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## Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

The section is hosting a luncheon with the Michigan Public Service Commissioners, staff, and administrative law judges on May 23 at the University Club of MSU in Lansing beginning at 11:30 a.m. Governor Snyder's senior strategy advisor and former energy policy officer to the MEDC, Valerie Brader, is the featured speaker. Register now at http://www.michbar.org/adminlaw/. Stay tuned for additional events, including a presentation on the activities of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention at the September annual meeting.

# **Business Law Section**

The next council meeting will be held on May 4 in Grand Rapids. The Business Law Institute will be held May 4–5 in Grand Rapids. The annual meeting will be held on September 13 in Novi and will include an educational presentation. Get involved in the section at http://www.michbar.org/ business/activities.cfm. Visit our website, watch for our monthly e-newsletter, join our LinkedIn groups, or visit us on Facebook to learn about section events.

# **Criminal Law Section**

The 6th spring conference will be held June 8–9. Please join us at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. This year's topic is expert witnesses. The nominal registration fee—only \$25—includes lunch on Friday. Pre-registration is required and closes on June 1. The complete agenda and registration form can be found on our website at http://www.michbar.org/criminal/. For more information, contact Kenneth Malkin at (989) 895-4177 or malkink@baycounty. net; or Michael Marutiak at (517) 242-4792 or marutiakm@michigan.gov.

# Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

The ELDR Section was pleasantly surprised by record attendance at the March 16 spring conference. The next big event is the multidisciplinary fall conference October 3–5 at Crystal Mountain, Thomsonville. Delightful, convivial, thought-provoking, and professionally rewarding are a few of the adjectives used to describe past ELDRS conferences. This conference is expected to be all that and more. The section has made special arrangements for delectable weather and a stunning backdrop featuring the entire spectrum of vivid Michigan fall colors.

# Environmental Law Section

The Evolving Environmental Regulatory Landscape, 3rd Annual Conference, cosponsored by the Michigan Manufacturers Association and the Environmental Law Section, is May 16. Enjoy a half-day program featuring updates on the most urgent air quality regulatory issues facing Michigan manufacturers. Visit our website at http://www.michbar.org/ environmental/ for information on upcoming events, presentation materials, the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*, and membership in the section.

#### General Practice— Solo and Small Firm Section

The General Practice—Solo and Small Firm Section will host a seminar on domestic relations and bankruptcy on May 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Ginopolis of Farmington Hills with speakers Elizabeth Silverman and Martin Fried. Silverman will share her 28 years of family law experience and Fried will relate domestic relations and bankruptcy, including tax advantages in bankruptcy. Seminar cost is \$35 in advance for section members and \$45 for all others. Lunch is included.

## Health Care Law Section

The section recently presented a teleconference on employer social media policies. Speakers were Tom Barlow and Rod Gillum. Through its Pro Bono Committee, the section registered its team "Counselors for the Cure" to participate in the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure on May 26. All section members, friends, and family are welcome to join us for this event. Interested parties may register at http:// www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure/ index.asp and follow the links to join a team.

# Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Scholarships are available to current and future students enrolled in a Michigan paralegal/legal assistant program; applications are due June 1. Do you know a shining star? Shining stars are paralegals who have demonstrated outstanding charitable or community service works. Nominate someone today! The section annual meeting will be held September 21 in Grand Rapids. Declarations of candidacy for council positions are due August 1. Visit http://www.michbar. org/paralegal/ for more information, scholarship applications, nomination forms, and declarations of candidacy.

#### Prisons and Corrections Section

The Prisons and Corrections Section's annual program will be held Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., at the SBM building in Lansing. The program will address "Presentence Investigation Reports and Risk Assessment Tools in Michigan" for practitioners of all levels interested in Michigan's PSIR process (preparation, correcting errors, utilization during incarceration, and parole) and risk assessment tools (COMPAS, VASOR, Static 99 R) used by the MDOC. The \$30 cost (\$20 for section members) includes a breakfast buffet.

#### **Real Property Law Section**

Register today! The Annual Summer Conference, "Reinventing Michigan Cities Through Redevelopment," will be held July 18–21 at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls. Program coordinators are John D. Gaber, Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett PC, Birmingham; and Monica J. Labe, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Troy. For registration form and hotel information, visit http://www.michbar. org/realproperty/summerconf.cfm. ■