

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section is busy: working on proposals for the Business Court in Macomb County; discussing our position on the proposed amendment to the case evaluation rule; meeting with the Labor and Employment Law Section to plan 2014 joint activities; discussing possible training for arbitrators in Michigan with the American Arbitration Association; and more. If your section would like to discuss collaborations with our section or get information about ADR Section activities, contact Section Chair Toni Raheem at arllaw@sbcglobal.net.

Business Law Section

Business Boot Camp I—Basic Training for Every Business Lawyer will take place January 23–24 in Plymouth. Register today at <http://www.michbar.org/business/>. Please join us at our next council meeting, scheduled for March 6 at the State Bar building in Lansing. The annual Business Law Institute will be held June 6–7 in Grand Rapids. Visit our website, watch for our monthly e-newsletter, or join our LinkedIn groups to get involved and to learn about upcoming section events.

Children's Law Section

The Children's Law Section recently filed an amicus brief with the Michigan Supreme Court regarding the One Parent Doctrine. A copy of the brief is available to review on the section's website. The section meets the third Thursday of each month. All section members are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Section Chair Christine Piatkowski at piatkowski.law@chartermi.net or visit <http://www.michbar.org/cls/>.

Criminal Law Section

On February 15–17, the Criminal Law Section will offer its 37th Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference. This year's topic is eyewitness identification, so join us to learn about handling identification cases and to talk with members of the Eyewitness Identification Task Force. The event, held at Shanty Creek Resort, has been revamped to include more sessions that are closer together in time. The agenda and registration are available at

<http://michbar.org/criminal/news.cfm>. Questions? Contact Steve Taratuta at staratut@waynecounty.com or (313) 224-5770.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section cosponsors the annual Family Law Institute with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. This year's event, held November 14–15, had record participation with 585 attendees, including a record number of judges (40+) and referees (30+). The new venue—the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi—was a terrific success. The section extends thanks to ICLE, participating speakers, vendors, and all who attended.

General Practice—Solo and Small Firm Section

The section holds monthly council meetings the third Thursday of every month at Sweet Lorraine's restaurant in Southfield. The next meeting will be January 16 at 6:30 p.m. The section is planning an attorney-judge crossfire, an Outstanding Achievement Award event, and luncheon seminars to benefit its members. The deadline for the next issue of the *General Practitioner* newsletter is February 12. Please contact Maury Klein for topic ideas.

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

Our section held a joint social event and program with the Negligence Law Section on November 19. The program speaker, attorney Douglas Toering, provided helpful insight about the new Michigan business courts and the governing statute. The program was followed by pizza and good cheer. Our section will also be implementing a new listserv to communicate with our members more efficiently. Stay tuned.

International Law Section

The section will hold its January 2014 council meeting and program at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15 at Honigman's Bloomfield Hills office, 39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 101. ILS Treasurer Lara Fetsco Phillip will address "Recent Developments in Export Controls," including changes in embargoed country sanctions and their implications on manufacturers. Watch for

announcements of locations for our March 19 and May 14 programs on "Immigration Reform" and "ADR under Bilateral Investment Treaties."

Labor and Employment Law Section

The annual mid-winter meeting will be held January 24–25 at the Detroit Athletic Club. The Friday evening program will feature a cocktail reception, dinner, guest speaker, and "afterglow." The Distinguished Service Award will be presented, in memoriam, to Janet C. Cooper. The Saturday morning program will include labor and employment law updates, a legislative update, and a panel discussion concerning electronic discovery.

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section awarded the November Shining Star Award to Nicole M. Cook and the January Shining Star posthumously to Lynda Falotico. Submit nominations for the Shining Star Award at <http://www.michbar.org/paralegal/shiningstaraward.cfm>. The section seeks submissions for the *Michigan Paralegal*. Contact editor Doreen Defauw at drae328129@yahoo.com. Mark your calendar: The next Meet & Greet will be held March 7 at 6 p.m. at the Black Finn, Royal Oak. Stay tuned via the section's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/State-Bar-of-Michigan-Paralegal-Legal-Assistant-Section/421047361287823>.

Prisons and Corrections Section

The Prisons and Corrections Section recently adopted two public policy reports, supporting HB 5025 and HB 4366. The section is also planning two conferences in March and June. Stay tuned for more details.

Real Property Law Section

Register now: The Annual Winter Conference, "Making a Smart Gamble: Understanding the Current Landscape of Commercial Real Estate Development in Michigan," will be held March 13–15 at The Palazzo Resort Casino Hotel in Las Vegas. The program coordinator is Thomas A. Kabel of Butzel Long. Registration and hotel information is available at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/winterconf.cfm>.