

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

It's time to register for the 6th Annual Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute (ANDRI), the premiere educational and networking event for providers of and participants in ADR processes. Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 22 and complete the registration form available at <http://www.icle.org>. ANDRI is an opportunity to learn the latest negotiation and ADR techniques from local and national experts and to acquire required advanced mediation training.

## Appellate Practice Section

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

## Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

This year, 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. For meeting schedule and events, visit <http://www.michbar.org/arts/>.

## Business Law Section

The section held educational/networking events in November 2006 in Kalamazoo and Bay City, and 2007 events are being planned. The next meeting of the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee is scheduled for January 10 at 6 p.m. at Jaffe, Raitt in Southfield. The Small Business Forum will present a workshop in Birmingham and Grand Rapids on January 31, entitled "Step-by-Step Guide to Selling a Business." For more information on these and other section events, visit <http://www.michbar.org/business/>.

## Consumer Law Section

The section filed in the Michigan Supreme Court an amicus brief on behalf of appellees in *Hartman v Eichborn/Liss v Lewiston*, addressing the issue of whether a licensed residential builder is exempt from the MCPA under the "specifically authorized by law" exemption. Oral argument was on December 12, 2006. During the 2007 State Bar Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, the section will hold its meeting and program on Thursday, September 27, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

## Legal Assistants Section

Mark your calendars for May 3 and 4. The Legal Assistants Section will observe Legal Assistant Day with a dinner celebration on May 3, followed by the Annual Day of Education on May 4. Both events will take place in Frankenmuth, Michigan. More details are coming soon. The section will again offer scholarships to paralegal students. If you or someone you know might

be interested, visit <http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants/> and *The Michigan Paralegal* for details.

## Prisons and Corrections Section

At the February 3 meeting of the Prisons and Corrections Section Council, attorney Kathleen L. Alcorn of DHS Immigration and Customs Enforcement will present a "crash course" in deportation issues collateral to criminal convictions. The council meets at 10 a.m. at the Michael Franck Bldg, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing.

## Real Property Law Section

The 2007 Winter Conference will be held March 8–10 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.

## Taxation Section

The next After Hours Tax Law Series will be held Tuesday, January 23 at 3 p.m. at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The subject will be "Partnership Tax Basics: Distributions, Transfers and Terminations." The 2007 Annual Tax Conference will be held Wednesday, May 2, also at the Inn at St. John's. Course information to follow. ■