

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

On July 10, 1 p.m.–3 p.m., the ADR Section is presenting a teleseminar with Martin Weisman on the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, which takes effect July 1. We promote the use of ADR in Michigan and enjoy collaborating with other sections to promote ADR tailored to your subject area. To discuss ideas for collaboration, please contact Section Chair Bob Wright at bob@thepeacetalks.com or (616) 682-7000 or Section-to-Section Chair Dick Barron at rmorleybarron@gmail.com or (810) 487-1368.

### Appellate Practice Section

The Appellate Practice Section will hold elections for council members and officers at its annual meeting on Thursday, September 19 at 1 p.m. during the State Bar Annual Meeting in Lansing. If you are interested in running for election, please contact Phil DeRosier. The section will accept nominations for the election ballot until July 17. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.

### Business Law Section

The Small Business Forum, the Commercial Litigation Committee, and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants will present “Business Breakups and

Owner Buyouts: Legal, Tax, and Accounting Issues” on July 16 in Troy. The annual meeting event will be held on September 26 in Livonia. 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 upcoming events.

### Criminal Law Section

Save the date! The Criminal Law Section’s annual meeting and program will be held Friday, September 20. The program is scheduled before the meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will address mental health issues. Five members will be elected to the council and new officers will be inducted during the business meeting from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Watch for details about the annual meeting and program in upcoming newsletters and on our website at <http://www.michbar.org/criminal/news.cfm>.

### Environmental Law Section

The judging of submissions in the Environmental Law Writing Contest will begin July 1, with the section publishing the best entries in the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*. The committee tasked with nominating officers and council for 2013–2014 has been appointed. Elections will be held during the annual meeting after the fall program scheduled for September 19 in Lansing. Help us support ReLeaf Michigan! Visit

the ELS website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for up-to-date information.

### Family Law Section

The Family Law Section filled two council vacancies at its June meeting. The section welcomes Anthea Papista, a private practitioner from Detroit, and Tina Yost, a family court referee in Calhoun County, to the council. The FLS is pleased to present its Mid-Summer Conference on Mackinac Island July 18–21. Top-notch presentations are planned and a record-setting turnout is expected.

### International Law Section

The ILS Annual Meeting Planning Committee is busy conferencing, finalizing topics, and inviting speakers to the section’s annual meeting and program, which will be held jointly with the International Transactions Clinic of the University of Michigan Law School to celebrate the ILS’s 25-year anniversary and the clinic’s 5-year anniversary. The event is scheduled for Thursday, September 5 at the University of Michigan Law School. Please save the date now. More details to follow.

### Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section is now accepting declarations of candidacy for numerous section officer and council positions. Officers and council members will be elected and announced at the September 20 annual meeting. Please see the declaration of candidacy form at <http://www.michbar.org/paralegal/pdfs/Declaration.pdf> or contact Cheryl Nodarse at [cnodarse@hubbardlaw.com](mailto:cnodarse@hubbardlaw.com) with questions.

### Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendars! The Annual Winter Conference will be held March 13–15, 2014, at The Palazzo Resort Casino Hotel in Las Vegas. Thomas A. Kabel of Butzel Long is the program coordinator. More information will be available at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm>. ■