

Administrative and Regulatory Law Section

Join the Administrative and Regulatory Law Section for its annual luncheon with the members of the Michigan Public Service Commission on Wednesday, May 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the University Club of Michigan State University. Meet the commissioners, administrative law judges, and key Commission staff. Valerie Brader, Governor Snyder's senior policy advisor, will be the featured speaker. Cost is \$20 for section members and \$40 for nonmembers. Register online at <http://e.michbar.org>.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section promotes the use of alternative dispute resolution and desires collaboration with other sections. If you would like to discuss exchanging speakers on mutually relevant topics or other ideas for collaboration, please contact Bob Wright, section chair, at bob@thepeacetalks.com or (616) 682-7000; or Dick Barron, section-to-section chair, at rmorleybarron@gmail.com or (810) 487-1368.

Appellate Practice Section

On April 25, the Appellate Practice Section honored former Court of Appeals Clerk Sandra Schultz Mengel with its 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award. The section presented the award to Sandy during a dinner banquet at the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference in recognition of her 32 years of distinguished service with the Court of Appeals, including 10 years as its chief clerk, as well as her many contributions to improving appellate practice in Michigan.

Business Law Section

Get the latest updates, advice, and practical tools you need to be successful in business law at the 25th Annual Business Law Institute scheduled for June 7 in Grand Rapids. The institute offers many networking opportunities during the reception

and dinner. Attend our council meeting on June 8 at 9 a.m. Visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business>, watch for our e-newsletter, or join our LinkedIn groups to get involved and to learn about events.

Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section's biennial policy conference will be held at Mackinac's Grand Hotel on June 14–16. Conference participants and a distinguished panel of experts will examine issues surrounding gun control and the Second Amendment. Join us and help adopt a position statement to guide future action. The Grand Hotel is offering special rates for the conference, and alternative accommodations can be found at <http://mackinac.com/content/accommodations/index.html>. Questions? Contact Charlie Marr at (248) 596-1599 or marrlaw@msn.com.

Environmental Law Section

Planning is under way for the June 21 ELS Summer Program, to be held in conjunction with a Lansing-area council meeting, on a topic relating to renewable energy and sustainability. The June 30 deadline for submissions in the Environmental Law Writing Contest fast approaches, while some of last year's best essays continue to grace the pages of the quarterly *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*. Visit the ELS website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for the most up-to-date information.

General Practice—Solo and Small Firm Section

Luncheon seminars are back! The May 9 seminar will focus on medical marijuana. Speakers are Matt Abel (a/k/a "Cannabis Counsel") and William Cataldo, assistant prosecuting attorney for Macomb County. At the June 11 seminar on marketing, attorneys Julie Fershtman and Arnold Reed will share their secrets. The seminars will be held at Ginnopolis on the Grill at 12 Mile Road and Middlebelt. Cost is \$30 for section members; \$40 for nonmembers and at the door.

Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section recently held telephone seminars discussing Michigan's right-to-work laws, certificate of need, and mandatory reporting requirements; recordings are available at <http://www.michbar.org/health/hcseminars.cfm>. A Medicare basics series will be announced soon. The section has identified three major charitable initiatives: a Law School Academic Achievement Award for eligible Michigan law school students exhibiting outstanding academic performance in health-care-related classes, and donations to two programs introducing promising high-school and college students from disadvantaged backgrounds to the practice of law.

International Law Section

The section will hold its May council meeting and program on Wednesday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. at the Detroit office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, 300 River Place South, Suite 1775. Panyin Hughes, attorney-advisor at the U.S. International Trade Commission, will discuss "Intellectual Property Infringement and Other Unfair Practices in Import Trade." Please mark your calendar and save the date.

Law Student Section

The Law Student Section hosted its Annual 1L Oral Advocacy Competition on March 23 at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. The topic was the right-to-work legislation. This year's winner is Shainee Shah, a first-year student at the University of Michigan Law School. Ms. Shah advanced to win the competition and won a free course courtesy of Themis Bar Prep. The event was generously judged by practicing attorneys from the Labor and Employment Law Section.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Governor Snyder has proclaimed May 3 as Paralegal/Legal Assistant Day. Taking advantage of educational opportunities like

the Paralegal/Legal Assistant Annual Day of Education reinforces your commitment to our profession. Another opportunity for continuing education will be at the State Bar Annual Meeting September 18–20 at the Lansing Center. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Prisons and Corrections Section

The Prisons and Corrections Section will host its spring conference on June 1 for section members and all interested practitioners. This year's theme is "Re-entry Strategies: Helping Your Client Re-enter Society Following Incarceration." Presenters will address "Litigating with Re-entry in Mind," "Re-entry Programming Within the Department of Corrections," and "Re-entry Programming in the Community." For registration information, see the section's newsletter or contact the Law Offices of Patricia Streeter at (734) 222-0088 or cclay@patstreeter.com.

Real Property Law Section

Register today! The Annual Summer Conference, "Returning to Our Roots—Conventional Real Estate Fundamentals for 2013," will be held July 10–13 at the Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa in Thompsonville. Program coordinators are John D. Gaber, Williams Williams Rattner & Plunkett PC, Birmingham; and Leslee M. Lewis, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Grand Rapids. For registration form and hotel information, visit the section website at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/summerconf.cfm>.

Taxation Section

Mark your calendar for May 23 for the Taxation Section's 26th Annual Tax Conference—Michigan's most comprehensive tax conference. Stay on top of constantly evolving issues in tax law. Get complete coverage of changes on the national front, including the revisions to Circular 230, and in-depth discussion of up-to-the-minute state developments. Register today or watch it live via webcast. ■