

## Administrative Law Section

The section planned a May 7 luncheon at the University Club of Michigan State University to host recently appointed public service commissioners in an informal setting. The section council approved the filing of an amicus brief in the matter of *SBC Michigan v Michigan Public Service Commission*. The brief, which is posted on the section's website, addressed the issue of agency deference and statutory interpretation and was drafted in accord with a previously adopted section policy position.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section is offering to present an informative, interactive show on civil mediation to your association. The presentation includes a simulated mediation, demonstrates how mediation works, and explains how lawyers can better serve their clients through mediation. For more information, contact Robert E. L. Wright at (616) 776-6334 or Richard Morley Barron at (810) 487-1368.

## Business Law Section

The Small Business Forum presented "Where's the Money? Alternative Financing Options for Businesses" on May 6 in Birmingham. The 20th Annual Business Law Institute will be held June 13-14 at the Dearborn Inn and is a must for every business lawyer. The Institute will bring you up to date on business law matters, and offers many networking events. Watch for our monthly e-newsletter or visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/> to learn more about these and other upcoming events.

## Consumer Law Section

The next section council meeting is July 10 at the State Bar in Lansing. The section presented "Essential Electronic Discovery Strategies for Success" on May 7 at the State Bar. Please see the section website at <http://www.michbar.org/consumer/> for the NCLC report and *The Wayne Law Review* article by Gary Maveal, entitled "Michigan Consumer Protection Act Gutted By Supreme Court 'Globe-Alization.'"

## Family Law Section

The section has developed a strategic plan to be a source of information and a credible voice to the legislature and the Michigan Supreme Court. The new user-friendly website was launched for the bar and public at <http://www.michfam.com>. Now all meeting notices, agendas, minutes, positions taken, and links are readily available. The new Michigan Child Support Formula, which solves some longstanding problems, was recently adopted and will be effective on October 1, 2008.

## Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The second issue of our publication, the *Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law*, has been published and sent to members and many judges and business groups. We are now making plans to attend the summer conference on Mackinac Island, where we will have the opportunity to network with the other sections to see how we can benefit each other. After that, we will get ready for the next big event, the Annual Meeting in September.

## Intellectual Property Law Section

The 34th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, cosponsored by the Intellectual Property Law Section, will be held July 17-19 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. Get the latest from Katherine C. Spelman on copyrights, Bryan C. Diner on patents, and Leslie J. Lott on trademarks. Hear what's new at the U.S. Copyright Office from Marybeth Peters, U.S. Register of

Copyrights. Plus, take a tour of the most important developments in international brands law.

## Labor & Employment Law Section

Need an excuse to leave work early on June 11? Join the Labor & Employment Law Section at 4:30 p.m. at the Big Rock Chop House for a series of roundtable discussions followed by networking, beer/wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Three 30-minute roundtable sessions, designed to inform and empower, allow you to interact with the presenters on the topics of business development, upward mobility and alternative work arrangements, and discovery. Cost: \$40 in advance.

## Legal Assistants Section

Scholarship applications for legal assistant/paralegal students are due June 1. For details and application forms, visit [www.michbar.org/legalassistants](http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants). Several council positions will be open for election this fall. Declarations for candidacy (also on our website) are due July 15. The section's annual meeting will be held on September 19 at the Dearborn Hyatt in conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting. Details to be announced.

## Prisons and Corrections Section

The section's council met in March to lay the final plans for the May conference, "Balancing our Priorities: Can we safely spend less on corrections?" State Bar Executive Director Janet Welch will deliver the opening remarks for the conference. The newest member of the council, David Moffitt of Bingham Farms, was introduced. The section will collaborate with the Criminal Law Section to develop a program for the annual meeting in September.

## Taxation Section

The Spring Tax Court Luncheon will be held at noon on June 24 at the Detroit Club. Judge Diana Kroupa will be the featured speaker. ■