

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Please plan on joining us for the ADR Section annual meeting at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids on September 11 and 12. Our planning is well underway and the annual meeting promises to be an enjoyable and educational event. Mark your calendars now!

Antitrust, Franchising and Trade Regulation Section

Our section's spring event was held May 21 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Section members and guests enjoyed a reception and self-guided tour, followed by a private showing of the Norman Rockwell exhibit. Congratulations to Justin Hakala (Wayne 2009), winner of our 2009 Antitrust Student Writing Competition. View Justin's article in the most recent section newsletter. Look for our fall seminar, which will focus on franchising.

Appellate Practice Section

The Appellate Practice Section is presenting a seminar entitled "Sixth Circuit Practice: Federal Appellate Practice Insiders' Tips, or Everything You Wanted to Know About the Sixth Circuit But Were Afraid to Ask." It will be held on June 4 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. Topics will include e-filing in the Sixth Circuit, mediation, and pointers on briefing and argument from Sixth Circuit clerks and judges.

Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

The Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section held a roundtable discussion on April 16 at the Detroit offices of Miller Canfield. The meeting focused on advising clients regarding the Michigan film tax credits. Speakers included Mike Mosallam, director of film initiatives for Wayne County; Ken Droz of the Michigan Film Office; and Lisa Berden of Miller Canfield. The meeting provided valuable insight on moving clients from film concept to rebate check.

Business Law Section

The annual meeting will be held on September 24 at the Sheraton Novi. The meeting will begin with an educational program followed by the business meeting, presentation of the Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award, and a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception. Watch for our monthly e-newsletter or visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/> to learn more about the section and upcoming events. The section is looking for new members for its committees. Contact our section leadership to participate.

Environmental Law Section

The Environmental Law Section and the Business Law Section co-sponsored a seminar on Earth Day, April 22, to discuss new climate change and sustainability policies and regulations that will affect Michigan businesses. Also, the new section member directory has been finalized and released.

Health Care Law Section

Become prepared for the new medical marijuana regulations by participating in our June 11 teleconference at noon with panelists Melanie Brim, director, Bureau of Health Professions, Michigan Department of Community Health; Marta Hoffman, Mercy Health Partners; and John Mulder, M.D., medical director, Spectrum Health Continuing Care. The panelists will address the implementation of the recently enacted Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and its burgeoning impact on Michigan healthcare providers and patients.

Law Practice Management Section

The Law Practice Management Section has approved its merger with the Legal Administrator Section. Pending the State Bar's approval process, the section will be known as the Law Practice Management and Legal Administrators Section. This merger will benefit members of both sections with an expanded base of management expertise to provide better educational programming and support for the State Bar Practice Management Resource Center.

Negligence Law Section

The Negligence Law Section Council has continued to meet and engage justices, judges, and legislators in a meaningful dialogue regarding how to improve the civil justice system. We held our first law school forum at MSU College of Law in February. The topic was Michigan Tort Law, 2009. Judge Jane Bickering and several members of our council participated. We will hold our first major seminar on May 19 when Matt Garretson joins us to discuss Medicare lien reimbursement.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The election of officers and council members will take place at the section's annual meeting, to be held in conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting September 16-18 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Declarations for candidacy are available at the section's website, <http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants>, and are due July 15.

Prisons and Corrections Section

The Prisons and Corrections Council met in April and adopted a policy position supporting HB 4130 in principle (release of certain prisoners for deportation). The council is preparing to repeat the symposium “Balancing Our Priorities” on prison spending and population in the Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb areas this fall with a target date of October 8. For more information about the symposium and elections for council positions, visit the section’s web page at <http://www.michbar.org/prisons/>.

Real Property Law Section

Save the date! The 34th Annual Summer Conference, “Isles of Prosperity,” is scheduled for July 15–18 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. Program chairs are Lorri B. King of Law Offices of King & King PLLC and Dawn M. Patterson of United General Title. Registration after June 1: first-time attendees, \$295; section members, \$350; non-section members, \$400. For more information, visit www.michbar.org/realproperty/ and click “2009 Summer Conference” or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

Senior Lawyers Section

The Senior Lawyers Section Council decided to have the section annual meeting on Friday, September 18 at Richard Fellrath’s cottage in Pinckney. All section members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to John M. Barr, section chair, at jbarr@barrlawfirm.com. The SLS council is considering a number of proposals, including bylaw changes, finances, and section dues. The next edition of the section newsletter, *The Mentor*, will be published soon.

Workers’ Compensation Law Section

The Workers’ Compensation Law Section’s summer meeting is scheduled for June 18–20 at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville. At the meeting, we will be inducting four additional members into the Workers’ Compensation Hall of Fame, conducting our annual summer seminar, and electing new officers. ■