

### Consumer Law Section

The section is embarking on a new project: submitting an amicus brief to the Supreme Court in *Davis v Forest River*. This case will have a big impact on the rights of consumers to get relief against manufacturers for defective products. The Court will be tinkering with decades of USS and contract law. Outgoing chairperson Larry Lacey thanks section members for their support in the last year.

### Family Law Section

Our website now includes a wiki, the *Journal* and special issues collection, council's agenda, and useful links. We succeeded in helping secure Supreme Court adoption of long overdue reforms to the Child Support Formula Manual, and filed a compelling brief in *Estes v Titus*. An informative winter seminar was held in St Lucia (the next is in Zihuatanejo), the summer seminar at the Homestead. Our partnership with ICLE has flourished, as has our creditability with the legislature and SCAO.

### Information Technology Law Section

The Information Technology Law Section launched the first edition of its e-newsletter

to its members in August 2008. The bi-monthly electronic newsletter will briefly update section members on events and noteworthy IT law developments. For more information on the e-newsletter or to request that your event be added, contact Ron Nixon at ron.nixon@kkue.com.

### Judicial Conference Section

The Judicial Conference Section voted unanimously to recommend that the legislature enact a series of reforms of Michigan's mental health system. The section took this action after the proposed reforms were endorsed by the Michigan Judges Association, the Michigan Probate Judges Association, and the Michigan District Judges Association. The proposed reforms seek to treat mental illness like all other illnesses when judicial intervention is sought to secure treatment for an individual who has lost the capacity to make informed decisions.

### Negligence Law Section

The Negligence Law Section consists of plaintiff and defense lawyers who prosecute and defend personal injury cases. Our NSC Council is committed to improving the civil justice system by engaging judges, legislators, and others in a meaningful and persuasive dialogue aimed at protecting a citi-

zen's right to seek meaningful remedies on a level playing field. The NSC has recently met with Governor Granholm, Judge Henry Saad, Senator Wayne Kuipers, Representative Mark Meadows, and Justice Betty Weaver.

### Public Corporation Law Section

The Public Corporation Law Section reminds members that its board meetings are held the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. All members are welcome to participate in person or by phone. The PCLS is currently participating in two Supreme Court amicus briefs, and encourages its members to contact the board for assistance with its "statewide" interest cases. We are looking for contributions from all members to our quarterly review.

### Real Property Law Section

The Young Lawyers Section is invited to attend the December 4 Homeward Bound program, "Buying a Condo: Understanding Contingencies, Restrictions and Operations" for the low price of \$25! ICLE Partners attend free. Immediately following the program, the YLS is invited to attend a reception to meet members of the Real Property Law Section. Visit [www.icle.org/hb/dec](http://www.icle.org/hb/dec) for a detailed description of the seminar or call ICLE at (877) 229-4350 or Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

### Taxation Section

The second annual Michigan Tax Conference, jointly sponsored by the Taxation Section, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, and the Michigan Department of Treasury, will be held November 5-6 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

### Workers' Compensation Section

The Workers' Compensation Section held its annual meeting June 19-21 at Shanty Creek Resort. Newly elected officers are Murray R. Feldman, chairperson; Joel Alpert, vice chairperson; David DeGraw, secretary; and John Sims, treasurer. The section continues to deal with issues raised by several recent Michigan Supreme Court decisions. The section's annual fall/winter seminar is scheduled for December 5 at the Cadillac Plaza Building. ■