

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section Council has undertaken a broad inventory of ADR practices and policies in courts throughout the state. Much of the work of gathering the information has already begun, and we hope this effort will provide practitioners throughout the state with valuable information about the practices of individual courts and foster wider use of ADR in our diverse communities. The results of this initiative will be made public in subsequent ADR Council activities.

Business Law Section

The Annual Business Law Institute will be held June 1–2 at Boyne Mountain Resort. The Small Business Forum presented a workshop in March in Lansing, entitled “Step-by-Step Guide to Selling a Business.” This workshop will be presented May 9 in Grand Rapids. The Forum will present “M&A Value Drivers: Factors Which Maxi-

mize the Value of Manufacturing Companies in Merger & Acquisition Transactions” May 23 in Birmingham. For more information about section events, visit <http://www.michbar.org/business/>.

Intellectual Property Law Section

The Intellectual Property Law Section, in conjunction with ICLE, is sponsoring the 33rd Annual Summer Intellectual Property Law Institute July 12–14 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. Obtain an expert’s view of the most important trends in patent, trademark, and copyright law; network with colleagues; and relax with your family. Register at <http://www.icle.org/ip>.

Labor & Employment Law Section

The section published the Winter 2007 “Labor and Employment Lawnotes,” containing the section’s signature articles on the latest cases from the NLRB, MERC, the federal courts, and the United States Supreme Court. Also included were feature articles

on the employment status of college athletes, the civil rights implications of applicants’ criminal convictions, the lawyer-secretary employment relationship, pre-suit employment claims, and an examination of public employment law post Proposition 2.

Public Corporation Law Section

The Public Corporation Law Section is again joining with the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys for the 9th Annual Summer Seminar, scheduled for June 22–24 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. Justice Marilyn Kelly is the Saturday evening dinner speaker. Topics include a U.S. Supreme Court update, the Michigan cracker barrel update, new developments under FOIA/OMA, municipal contracting, bankruptcy, and economic development tools. Additional details can be found on the section website at <http://www.michbar.org/publiccorp/conference>.

Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendars! The 2007 Summer Conference, entitled “Michigan Makeover: Development Edition,” will be held July 18–21 at Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, Michigan. Thank you to Melissa Collier of Warner, Norcross & Judd LLP and Lawrence Dudek of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC for planning this program. For more information on all section activities, visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/> or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

Taxation Section

The section’s outstanding website at <http://www.michigantax.org> includes (1) a calendar of upcoming section and committee events, (2) a membership directory—password-protected for current Taxation Section members only—with a complete list of current membership and contact information for the various IRS and Michigan tax offices, (3) *Michigan Tax Lawyer* since 2000, (4) tax articles published in recent tax theme issues of the *Michigan Bar Journal*, and (5) information about and materials from the section’s Annual Tax Conference. ■