

Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

The Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports (ACES) Section began its year with its annual John Hensel Award, presented to a Michigan attorney who has made significant contributions to the arts. This year's honoree was former ACES chairman Jeffrey Richardson. A reception was held at the Birmingham Community Center on October 23, 2009. If you would like to get involved or have any questions regarding ACES, please contact its chairman, Ethan Bordman, at ethanyalebordman@yahoo.com.

Environmental Law Section

On November 12, 2009, the Environmental Law Section held a networking reception at the United Way office in Detroit for law professors, attorneys who practice environmental law, and law students interested in environmental law. The next meeting of the Environmental Law Section Council will be on January 20 at the University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor, preceding a panel discussion sponsored by U-M's Environmental Law and Policy Program about invasive species in the Great Lakes.

Information Technology Law Section

The next section council meeting will be held February 18 at Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Ann Arbor campus at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited. A presentation will also be made regarding source code escrow agreements. The section's annual meeting has been scheduled in conjunction with the section's annual ICLE seminar on September 22 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Please keep the date clear—all are invited.

International Law Section

The November program of the ILS, entitled "Creating the Next Generation of International Lawyers," featured Deborah Burand, director, International Transactions Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School. The one-of-a-kind clinic offers law students hands-on experience doing international transactions work with real clients. Law students discussed how the clinic helped prepare them to be international lawyers. The January 27 ILS program will discuss opportunities for international lawyers in the "new" automotive industry.

Judicial Conference Section

The conference agenda for 2010 will primarily address the recommendations being developed for the Judicial Crossroads Task Force and the Constitutional Convention ballot proposal up next fall. The task force recommendations, if adopted, may fundamentally restructure the entire criminal and civil justice system, while the ballot proposal, if passed, would open up the entire Michigan Constitution, for better or worse, and cost an estimated \$40–\$50 million. The judiciary will be ready.

Real Property Law Section

The 2010 Winter Conference, "Being an Agent of Change," will be held March 11–13 at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona. Program chairs are Laura M. Lynch, Laura McMahon Lynch PLC; and Margaret Van Meter, Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. For more information, visit the section's website at www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378. Register online at <http://e.michbar.org>. ■