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Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The Effective Policy and Practice (EPP) Action Team of the ADR Section has recently published a compendium of court rules and statutes that contain references to ADR. Practitioners will find this compendium a useful tool in researching ADR in Michigan. Visit the section's website at http://www.michbar.org/adr/statutes.cfm to review and download the compendium. Thank you, EPP Action Team, for your hard work.

Appellate Practice Section

The State Bar of Michigan recently presented the Appellate Practice Section with an

award in appreciation of the section's financial support to the Access to Justice Fund.

Business Law Section

The section's Annual Meeting was held on September 26 in Novi. The Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Awards were presented to James Bruno, Hugh Makens, Cyril Moscow, and Martin Oetting. The section will host several networking events this fall. The first is a luncheon event on November 9 in Holland, followed by a session in Kalamazoo; both events include a "Closing the Deal" presentation. On November 15 at Bay Valley Inn, several speakers will reprise their BLI presentations.

Elder Law and Advocacy Section

At the Annual Meeting, members voted to change the name to the Elder Law & Disability Rights Section. We are awaiting approval by the Board of Commissioners. A Single Point of Entry bill affecting Medicaid recipients passed the House; a Senate vote is expected after the fall recess. At our fall conference, Department of Community Health indicated that new Medicaid rules compliant with the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 will likely be introduced in January.

International Law Section

The International Chamber of Commerce has released a consolidated and expanded version of its advertising and marketing codes to address the increasing consumer demand and use of new technologies. The new consolidated code extends the scope from advertising to marketing communications and brings together guidelines for a range of marketing practices, from advertising on the Internet and via SMS to the dos and don'ts of communicating with children.

Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendars! On January 18, the section will present its second "Groundbreaker" program, entitled "Insurance—IT'S NOT A GAME but you better know the rules before you play!" Kenneth Korotkin of The Korotkin Insurance Group is in the process of planning an informative program. More information on all section activities can be found on our website at http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/ or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

Taxation Section

The December issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal* will be a Tax Law theme issue, which many members of the section have been hard at work preparing. There will be an After Hours Tax Series presentation on November 28 at the MSU Management Center in Troy, entitled "International Tax: What Every Tax Lawyer Should Know."