

Appellate Practice Section

At the Appellate Practice Section April meeting, the council discussed the proposed amendments to the Supreme Court rules. The section chair previously created a subcommittee to review the proposed court rule changes and collect and assess comments. The subcommittee will submit a formal report to Larry Royster, chief clerk of the Supreme Court, by June.

Business Law Section

The 26th Annual Business Law Institute will be held June 6 in Grand Rapids. The institute promises to be a terrific educational and networking event, and includes a reception and pub crawl. Register today at <http://www.icle.org>. All section committees will meet on June 7. Business Boot Camp II will be held November 3–4 in Grand Rapids and January 23–24, 2015 in Plymouth. Visit our website or join our LinkedIn groups to get involved and to learn about upcoming section events.

Criminal Law Section

Register by May 29! Frankenmuth's Bavarian Inn will host our 7th Spring Conference on June 6–7. This year's topic is forensic science. The \$25 fee for section members includes lunch on Friday. The nonmember fee is \$30, and includes membership to the section for the remainder of the membership year. The complete agenda, including speaker information, is available at http://michbar.org/criminal/pdfs/spring_conf_agenda.pdf. Register online at <http://e.michbar.org/>. For additional information, contact Kenneth Malkin at (989) 895-4177 or malkink@baycounty.net.

Environmental Law Section

A busy June is planned, with noon webinars on June 4 (natural resources/mining with Joe Maki) and June 11 (administrative and litigation with Susan Prout and Marc Tuchman from the EPA). A June 20 summer program and council meeting is in the planning stages, while the June 30 deadline for submissions in the Environmental Law Writing Contest fast approaches. Visit the ELS website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental> for the most up-to-date information.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section is delighted to report that the current membership of 2,602 is the largest since 2003. This is a period of

nearly 11 years. The section's Membership Committee, led by dynamic chair Elizabeth Sadowski and co-chairs Christopher Harrington and Steven Reinheimer, has enthusiastically discharged its mission of increasing section membership with terrific energy and creativity. This achievement is an outstanding accomplishment in difficult economic times.

Health Care Law Section

The HCLS recently held lunch-and-learn sessions at universities across the state to introduce law students to the practice of healthcare law. The section currently is wrapping up its educational teleconference cycle with programs slated for June. Pro bono interest survey results have been tabulated; the section is moving forward to schedule pro bono opportunities for its membership. We encourage attorneys interested in healthcare law to view our website at <http://www.michbar.org/health/> for more information on section activities.

Information Technology Law Section

Save the date! The 7th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar is scheduled for September 24 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. As in previous years, the section council is planning an educational and entertaining event. The seminar will be complemented by a light breakfast, luncheon, and networking reception following the seminar. The section will hold its annual meeting briefly during the luncheon.

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The Insurance and Indemnity Law Section's annual meeting and program will take place on Thursday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Grand Rapids in conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting. Plans are underway, so please mark your calendars for this event. In addition, our section's council voted to formally oppose the proposed legislation that would make the State Bar a voluntary bar association. We continue to follow developments on that issue and welcome your feedback.

Master Lawyers Section

Save the date! The Master Lawyers Section Summer Conference will be held August 8–10 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare. The conference will focus on transition of practice including Social Security, healthcare, and pro bono opportunities. Look for our ad in this issue of the *Bar Journal*. Registration

information will be on our website shortly. Several relaxing events are planned, including golf and other area resort activities.

Prisons and Corrections Section

On June 21, the Prisons and Corrections Section will hold its annual spring conference in the Hudson Room of the State Bar in Lansing. The program, "Preparing Your Client for Mitigation, Rehabilitation, and Incarceration Violations," will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topics include consequences of parole and incarceration violations, how to prepare mitigation for sentencing hearings, and programming in county jails. Visit <http://www.michbar.org/prisons/> for registration information.

Probate and Estate Planning Section

At its September 6 annual meeting at the University Club in Lansing, the Probate and Estate Planning Section will consider using e-mail as the sole option for delivery of the *Probate and Estate Planning Journal*. Currently, only 17 percent of members receive a printed copy by mail at a cost of nearly \$10 per copy. The cost to deliver the *Journal* by e-mail to the remaining 83 percent of members is approximately \$1.15 per copy.

Public Corporation Law Section

The PCLS was pleased to cosponsor with the Administrative and Regulatory Law Section the May luncheon with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Register today for the PCLS/MAMA Summer Educational Conference and section annual meeting, June 20–21 at Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs. The program features urban farming, employment issues, effective communication with state and local legislatures, and annual United States Supreme Court review. Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano is the keynote speaker. For registration and lodging information, visit <http://www.michbar.org/publiccorp/>.

Real Property Law Section

Sign up now! The Annual Summer Conference, "Rebuilding the Dream: Michigan Real Estate Revitalized," will be held July 16–19 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City. Program coordinators are Leslee M. Lewis, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Grand Rapids; and Michael A. Luberto, Chirco Title Agency, Inc. For registration form and hotel information, visit the section website at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/summerconf.cfm>. ■