

Business Law Section

The next council meeting is scheduled for June 13 at 11 a.m. at the Dearborn Inn. 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. Register for the Institute at <http://www.icle.org>. Watch for our monthly e-newsletter or visit <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 will hold its annual meeting and elections at the State Bar Annual Meeting on September 17. If you are interested in running for a seat on the council, please contact Larry Lacey at (248) 584-2170 or lllacey@juno.com. The section continues to work on legislation to curb predatory lending and foreclosures and to make the MCPA more useful.

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

Our membership continues to grow, and we have received inquiries from other groups about how we can work together on issues that concern them. We plan to spread the word about our new section at the Leadership Seminar in June at Mackinac Island. In the meantime, if any other sections or groups would like help planning a program to include insurance or indemnity issues, please contact us. For section information, visit <http://www.michbar.org/insurance/>.

Litigation Section

The Litigation Section recently completed its Litigation Boot Camp series and sponsored receptions for the graduates of the program. The section's annual summer conference will be held at the newly renovated Shanty Creek Resort on July 25 and 26. Nationally recognized speaker Jerry Williams, known for his "hands-on" negotiations seminars, will be the featured speaker. Register at <http://www.icle.org>.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Section Name Change/Bylaw Amendment: The State Bar Board of Commissioners approved the request to rename the section by adding "paralegal" and to amend the bylaws by adding "paralegal" to every occurrence of "legal assistant." Accordingly,

the section is now known as the Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section. Declarations of Candidacy: Several council positions will be open for election this fall. Declarations for candidacy, available at <http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants/pdfs/Declaration.pdf>, are due July 15.

Prisons and Corrections Section

The section organized a conference to explore proposals on corrections spending and how each proposal would impact public safety ("Balancing our Priorities: Can we safely spend less on corrections?"). A variety of stakeholders with expertise and diverse perspectives presented their proposals. State Bar Executive Director Janet Welch delivered the opening remarks. Over 100 attendees were present. The section is now collaborating with the Criminal Law Section to develop a program for the annual meeting.

Public Corporation Law Section

Consistent with Section 6.1 of the Bylaws of the Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, the annual Public Corporation Law Section meeting will be held on Friday, June 27 at 4 p.m. at the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center, Drummond Island, Michigan. Minutes of the June 22, 2007 annual section meeting and the annual election of council members will be on the agenda, in addition to other matters properly coming before the section.

Real Property Law Section

"What Goes Down Must Come Up: Advising Clients About Real Estate in Michigan" will be held July 16–19 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa near Traverse City, Michigan. The section thanks Dawn Patterson of United General Title Insurance Company and Melissa Collar of Warner, Norcross & Judd LLP for planning this conference. Registration fees: first-time attendees, \$295; section members, \$350; non-section members, \$400. For details, visit www.michbar.org/realproperty/ and click 2008 Summer Conference or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378. ■