

52 Section Briefs

Administrative Law Section

The section will host a luncheon with the Public Service Commission at 11:30 a.m. on May 19 at the University Club, 3435 Forest Rd., Lansing. Speakers will include PSC commissioners. Cost of the luncheon is \$25 for members and \$45 for non-members. Register online at <http://e.michbar.org> by Wednesday, May 12. For more information, contact program chair Richard Patterson at (517) 335-4226 or pattersr@michigan.gov.

Appellate Practice Section

The Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference will take place June 9–11 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The theme will be civility and collegiality in the appellate bench and bar. Visit www.benchbar.org for registration information and to access the report of the 2007 conference.

Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

The Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section held its April meeting on the "Legal Aspects of Using Day-to-Day Technologies." J. Stott Matthews from Spectrum Computer Forensics and Kathy Ossian from Miller Canfield spoke on e-mail and social network legal implications—offering tips for protecting yourself, clients, and data. Thank you to ACES members John Willems and Jeffrey Richardson for hosting and moderating. The next ACES meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20.

Business Law Section

The 22nd Annual Business Law Institute will be held May 21–22 in Grand Rapids. Visit <http://www.icle.org> to register. Network and enjoy a taste of Cuban offerings at *An Evening at Vicente's* to be held in May. The Small Business Forum will present "Developing Foreign Markets: New Opportunities for Small Businesses in Exporting" in May. 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.

Criminal Law Section

On June 11–12, the Criminal Law Section will hold its biennial spring conference at Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. The

program, "Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions," will feature several distinguished speakers from around Michigan. The program also allows ample time for golfing at reduced rates at The Fortress Golf Course. The \$15 conference fee for section members includes lunch on Friday. For more information, visit <http://www.michbar.org/criminal/news.cfm>. Register online at <http://e.michbar.org>.

Environmental Law Section

On March 16, the Environmental Law Section co-hosted a program with the Michigan Manufacturers Association on the regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. On May 6, the section will hold its second annual Conference on Sustainability and Climate Change, which will be simulcast from NextEnergy in Detroit and Grand Valley State University's Alternative and Renewable Energy Center in Muskegon. For details about the program, contact George Curran at gcurran@kotszangster.com.

Information Technology Law Section

Remember to mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Information Technology Law Seminar on September 22 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. We will hold our annual meeting in conjunction with the seminar. Also, check us out on Facebook and become a fan today! http://www.facebook.com/pages/Michigan-IT-Lawyers/105421292829635?v=app_2309869772#!/pages/Michigan-IT-Lawyers/105421292829635?v=wall.

International Law Section

Our next program, a symposium on developments in sub-Saharan Africa and their impact on foreign investment, will be held at 4 p.m. on May 19 at the Museum of African American History in Detroit. Our speakers will include economist Dr. Lisa D. Cook (MSU), law professors Laura Nyantung Beny (UM) and Alan Shenk (WSU), and other speakers with firsthand experience running and counseling businesses in Africa. A reception will follow the program.

Negligence Law Section

As requested by the Supreme Court, the Negligence Law Section will author an ami-

cus brief regarding the *Colianni* case, common law statute of limitations. The Negligence Law Section will host and sponsor three upcoming events: a seminar entitled "Medicare Lien Seminar—Information Versus Speculation" on Wednesday, May 26, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.; a Summer Education Seminar reception on July 25 in Traverse City; and a golf outing on July 26 at Arcadia Bluffs.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Attention paralegal students! The 2010 scholarship program is open to students enrolled in a paralegal/legal assistant program at any Michigan college or university. At least two scholarships will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, depending on the amount available for distribution. The application deadline is June 1, and scholarships will be presented at the section's annual meeting in September. (Recipients are notified in advance.) Details, rules, and applications are at www.michbar.org/paralegal.

Real Property Law Section

The 35th Annual Summer Conference, "The New Normal—Working with Today's Realities," is scheduled for July 14–17 at Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville. Program chairs are Lorri B. King, Law Offices of King & King PLLC, Cadillac; and Clay B. Thomas, Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, P.C., Southfield. Young Lawyers Section members can register for \$100. For more information, visit the section website at www.michbar.org/realproperty/summerconf.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. ■