

Administrative Law Section

On February 27, the Administrative Law and Public Corporation Law Sections will co-host a luncheon lecture with Judge Patricia Halm, chief judge of the Michigan Tax Tribunal, focusing on current issues at the Tax Tribunal. The event will be held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan. Cost is \$20 for Administrative Law or Public Corporation Law Section members and \$40 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Mark Burzych at mburzych@fsblawyers.com.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section will meet in January to review and update its strategic plan to be of even greater service to the ADR community in Michigan; visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/adr/> for updates. And mark your calendars: this year's Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute will be held March 12 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. For more information, visit the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's website.

Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

On December 4, 2008, the Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section (ACES) held a business meeting at Honigman's Bloomfield Hills office, followed by a holiday party at Northern Lakes Seafood Co. The next ACES meeting will be held January 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilberry Theatre, Wayne State University. The January meeting will feature a panel discussion on recent issues in theater law followed by the Hilberry's production of *Hamlet*.

Aviation Law Section

Save the dates: the Great Lakes International Aviation Conference will be held January 30–31 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, Michigan. The Aviation Law Section again will present a seminar at the conference. For details, contact Steven M. Chait at airchait@aol.com. For more information about section activities, visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/aviation/>.

Environmental Law Section

The Environmental Law Section is creating a new subject matter committee on

sustainability and climate change. Over 75 people have indicated an interest in participating in this new area. The section believes that this area offers an opportunity to work with other State Bar sections, including the Business Law Section.

Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section will present a primer, "Introduction to Tax-Exempt Matters" via teleconference on Tuesday, January 13 from noon to 1:15 p.m. Section Chair Ann Hollenbeck, from Honigman, will be our speaker. For more information, please check the section's website at <http://www.michbar.org/health/home.cfm> or contact Denise Adams at hclsassistant@yahoo.com.

Labor and Employment Law Section

The LELS winter meeting will be held January 30–31 at the Detroit Athletic Club. The dinner speaker will be author Philip Dine, who will discuss 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.

Law Practice Management Section

The LPMS is discussing a merger with the Legal Administrator Section to further enhance its expertise in law firm management. The LPMS is also working with the State Bar and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education on educational programming regarding the economic issues facing law firms. The section's next meeting will be held January 31, 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m., at the Crowne Plaza in Novi. For more information, contact LPMS Chair Rebecca Simkins at rsimkins@bsdd.com.

Negligence Law Section

The Negligence Law Section seeks to strengthen the civil justice system. We engage judges, legislators, and the executive branch in meaningful dialogue to assure that an injured person in Michigan has a right to seek adequate redress in a fair forum. We have met recently with Governor Granholm, Justice Michael Cavanagh, Judge Pat Donofrio, Judge Lisa Gleicher, Senator Bruce Patterson, SBM President Ed Pappas, Insurance Commissioner Ken Ross, and Mark Bernstein. Justice-elect Diane Hathaway has also met with the council.

Prisons and Corrections Section

The section council met in November 2008 to review its program for the State Bar-sponsored "School for Legislators" in February. A guest from the Children's Law Section addressed the council on issues of juvenile law, particularly on the process of juvenile waivers to adult courts. The council will seek the formation of an ad hoc committee with the Children's Law Section and the Criminal Law Section to discuss common issues and solutions in the juvenile law area.

Real Property Law Section

"Ports in the Storm: Setting a New Course in 2009" will be held March 12–14 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, Bonita Springs, Florida. Program chairs are Margaret Van Meter of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP and Gregory J. Gamalski of Giarmarco Mullins & Horton PC. Early registration: section members, \$350; non-section members, \$400. For more information, visit www.michbar.org/realproperty/ and click "2009 Winter Conference" or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

Taxation Section

On December 4, 2008, the House passed HB 6122, which proposes to expand the state real estate transfer tax to cover transfers involving "controlling interests" in legal entities owning real property. The Taxation Section opposes HB 6122. The International Committee hosted "Current Trends in Canada." Guest speakers included Todd Miller, Pat Forgione, and Wael Rostom from McMillan LLP, Toronto. The Business Entities Committee will host a mixer on January 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Jaffe Raitt's Southfield offices.

Workers' Compensation Law Section

Our fall/winter seminar was a great success, with over 100 members attending. Upcoming events include our winter trip in February, a trip to Las Vegas scheduled in May, and our summer meeting scheduled for June 18–20 at Crystal Mountain Resort. Congratulations to University of Detroit Mercy student Crystal Cuthbert, the winner of our scholarship award, and Ed Welch on his Lifetime Achievement Award. ■