Section Briefs

Business Law Section

The Small Business Forum presented a workshop in January, entitled "Step-by-Step Guide to Selling a Business." The Forum will host several other events in 2007, and information will be provided through the section's listserv and on our website. The Annual Business Law Institute will be held June 1–2 at Boyne Mountain Resort. This promises to be a terrific event, so mark your calendar! For more information on these and other section events, visit http://www.michbar.org/business/.

Intellectual Property Law Section

The Intellectual Property Law Spring Seminar, sponsored by the IP Section, will be held on Monday, March 19 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. For more details or to register, call The Institute of Continuing Legal Education at (877) 229-4350 or visit http://www.icle.org/springIP. Learn more about new USPTO rules and appeal practices, strategies before the TTAB, counterfeiting and piracy, licensing, e-commerce, Internet and trademark litigation, and electronic discovery.

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 in Frankenmuth. The Annual Day of Education will follow on May 4. More details are coming soon. The section will again offer scholarships to paralegal students. If you or someone you know might be interested, visit our website at http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants/news.cfm or see the *Michigan Paralegal* for details.

Public Corporation Law Section

The Public Corporation Law Section has planned its annual winter seminar for Friday, February 16 in Dearborn. For seminar details, visit the section's website at http://www.michbar.org/publiccorp/pdfs/midwinter.pdf. In addition, the PCLS is looking forward to partnering with the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys for the ninth annual joint seminar June 22–24 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Please plan to attend one or both of these fabulous events!

Real Property Law Section

On April 19, the section will present the third "Groundbreaker" Breakfast Roundtable Program, entitled "Common Mistakes Made While Negotiating Leases (and How to Avoid Them)." The program will be held 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Thank you to Kenneth F. Posner of Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar, PC for planning this program. For more information on all section activities, visit http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

Taxation Section

The After Hours Tax Law Series continues with "Hot Topics in Estate and Gift Tax" on February 27 at 3 p.m. at the Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. Faculty includes Steve Feldman and Leonard Bartold. The 2007 Annual Tax Conference is scheduled for May 2, also at the Inn at St. John's. Program details to follow. The Taxation Section will provide up to \$10,000 in grants this year to organizations providing tax assistance to low-income individuals.