

## Administrative Law Section

The Administrative Law Section will host a luncheon program entitled “Administrative Hearings—What ALJs Want You to Know” featuring ALJ Manager Gregory Holiday at noon on December 12 at the Kellogg Center Riverside Room. Judge Holiday will present the results of the survey of Michigan administrative law judges related to issues important to ALJs. For more information, contact Mark J. Burzych at [mburzych@fsblawyers.com](mailto:mburzych@fsblawyers.com).

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section presented joint educational programs in collaboration with the Senior Lawyers Section, Labor and Employment Law Section, and Family Law Section at the State Bar Annual Meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn on September 18. The Advanced Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Institute, cosponsored and planned by the ADR Section, takes place on March 12, 2009, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, featuring Gary Friedman as keynote speaker.

## Appellate Practice Section

The Appellate Practice Section approved a \$1,500 donation to the Michigan Youth in Government Model Judiciary Program. Michigan Youth in Government allows high-school students to learn about the executive, legislative, and judicial functions of Michigan's government through active participation. The American Bar Association has recognized Michigan's program as a model and has asked it to join with four other states' programs to develop national moot court and mock trial programs for high-school students.

## Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

The Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section annually presents the John Hensel Award to a Michigan attorney who has made significant contributions to the arts. This year's honoree was Tracy Thompson, an active supporter of commu-

nity television and a member of the Digital Arts Film Television Association. A reception was held at the Birmingham Community Center on October 24. If you know of an attorney deserving of the award, please contact Liz DuMouchelle at [dumouche@butzel.com](mailto:dumouche@butzel.com).

## Aviation Law Section

Save the dates: July 8–12, 2009. Susan Hofer, former section chair and now president of Lawyer Pilots Bar Association (LPBA), is bringing the association's 50th anniversary meeting to Mackinac Island. Gerry Padilla will offer a reception at his home overlooking the straits. LPBA information is available at [www.lpba.org](http://www.lpba.org). Don Frank is coordinating contributions that our section may make to the LPBA program. If you have ideas, contact either Don ([franklaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:franklaw@sbcglobal.net)) or Charlie Senger ([sengerc@cooley.edu](mailto:sengerc@cooley.edu)).

## Business Law Section

The Small Business Forum presented “Practical Tips on Running the Family Business as a Business” on October 2 in Utica and “It's Your Government and We're Here to Help—Really!!” on November 6 in Troy. The next council meeting will be held on December 6 at 10 a.m. in Southfield. Watch for our monthly e-newsletter or visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/> to learn more about upcoming events.

## Children's Law Section

The Children's Law Section changed its monthly meetings to the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting is December 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the State Bar building in Lansing. All members are welcome to participate in person or by phone. The section voted to adopt amicus guidelines and submitted an amicus brief to the Supreme Court on *In re Rood*, SC 136849. The section's spring seminar is scheduled for May 8, 2009 at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

## Environmental Law Section

In its first meeting of the year on November 5, the ELS Council set the following

goals for 2008–2009: (1) completing the updated edition of the popular Environmental Law Deskbook; (2) increasing membership and, in particular, participation by attorneys in the public sector and law students; (3) preparing articles for the October 2009 environmental law theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*; and (4) establishing a new subject matter committee focused on climate change and sustainability.

## Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section invites you to attend ICLE's 15th Annual Health Law Institute March 5–6, 2009, cosponsored by the section. Join us for this national-level comprehensive program. Stay current on the latest changes in law and regulation. Take home insightful commentary and proven practice tips from the best of the best. For more information, visit [http://www.icle.org/modules/store/seminars/schedule.aspx?PRODUCT\\_CODE=2009CI4110](http://www.icle.org/modules/store/seminars/schedule.aspx?PRODUCT_CODE=2009CI4110).

## Labor and Employment Law Section

The LEELS holiday reception will be held December 16 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The winter meeting will be held January 30–31, 2009, at the Detroit Athletic Club. Author Philip Dine will speak at dinner on Friday, discussing the decline of unions and how they can reinvent themselves. The Saturday seminar will include caselaw updates and a panel discussion on summary judgment in employment cases.

## Prisons and Corrections Section

The council met in October to plan the section's focus and direction for the upcoming year. The section will actively participate in the State Bar's School for Legislators this spring, make recommendations on the topic of “merit credits” for prison sentences, publish at least one newsletter, and address new legislative initiatives after the 2009 legislature convenes. Consideration will be given to repeating the section's “Balancing Our Priorities” symposium in the Wayne County area in 2009.

## Probate and Estate Planning Section

After five years of drafting and study, the Probate and Estate Planning Section Council has approved and recommended the Michigan Trust Code for enactment by the legislature. The Michigan Trust Code is based on the Uniform Trust Code, which has been enacted in 21 states. The code will be introduced in the legislature soon and will be Michigan's first comprehensive law governing the formation, administration, modification, and termination of trusts.

## Public Corporation Law Section

By the time this is published, one of the parties proclaiming "change" within the beltway should be in power. Whether the "You Betcha" or the "Harvard Law Review Team" wins, one of the pressing concerns will be how our clients will manage their public entities with a lot less. This will be the topic of the PCLS winter seminar on February 6, 2009, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Come one, come all.

## Real Property Law Section

The January 15, 2009, "groundbreaker" breakfast roundtable, "How the Wall Street Bailout Affects Lending on Main Street," will be held at 8 a.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison, Detroit. The program chair is Gregory J. Gamalski of Giarmarco Mullins & Horton, PC. Advance registration: section members, \$65; non-section members, \$85. For more information, visit [www.michbar.org/realproperty/](http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/) and click "breakfast roundtables" or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

## Senior Lawyers Section

Newly elected officers are John M. Barr of Ypsilanti, chair; Edgar W. Pugh, Jr. of Bloomfield Hills, chair-elect; Richard F. Fellrath of Troy, secretary; and H. Rollin Allen of Mount Clemens, treasurer. The annual Senior Lawyers Section meeting will be August 21–23, 2009, at Crystal Mountain. At its November meeting, the SBM Board of Commissioners considered a proposal to reconstitute the Senior Lawyers Section for broader participation. ■