

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Our section promotes the use of ADR in Michigan for individuals, businesses, and governments. We enjoy collaborating with other sections on items of interest to their membership. We recently installed new officers for 2013–2014: Antoinette Raheem, chair; Martin Weisman, chair-elect; Joseph Basta, secretary; Anne Buckleitner, treasurer; and Robert Wright, immediate past chair. For more information, please contact Robert Wright at bob@thepeacetalks.com or visit <http://www.michbar.org/adr/>.

Business Law Section

Business Boot Camp I basic training for business lawyers will take place November 4–5 in Grand Rapids and January 23–24, 2014, in Plymouth. Register now and save! Please join us at our next council meeting on December 7 at Honigman in Detroit. Visit our website, watch for our monthly e-newsletter, or join our LinkedIn groups to get involved and to learn about upcoming section events.

Criminal Law Section

The Criminal Law Section Council thanks its members for another successful annual meeting and program and welcomes Judge David A. Hoort as new section chair. The names of other officers and newly elected council members are listed in our newslet-

ter and at <http://michbar.org/criminal/councilinfo.cfm>. The council looks forward to another productive year with many events for its members, including the 37th annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference at Shanty Creek and the 7th Spring Conference, once again offered in Frankenmuth.

Environmental Law Section

Save November 6 for the ELS joint conference with the East and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association. It will feature briefing from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality division chiefs, afternoon breakout sessions on timely topics, and a very special keynote from Kris Dighe, assistant chief, Environmental Crimes Section, U.S. Department of Justice. RSVP to the section administrator at brian@attorneywordsmith.com, and continue to visit the ELS website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for more information and regular updates.

Family Law Section

At the September 19 annual meeting the following standing committee chairs were appointed: Amicus—Anne Argiroff and Rebecca Shiemke; Court Rules—Mathew Kobliska; Legislation—Kent Weichmann; Mid-Summer Seminar—Elizabeth Bransdorfer and Traci Rink; and Mid-Winter Seminar—Judith O'Donnell. Additional appointments will be made for other committee chairs and members. Family Law Section members

are eligible and encouraged to assist the various council committees. If interested, contact Council Chair Jim Harrington at jjh@jjharringtonlaw.com.

Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section recently held its annual business meeting and educational program. Presentations covered health care business transactions in Michigan, clinically integrated networks, reimbursement issues, Right to Work, and false claims defense. The section also installed its 2013–2014 council and committee members, recognized its 2013 class of Fellows, and presented academic achievement awards to three students from participating Michigan law schools. Visit <http://www.michbar.org/health> for details about upcoming section activities.

Real Property Law Section

Register today! The next Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtable, “Construction Lending: Back in the Saddle Again,” will be held October 24, 7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m., at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The program will cover the construction loan agreement, lien priority issues, the progress payment process, title insurance issues, and other important areas of construction lending. Register at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/roundtables.cfm>.

Social Security Lawyers Section

On October 18 at Laurel Manor in Livonia, the Social Security Lawyers Section will hold its annual meeting along with a substantive workshop regarding representing clients before the Social Security Administration. Mark your calendars and watch your inbox for details. We will also hold seminars throughout 2014; please contact the section with suggested topics. Because of increased costs to produce seminars, annual section dues will nominally increase from \$25 to \$35. For more information, contact Aaron Sumrall at aaron@sumrall-law.com. ■