

Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

On Friday, December 14, the Administrative & Regulatory Law Section will host a noon luncheon in conjunction with the Tax Section at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The featured speaker will be Kimbal R. Smith III, chair of the Michigan Tax Tribunal, joined by Peter M. Kopke, chief clerk of the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Luncheon and parking is \$20 for section members, \$40 for nonmembers. Please make your reservation by December 10.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section promotes the use of alternative dispute resolution and desires collaboration with other sections, including exchanging speakers on mutually relevant topics. Please contact one of the section's 2013 Executive Committee members to discuss collaboration opportunities: Robert E. Lee Wright, chair; Antoinette R. Raheem, chair-elect; A. David Baumhart III, past chair; Joseph C. Basta, secretary; Anne L. Buckleitner, treasurer; and Kevin S. Hendrick and Martin C. Weisman, members-at-large.

Business Law Section

Celebrate the holidays with members of the BLS and Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association at "An Evening at Angelina's Italian Bistro" in Detroit on December 11 at 5:30 p.m. Get involved by attending council meetings on December 1 at 10 a.m. at Bodman in Detroit or March 7, 2013, at 3 p.m. at the SBM in Lansing. Visit our website at

<http://www.michbar.org/business>, watch for our e-newsletter, join our LinkedIn groups, or visit us on Facebook to get involved and to learn about events.

Criminal Law Section

The 36th Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference will once again be held over the President's Day weekend (February 16–18, 2013). The program has several long breaks for skiing and other winter activities, including sledding, snowshoeing, and sleigh rides. Shanty Creek Resort is offering reduced all-inclusive rates, with ski and non-ski packages and room-only rates for conference participants. More information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website. Questions? Contact Steve Taratuta at staratut@co.wayne.mi.us or (313) 224-5770.

Environmental Law Section

Presentations are available on our website from the ELS Joint Conference, "Michigan's Environment in 2012 and Beyond: Developments and Emerging Issues in the Management and Regulation of Air, Water, Energy, and Waste," cosponsored with the East and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association. The fall issue of the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal* is also available. Visit the ELS website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for the most up-to-date information.

Family Law Section

On November 3, Sahera Housey was elected to fill a vacancy on the Family Law Council. The 11th Annual Family Law Institute, cosponsored by ICLE and the Family Law Section, took place November 15–16. James J. Harrington III, chair-elect of the Family Law Section, was awarded the Blaine B. Johnson, Jr. Award for his outstanding contribution to continuing legal education in Michigan.

International Law Section

The section will hold its January council meeting and dinner program on Wednes-

day, January 23, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. at Butzel Long, Suite 100, 150 W. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. FBI Special Agent Adam Maddock will speak on international cybercrime and espionage. Please mark your calendar and save the date. Watch for announcements of programs for the section's 2013 meetings on March 20 and May 15.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

As a follow-up to Kristen Ray's presentation at the annual meeting on recent amendments to the Michigan Court Rules relating to jury trials, see the article in *Michigan Paralegal's* fall issue, available on the section's website at http://www.michbar.org/paralegal/newsletter_paralegal.cfm. Also, please save the date: the section's Annual Day of Education is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2013, at Lansing Community College's West Campus. Check us out on Facebook (please "like" us!) and LinkedIn.

Real Property Law Section

Register now! The Annual Winter Conference, "Jazz, Jambalaya, and Jeopardy—New Orleans, Katrina, and Lesser Casualties," will be held March 14–16, 2013, at the JW Marriott, New Orleans. The program coordinator is Nicholas P. Scavone Jr. of Bodman PLC in Detroit. For registration form and hotel information, visit the section website at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm>.

Taxation Section

The gavel was passed to Wayne D. Roberts, new Taxation Section chair, at the September 27 annual meeting. The section will broadcast an After Hours Tax Law Series webinar on January 10, 2013, titled "Federal Tax Law Update." Participants will receive helpful insight from tax experts Frederick H. Hoops and Marjorie B. Gell on how federal tax legislation in 2012 and beyond affects your clients and the tools you'll need to respond effectively. Mark your calendar for the section's 26th Annual Tax Conference, May 23, 2013. ■