

### Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

A luncheon meeting with the Liquor Control Commission, co-sponsored by the Business Law Section, is set for February 21 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. It will feature a discussion of hot topics and pending legislation with a Q&A opportunity. Register now at <http://www.michbar.org/adminlaw/>. The Program Committee is planning additional events, including a luncheon with the Public Service Commission on May 23 at the University Club.

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section, in conjunction with ICLE, will present its 11th Annual Advanced Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Institute at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. This is an award-winning program featuring a faculty of national and local ADR practitioners. For more information and to register, visit [www.icle.org/ANDRI](http://www.icle.org/ANDRI).

### Business Law Section

The "2012 LLC and Business Entity Update" will be held on February 9 in Grand Rapids and February 28 in Plymouth. "Helping Business Clients Succeed in the Changing Economy" will be held on February 15 in Grand Rapids. The next council meeting is scheduled for March 8 in Lansing. The Business Law Institute will be held May 4–5 in Grand Rapids. Information regarding all these events can be found on our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/calendar.cfm>.

### Criminal Law Section

It's not too late to register for the 35th Mid-Winter Ski Conference, which will be held February 18–20. This year's conference includes a review of high-impact court decisions, a panel discussion about the new jury instruction court rules, and a tutorial on technology in the courtroom. The registration is \$20. Register on site at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. For questions, contact Opolla Brown at [obrown@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:obrown@co.wayne.mi.us) or (313) 224-5731, or Jon Posner at [jonposner@bignet.net](mailto:jonposner@bignet.net) or (313) 962-7210.

### Environmental Law Section

Law school students, ELS members, and attorneys interested in ELS membership please join us for an informal but informative reception February 9, 5:30 p.m.–

7:30 p.m., at GP Sports in Grand Rapids. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with environmental practitioners and learn about the past, present, and future of the environmental legal profession. Please visit our website at [www.michbar.org/environmental](http://www.michbar.org/environmental) for registration information, current events, and recent environmental presentations.

### Health Care Law Section

The Annual Health Law Institute, jointly sponsored by the HCLS and ICLE, will be held March 8 and 9 in Plymouth. The program will feature expert insight on health care law changes relating to sweeping health care reform and caselaw development. Among the featured speakers are Assistant U.S. Attorneys Raymond Beckering III and John Neal as well as Angela Francis and Frederick Woodward from the DEA. Registrations are being accepted by ICLE at [www.icle.org/health](http://www.icle.org/health) or (877) 229-4350.

### Information Technology Law Section

Please save the date of March 29 for our spring meeting, featuring Ward Classen, deputy general counsel of Computer Sciences Corporation, speaking on "Responding to Vendor Strategies in IT Contracts." The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.; location to be announced soon.

### International Law Section

The International Law Section thanks Frank E. Walwyn of Canada's WeirFoulds LLP for his insightful presentation, titled "Multi-Jurisdictional Litigation: Some Lessons Learned," on January 25 after the section's council meeting. The section also thanks members Sonia Salah, Lara Phillip, and Aaron Ogletree for working with Wayne State University Law School on the "International Bridge" program held November 29. Watch for announcements of programs and speakers for the March 21 and May 16 meetings.

### Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Save the dates: Annual Day of Education, May 4 (location TBD); and annual meeting, September 21, Grand Rapids. For more information, contact Kathy Ann Blunck, chair, or visit [www.michbar.org/paralegal](http://www.michbar.org/paralegal). Do you know a shining star? Shining stars are paralegals who have demonstrated outstanding charitable or community service works. To

submit a nomination or view a list of past winners, visit [www.michbar.org/paralegal/shiningstaraward.cfm](http://www.michbar.org/paralegal/shiningstaraward.cfm).

### Probate and Estate Planning Section

The section's Ethics Committee successfully opposed changes to ethics Rule 7.3, which would have prevented lawyers from contacting family members of deceased clients (certain tort lawyers may have been the intended target and probate lawyers were going to be collateral damage). This proposed change appears to be dead for the moment. We are currently working on legislative and government agency end-of-life issues.

### Public Corporation Law Section

Thomas M. Cooley Law School hosted the January 14 PCLS meeting, providing video technology to link attendees at all four of its Michigan campuses. On February 10, the section will hold its winter seminar at The Baronette Renaissance Hotel in Novi beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with a cocktail reception following the afternoon session. On June 22–23, the annual PCLS-MAMA Summer Educational Workshop will be held at the Boyne Highlands Resort in Harbor Springs.

### Real Property Law Section

Register now! The 2012 Annual Winter Conference, "Redevelopment after the Great Recession: Lessons from the Sunshine and Great Lakes States," will be held March 15–17 at the Loews Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando®, Florida. Program coordinators are Melissa B. Papke of Varnum Law in Grand Rapids and Nicholas P. Scavone Jr. of Bodman PLC in Detroit. Visit the section website at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm> for registration form and hotel information.

### Taxation Section

Register now for the Taxation Section's 25th Annual Tax Conference to be held May 1 at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. Visit [www.icle.org/tax](http://www.icle.org/tax) or call (877) 229-4350 to register. Section members save \$100 on the registration fee. The conference is Michigan's most comprehensive tax conference. Following the conference, please attend a dinner, also at St. John's, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the tax conference. We look forward to seeing you. ■