

Appellate Practice Section

The 2007 edition of the extremely popular Appellate Bench Bar Conference is scheduled for May 2–4, 2007, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, MI. Please mark your calendars now to save the date, and contact John Bursch at (616) 752-2474 with questions or for additional section information.

Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

The section's 2006–2007 officers are Duane Lewis (chair), Tom Silvia, Ethan Bordman, and Mindy Schwartz. ACES is working to expand membership, including practicing attorneys and law students, and to increase the section's relevancy and usefulness to its membership. ACES plans to develop a certificate program through ICLE, address "rights-of-publicity" and other legislative issues, expand its website, and build community relationships through special public

events designed to promote education in the law and business of ACES.

Business Law Section

The section is hosting networking events across the state: "Closing the Deal: How to Successfully Conclude the M&A Transaction" was held November 9 in Kalamazoo and "The Greatest Hits of the 2006 Business Law Institute" was held November 15 in Bay City. The Small Business Forum will present a workshop in Birmingham and Grand Rapids on January 31, 2007, entitled "Step-by-Step Guide to Selling a Business." Contact an officer to become more involved in section activities (<http://www.michbar.org/business/leaders.cfm>).

Consumer Law Section

In August, the section filed in the Michigan Supreme Court an amicus brief on behalf of appellees in *Hartman v Eichhorn/Lis*

v Lewiston, addressing the issue of whether a licensed residential builder is exempt from the MCPA under the "specifically authorized by law" exemption. The 2006–2007 council officers are Lorry S.C. Brown, chairperson; Lawrence J. Lacey, chair-elect; Dani K. Liblang, secretary; and Terry J. Adler, treasurer. For section information, visit <http://www.michbar.org/consumer/>.

International Law Section

The International Law Section will meet on December 5 in Bloomfield Hills. Our 2007 meetings are February 13 in Detroit, April 10 in East Lansing, and June 19 (site to be determined). For program details, please check the section's web page at <http://www.michbar.org/international/>. For the best way to receive announcements about these and other upcoming International Law Section events, please subscribe to the section's list-serve at <http://www.michbar.org/international/listserv.cfm>.

Prisons and Corrections Section

At the January 6, 2007, meeting of the Prisons and Corrections Section Council, attorney Miriam Aukerman of Legal Aid of Western Michigan will present on employment barriers and other collateral consequences facing former offenders. The council meets at 10 a.m. at the Michael Franck Bldg., 306 Townsend Street, in Lansing. Council officers for 2006–2007 are Enid Livingston, chair; Michael Marutiak, chair-elect; Rachel (Waterbury) Johnson, acting Secretary; and Steve Gobbo, Treasurer.

Real Property Law Section

The 2007 Winter Conference will be held March 8–10, 2007, at *Disney's Yacht & Beach Club* Resorts, *Walt Disney World*® Resort. Gregory Gamalski of Cox, Hodgman & Giamarco, PC and Ronn S. Nadis of Taubman, Nadis & Neuman, PC have planned a fantastic program, entitled "Resort Communities and Second Homes: Following Your Clients 'Up North' and 'Down South.'" For more information on all section activities, visit <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/> or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378. ♦