

Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section

With respect to our annual conference during September, the section is hosting a luncheon and panel of nationally recognized antitrust litigators to debate the U.S. DOJ Antitrust Division's Leniency Program. Panelists include Kevin Culum, U.S. DOJ Antitrust Division (Cleveland, OH); Jay Himes, Labaton Sucharow LLP (New York, NY); and Gordon Lang, Nixon Peabody LLP (Washington, DC). The debate is scheduled for September 16 beginning at noon.

Business Law Section

The September 13 annual meeting will include a presentation on recent statutory and regulatory updates and an introduction to the new Michigan corporate tax, presentation of the Schulman Award to James Cambridge, and a cocktail reception. Business Boot Camp II—Basic Training for Business Lawyers will be held November 7–8 in Grand Rapids and January 23–24, 2012 in Plymouth. Watch for our e-newsletter, visit our website, join our LinkedIn group, or visit us on Facebook to learn about section events.

Criminal Law Section

Our annual meeting and program will be held Friday, September 16 at the Hyatt

Regency Dearborn. The business meeting begins at 9 a.m. with elections to council. The two-hour program on sex offender monitoring begins at 10 a.m. Speakers include attorneys Miriam Aukerman and Lora Weingarden, Sgt. Chris Hawkins, and Prof. Jill Levenson. More information is available at <http://michbar.org/criminal/news.cfm>. For questions about elections: marutiakm@michigan.gov or (517) 242-4792. For questions about the annual program: spguess@msn.com or (517) 420-6745.

Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

Continuing the section's tradition of presenting preeminent speakers for elder and disability professionals in a convivial venue, the ELDRS 16th Multi-Disciplinary Fall Conference, "Changes and Choices," is at Crystal Mountain September 21–23. Featured speakers include Michael Gilfix, founding member of the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys; Thomas Byerley, Eaton County probate judge; Janet K. Welch, SBM executive director; and Jeffrey Geller, M.D., MPH, director of community psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Environmental Law Section

Our annual meeting and "State of the Law" program will be held Thursday, September 15 in Dearborn, and we will elect new council members and officers. Our Membership Committee is hosting law student mixers on September 22 in Detroit and October 20 in East Lansing. Please plan to be at the Environmental Law Section's 30th Anniversary Celebration in Lansing on October 6. On November 10, the section will hold its Joint Fall Conference with A&WMA at Lansing Community College.

Labor and Employment Law Section

Please join us at the SBM Annual Meeting September 15 at the Dearborn Hyatt for the LELS business meeting and program: "View from Cincinnati," presented by Judge David

McKeague, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; "A Clash of the Titans: The NLRB Takes on Boeing," moderated by Tom Barnes, union perspective from Leonard Page, management perspective from Bob Vercruysse; and "Politics and the Public Sector: Assessing the Issues," moderated by Tom Barnes, union perspective from Jim Moore, and management perspective from Craig Lange. Reception to follow.

Real Property Law Section

Congratulations to the 2011 RPLS Scholarship Award Program recipients: Randy Pistor, University of Michigan; Michael Bakotich, University of Detroit Mercy; Nicholas McElhinny, Wayne State University; Stephanie Schnelz, Michigan State University; and Bobby Jean Bartlett, Thomas M. Cooley. These students, selected by the law schools' faculty, excelled in their advance real-property-related courses. The award is a cash prize and a stipend to cover the recipients' attendance at the 2012 Summer Conference.

Taxation Section

The section's annual meeting will be held Thursday, September 22 at 5 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, with cocktails and dinner to follow. The State and Local Committee held a social reception for section members and government attorneys at Dykema's offices in Lansing on August 23. The next Tax Court lunch is anticipated to be in late October; watch for announcements.

Young Lawyers Section

On July 21, the YLS Council recommended approval of proposed changes to the Young Lawyers Section bylaws. These changes can be found in the August edition of *Inter Alia* and will be voted on by the section membership at the annual meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. If approved, these changes will replace the current bylaws, last updated in 2000, and will take effect at the 2012 annual meeting. ■