

Administrative Law Section

The Administrative Law Section will host a luncheon with the Liquor Control Commission on March 3 and a luncheon with the Michigan Public Service Commission on May 19. All are welcome. Watch for details in future announcements or contact Richard Patterson at pattersr@michigan.gov to sign up.

Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

The Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports (ACES) Section held its first monthly meeting of the new year at Ringside Creative. Ringside gave ACES members a tour of its state-of-the-art interactive motion picture and music production facility, allowing a behind-the-scenes look at how entertainment projects are created. Thank you to Les Schefman and Ringside Creative for their time and generosity. The next ACES meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18.

Business Law Section

"Small Businesses in Michigan—Opportunities in Alternative Energy and Opportunities for Minorities and Women" will be held

March 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Troy. The next council meeting will be held March 18 at 3 p.m. at the SBM in Lansing. The Business Law Institute will be held May 21–22 in Grand Rapids. 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.

Environmental Law Section

On January 20, the Water Law Committee of the Environmental Law Section cosponsored a panel discussion at the University of Michigan Law School on invasive species in the Great Lakes. The section recently established an Energy Committee chaired by Rodger Kershner and Susan Topp. In March, the section's Air Committee will present a program at Lansing Community College on the EPA's greenhouse gas endangerment finding and other recent developments under the Clean Air Act.

International Law Section

Mark your calendars: The next ILS meeting will be held April 6 at 4:30 p.m. at the Alumni House at Wayne State University. A panel of three experts will discuss legal issues concerning the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty,

including the new policies announced by the Obama administration to resuscitate the treaty, before the critical conference of treaty parties in May. Our panel will also address the prospects for and obstacles to success at the conference.

Judicial Conference Section

The Judicial Conference Section continues researching and preparing for the potential Constitutional Convention in 2011 if the voters want to spend \$45–50 million for the process. The State Bar and the judiciary through the Judicial Crossroads Task Force committees are developing reports, action plans, and suggestions for recommended constitutional, legislative, and rules changes that identify changes to Michigan's justice system to meet the needs of the public in the face of transformational changes in our economy.

Real Property Law Section

The Groundbreaker Roundtable, "When Advertisement Isn't Enough—The Court Process and Foreclosures/Workouts or Ask the Judges," will be held April 22 at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison Avenue, 7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Stephen R. Estey is program chair. Panel includes Mark F. Makower, Makower Abbate & Associates PLLC; Hon. Robert J. Colombo; Hon. Jeanne Stempien; and Hon. Edward Sosnick. For more information, visit www.michbar.org/realproperty/roundtables.cfm or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378. Register online at <http://e.michbar.org>.

Taxation Section

The 23rd Annual Tax Conference will be held Thursday, May 20 at the Diamond Conference Center in Novi. Filled with timely federal and state taxation updates, the program features six national speakers and numerous Michigan experts. Choose from multiple breakout sessions and network with your colleagues at the lunch and evening receptions. Join the section to receive a substantial discount on your seminar fee. Register online at www.icle.org/tax. ■