

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Sign up now for the award-winning Annual Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute, held on March 13 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. This year's Institute will feature internationally renowned mediator Michelle LeBaron, speaking on cultural issues, handling conflict, and much more. The Institute will also feature an insurance industry panel to share its mediation concerns and goals. Registration is available through ICLE.

Animal Law Section

The section is pleased to announce that Ms. Elizabeth Livorine, a student at the Wayne State University Law School, received the section's first-ever Wanda Nash Award. The award recognizes excellence and dedication by a law student to advancing the cause of animal law and the protection and betterment of animals. Ms. Livorine was instrumental in the formation of the law school's SALDF, and actively engaged in education, fundraising, and volunteer efforts. She was nominated by Professor Noah Hall.

Appellate Practice Section

The Appellate Practice Section conferred its Lifetime Achievement Award on the late

Kathleen McCree Lewis, in recognition of her contributions to the section and the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Foundation. The award will be presented at the 2010 Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference. The section has also contributed \$1,000 to both the Wade McCree Scholarship Fund at Wayne State University Law School and the Wade McCree Endowed Professorship at the University of Michigan Law School.

Arts, Communications, Entertainment, and Sports Section

Officers: Mindy Schwartz, chair; Matthew Bower, secretary/treasurer. ACES will continue to grow its membership and develop resources to serve its constituency, including an online discussion listserv and newsletter addressing relevant issues and members' activities. ACES will introduce a law student/new lawyer mentorship program with special on-campus events at several law schools and proceed with its vital work related to "right of publicity" legislation and programs such as the governor's Cool Cities Initiative.

Aviation Law Section

David R. Baxter of Nagi, Baxter & Seymour, P.C., Detroit, was selected this year's chairperson of the Aviation Section at the State Bar Annual Meeting. Also selected officers were Charles Senger, chair-elect, Lansing; Gerald Padilla, secretary, Southfield; and Karl Randall, treasurer, Pontiac. At the meeting, Donald Frank, Aviation Section editor, Lansing, released the latest volume of the section newsletter *Innermarker*, which contains topical articles of aviation interest by several section members.

Business Law Section

Look for the section's monthly electronic newsletter or visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/> to learn of upcoming programs and events. The next council meeting will be held at the State Bar of Michigan in Lansing on March 6. If you are interested in becoming involved in section activities, please contact our sec-

tion leadership, listed at <http://www.michbar.org/business/>.

Consumer Law Section

The Consumer Law Section held its annual meeting and election of officers at the State Bar Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids. Election results are at http://www.michbar.org/consumer/consumer_council.cfm. Our next meeting is January 10 at 10 a.m. at the State Bar in Lansing. Section members have been working with Rep. Tobocman's office on predatory mortgage lending bills. The section presented a workshop to the legislature on October 31; handouts and a CD of the presentation are available upon request.

Environmental Law Section

The section provided professional programs to its members and continued its outreach to students and professors at law schools in Michigan who have interests in environmental law. The section held a 25th anniversary celebration, and speakers included Governor William Milliken, former Attorney General Frank Kelly, Professor Joe Sax, and MDEQ Director Steve Chester. The section continues to publish the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*, which includes articles by section members and case summaries by law students.

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

As the State Bar's newest section, we are in the process of getting ready for our organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 4, where we'll elect council members and officers. We plan to publish our first quarterly newsletter in January, and have also begun advance planning for our program. Because insurance and indemnity law relate to so many other areas of practice, we are looking into working with other sections in presenting speakers or programs.

Litigation Section

The Litigation Section held its annual meeting on September 28 during the State

Bar Annual Meeting. Susan Wilson Keener was elected section chair, and other officers and council members were chosen. The section sponsored the Masters in Litigation Program, "Clarence Darrow: Crimes, Causes, and the Courtroom," on October 30 in Plymouth. Litigation Boot Camp II continued in Grand Rapids on November 6 and in Plymouth on November 15.

Prisons and Corrections Section

The section met in October to choose the areas of focus for the upcoming year. The section will look extensively at streamlining the process for medical paroles, the merit of incentive credits for prisoners, and diversion programs for the mentally ill. The section's council elected new officers and took a public policy position in support of HB 5213 (expungement for certain offenders) with noted exceptions. The council has two vacancies. Interested parties may notify the section chair.

Real Property Law Section

"Title Insurance 2008: New Policies, New Rules" will be held January 17 at the Townsend Hotel, 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. The section would like to thank Michael A. Luberto of Chirco Title Company for planning this program. Cost: section members, \$65; non-section members, \$85. At the door: section members, \$75; non-section members, \$95. For details, visit www.michbar.org/realproperty/ and click "breakfast roundtables" or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

Taxation Section

The Taxation Section is forming an International Tax Committee. Those interested in the committee may contact Michael Doman-ski, committee coordinator, at mdomanski@honigman.com. On January 29, the After Hours Tax Seminar topic will be "International Tax—Demystifying Europe and China." ICLE will hold a seminar on February 7, 1 p.m.–5 p.m., addressing Michigan tax reform, including the MBT and the New Service Use Tax. Both seminars are at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. ■