

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Our section promotes alternative dispute resolution in Michigan for businesses, business personnel, hospitals, children, families, schools, governments, and more. We offer presentations on how ADR can be useful in international law, probate matters, business settings, and family conflicts and to judges, litigators, entities, and people from all walks of life. For more information on how your section or group can benefit from collaborating with the ADR Section, contact Toni Raheem at arlaw@sbcglobal.net or visit <http://www.michbar.org/adr/>.

Appellate Practice Section

Judges Amy Ronayne Krause and Kirsten Frank Kelley and Court of Appeals staffers Kim Hauser and Regina Delmastro presented on motion practice in the Court of Appeals at the section's annual meeting in September. Jill Wheaton was elected section chair for 2013–2014. Council meeting dates will be posted on the section's web page at <http://www.michbar.org/appellate/>.

Business Law Section

Business Boot Camp I—Basic Training for Every Business Lawyer will take place November 4–5 in Grand Rapids and January 23–24, 2014, in Plymouth. Register now at <http://www.michbar.org/business/>. Please join us at our next council meeting scheduled for 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

Save the date! It's almost time for the 37th Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference. Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire once again hosts this popular event February 15–17, 2014. The President's Day weekend conference begins on Saturday, and a new compressed schedule is being offered. The resort offers reduced all-inclusive rates with

ski and non-ski packages in addition to room-only rates. More detailed information will be posted in upcoming newsletters and on our website at <http://www.michbar.org/criminal/news.cfm>.

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; breakout sessions on timely topics; and a very special keynote from Kris Dighe, assistant chief, Environmental Crimes Section, U.S. Department of Justice. Register online at <http://www.emawma.org/Fall2013.php>. Regularly visit the ELS website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for more information, updates, and additional programs to be announced.

Family Law Section

New officers for the 2013–2014 Family Law Section Council were elected September 19 at the annual meeting in Grand Rapids: Chair—James J. Harrington III, Novi; Chair-Elect—Rebecca Shiemke, Ann Arbor; Treasurer—Carol F. Breitmeyer, Detroit; Corresponding Secretary—Hon. Richard Halloran, Detroit; and Recording Secretary—Kent Weichmann, Ann Arbor. Two new council members were also elected: J. Matthew Catchick Jr., Southfield; and Colleen M. Markou, Kalamazoo.

Health Care Law Section

The section held its annual meeting on September 4 at the Detroit Athletic Club. Officers for the 2013–2014 business year include Laura Napiewocki, chair; Jennifer Benedict, chair-elect; Mark Kopson, secretary; and Thomas McGraw, treasurer. The section is planning a November 6 teleconference on the inpatient prospective payment system and future teleconferences exploring “meaningful use” and physician employment.

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

Our section had a successful annual meeting on September 19 in Lansing, including election of officers and council members and a lively debate about the pros and cons of proposed amendments to the no-fault law. Please join us and the Negligence Law Section on November 19 at 4:30 p.m. for a holiday kickoff event featuring pizza, beer, wine, and good cheer. Details to be announced.

Labor and Employment Law Section

Save the following dates as our section gears up for two major events in the coming months. Our holiday party is set for December 12 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Birmingham Country Club. Our mid-winter meeting will be held January 24–25, 2014, at the Detroit Athletic Club. As the dates for each event approach, registration information will be mailed to members and will also be available on the section's web page at <http://www.michbar.org/labor/>.

Master Lawyers Section

Section member volunteers participated in Constitution Day programs on September 17 at nine schools in southeast Michigan. At the section's September 20 annual meeting in Lansing, members elected new officers and council members, learned interesting facts about attorneys as they age, and participated in the State Bar's 50-Year Golden Celebration luncheon. The section is still seeking members interested in serving on various committees. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/mastersection/>.

Military and Veterans' Law Section

The Military and Veterans' Law Section is teaming up with Thomas M. Cooley's Service to Soldiers Program and the Kalamazoo County Bar Association to provide free military family law training on November 22, 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m., at Ft. Custer Training

Center in Battle Creek. The training will cover pension division, survivor benefit plan allocations, and other military benefits to help your firm better represent veterans and their families. For security considerations, all participants must register. Contact Heather Spielmaker at spielmah@cooley.edu or call (517) 371-5140, ext. 4112.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The section hosted Meet & Greets on March 19 in Ferndale and August 20 in Traverse City. The next Meet & Greet is November 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at GP Sports Bar in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids. Dawn Evans, SBM director of professional standards, will discuss ethics at 6:30 p.m. For accommodations, call (800) 253-3590 and refer to the SBM Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section.

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. The program coordinator is Thomas A. Kabel of Butzel Long. Program information and registration will be available at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm>. Make your room reservation now! Reserve online or call (888) 283-6423 or (702) 414-4100 and ask for group code REALP.

Workers' Compensation Law Section

The Workers' Compensation Law Section will present the annual winter meeting on Friday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the University Club at MSU, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing. In addition to the general business meeting, there will be a panel discussion on "Definition of Disability Before December 19, 2011" with Daryl Royal, Martin Critchell, Commissioner George H. Wyatt III, and a magistrate to be named later. Continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. ■