

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The Michigan Supreme Court Administrator's Office is conducting a survey designed to gauge your experience with case evaluation and mediation. The survey is part of a larger study, undertaken at the Court's request, to develop a better understanding of the ADR processes' efficacy in the trial courts. The online survey will remain open through February 11. To complete the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/caseevaluationsurvey>.

Business Law Section

The next council meeting will be held March 10 in Lansing. Plan to attend the Crain's Best In-House/General Counsel Award event on May 3. Watch for our monthly e-newsletter, visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/>, or become a friend on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SBMBusinessLawSection> to learn of upcoming section events. Consider joining our LinkedIn Group at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=3251208>. If you would like to become involved in section activities, visit <http://www.michbar.org/business/involved.cfm>.

Environmental Law Section

We are very excited that our *Environmental Law Journal* is being revitalized and issued in electronic format. We are also exploring social media opportunities to expand our environmental law connections. The Program Committee is coordinating continuing education meetings in the first quarter of 2011 in light of significant Michigan environmental law developments. For more information about these activities and to become more involved, please visit <http://www.michbar.org/environmental>.

Labor and Employment Law Section

Pssst...Interested in joining the Labor and Employment Law Section? Your timing couldn't be better: The first 50 new lawyers (those practicing for three years or less) who register to attend the ICLE Labor and Employment Law Institute April 14–15 will pay only \$50! Or attend our Spring Board event (date to be announced) and we'll apply the admission cost to your first-time section dues payment. Pass it on.

Litigation Section

The section will offer "Impact of Technology: What Are Jurors Thinking?" on April 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the St. John's Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Presented by the jury consulting firm DecisionQuest, this talk will explain how technology can get your message to the jury. A continental breakfast will be served, and there is no charge to section members. More information to follow in the section's newsletter and e-mails.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Save the date! Mark your calendar for the section's Annual Day of Education to be held Friday, May 6. Watch the section's website at www.michbar.org/paralegal for more details coming soon.

Public Corporation Law Section

The PCLS is hosting its winter seminar on Friday, February 4 at The Baronette Ren-

aissance Hotel in Novi. The topics are Railroad and Municipal "Collisions," Bankruptcy Ins and Outs for Municipalities, The 2nd Rule, and FOIA Requests for Police Reports, Photographs, and Videos. The council hopes to see many attendees. Come and enjoy the exchange of practice tips, developments in public corporation law, and professional camaraderie.

Real Property Law Section

The Annual Winter Conference, "The ABCs of Financial Regulatory Reform: A Big Change," will be held March 10–12 at the Willard Intercontinental in Washington, D.C. Program chairs are Laura McMahon Lynch of Law Office of Laura McMahon Lynch PLC, Grosse Pointe; and Melissa B. Papke of Varnum LLP, Grand Rapids. New low registration fees: first-time attendees, \$200; section members, \$225; non-section members, \$250; Young Lawyers Section members, \$100. Visit www.michbar.org/realproperty/summer.conf.cfm or contact Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378.

Taxation Section

Save the date! The 24th Annual Tax Conference will be held May 12 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The program includes featured speakers Eric Solomon of E&Y, former assistant secretary (Tax Policy); Michigan Treasurer Andrew Dillon; Steven Akers of Bessemer Trust; and Joni Larson of Thomas M. Cooley Law School. For more information, visit the section website at www.michbar.org/tax/conferences.cfm.

Young Lawyers Section

The Young Lawyers Section has confirmed plans to host the 4th Annual Young Lawyers Summit at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids this spring. The conference is scheduled for Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21. The Summit will include educational seminars, networking opportunities, and the presentation of the Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. Details about the Summit and nominations for the award will be available in early spring on the YLS website. ■