Larry Bennett, or Gus Igwe.

## International Law Section

The International Law Section will hold its November 2014 council meeting and program on Wednesday, November 12. The

meeting will tentatively be held at Dykema's Detroit office and feature a program on "Doing Business in India." Please watch for announcements of locations and program topics for our January 21, 2015 and March 18, 2015 meetings.

## Judicial Section

Judicial Section Council officers for the 2014–2015 Bar year are Circuit Judge James Alexander, chair; District Judge Richard Hammer, chair-elect; Probate Judge Susan Dobrich, vice chair; Circuit Judge Lita Popke, secretary; and Circuit Judge Tim Hicks, treasurer.

## Master Lawyers Section

As an attorney with a wealth of wisdom resulting from your experience and knowledge, perhaps there is something you would like to contribute working with others who have similar interests, such as obtaining healthcare under our new system, examining the nuances of malpractice tail coverage, promoting the constitution, mentoring a new lawyer who has just hung a shingle, or something else. Please let us know of your interest by e-mail to [estate-plan@lawyer.com](mailto:estate-plan@lawyer.com).

## Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Scholarship Committee was pleased to award its 2014 annual scholarship to Molly Engelsman, a student at Grand Valley State University, during the section's annual business meeting on September 19. Taking office for 2014–2015 are council officers Jennifer Petty, chair; Susan Haight, chair-elect; Piper Paton Smith, ex officio; Kathy Ann Blunck, treasurer; and Erin Farler, secretary. Council members for 2014–2015 are Telisa Ahn, Teresa Duddles, Esther Simon, Linda Jevahirian, and Kelly Preuss.

## Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendars! The Annual Winter Conference will be held March 5–7, 2015, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas. The program coordinator is Thomas A. Kabel of Butzel Long. Program information and registration will be available at <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/home/winterconf>. To reserve your room now, call (512) 478-4500 and mention you are part of the SBM Real Property Law room block or visit <http://www.fourseasons.com/austin/> for online reservations. ■