

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section and DRAM, a nonprofit entity, have collaborated to build the Michigan Business Mediation Program, intended to provide Michigan businesses with a mechanism for early mediation in business disputes while also supporting nonprofit CDRs. Specialized training for mediators to handle these cases at their normal rates will be provided June 9–10 by MSU College of Law in Troy. If you qualify for SCAO-approved court lists and would like to attend, contact Mary Bedikian at bedik@law.msu.edu.

Appellate Practice Section

The Michigan Court of Appeals has introduced new, interactive pleading forms for

practitioners. For more information, please visit the court's website at <http://courtofappeals.mijud.net/>. The Appellate Practice Section has issued an interim report on the priority summary disposition docket that has been in place since January 1, 2005; you can find the report online at <http://www.michbar.org/appellate/news.cfm>. For more section information, please contact John Bursch at (616) 752-2474.

Business Law Section

The 18th Annual Business Law Institute will be held June 2–3 at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mt. Pleasant. This is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy the resort while learning about critical and recent issues of interest to Michigan business lawyers. Attendees can network and socialize with leading

business lawyers, including at the Friday evening reception and dinner featuring nationally renowned "Humorist at Law" Sean Carter. For more information, visit <http://www.icle.org>.

Intellectual Property Law Section

The 32nd annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, cosponsored by ICLE and the Intellectual Property Law Section, will be held July 20–22 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Michigan. Top Washington officials, including John Doll, John Whealan, and Marybeth Peters, will provide insights from the USPTO. Returning favorites Katherine Spelman, Thomas Irving, and David Bernstein will offer the latest legal updates and more. Register at <http://www.icle.org/summerIP>.

International Law Section

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the International Law Section will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Michigan in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The ILS Annual Meeting will be held on September 14 at 2:00 p.m., followed by a program from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Legal Assistants Section

Governor Granholm has proclaimed May 3 as Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day in Michigan! In her proclamation, the governor recognized the legal assistant/paralegal profession for the vast contributions made to legal services in Michigan and throughout our nation. The official proclamation can be viewed at the Legal Assistants Section's website at <http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants>.

Real Property Law Section

The 31st Annual Summer Conference, "Real Estate 2006: Expect the Best, Prepare for the Worst," will be held July 12–15 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Lawrence Dudek of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC in Detroit and Ronald Reynolds of Berry, Reynolds and Rogowski, PC in Farmington Hills have planned a timely and informative program. For more information on section activities, visit <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/> or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.