

### Business Law Section

The annual meeting was held September 20 in Novi. Michael Khoury was named section chair. Verne Hampton and Charles McCallum were presented with Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Awards. "Rescuing Distressed Companies" will be held October 2, 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m., at the Birmingham Community House. "Increasing the Value of Manufacturing Companies" will be held October 17, 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m., at the Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids. For details about section events, visit <http://www.michbar.org/business/>.

### Intellectual Property Law Section

The Intellectual Property Law Section will present "Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Practice for Paralegals and Lawyers" on Monday, October 22 in Troy, and on Tuesday, October 23 in Grand Rapids. This

basic seminar covers PCT rules and procedures and earns 4.75 hours of CLE. It is designed for paralegals, patent administrators, and attorneys with limited international patent experience. Popular instructors Carol Bidwell and Michael A. Neas teach this comprehensive course and provide extensive, easy-to-use reference materials.

### Prisons and Corrections Section

The Prisons and Corrections Section conducted a joint program with the Criminal Law Section at the State Bar Annual Meeting in September. The section held council elections for four regular seats and one associate member seat. Enid Livingston's term as chairperson came to an end, and chair-elect Michael Marutiak assumed the duties for 2007–2008. Other council officers were elected at the October meeting. The section will publish its second newsletter of the year soon.

### Real Property Law Section

The Homeward Bound/ICLE program, "Basic Michigan Real Estate Practice—Buying, Selling & Renting," will be held November 15, 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. In cooperation with the Young Lawyers Section, the first 65 YLS members can attend a free lunch at 12:30 p.m. with discussion on "How to Develop a Real Estate Practice." Special YLS seminar price: \$25; ICLE Partners: free. Register at <http://www.icle.org/hb/nov> or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378 for more information.

### Taxation Section

The first installment of the 2007–2008 After Hours Tax Series will be held October 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. The subject will be the new Section 409A Regulations. ■