

## Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

On January 21, the section will sponsor a luncheon with the Michigan Tax Tribunal at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The luncheon will provide practitioners with an opportunity to network with tribunal members and key administrators. Look for an event invitation and registration details in your e-mail or on the State Bar's website. Contact Ford Turrell at [fturrell@wnj.com](mailto:fturrell@wnj.com) with questions.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The section has launched a series of luncheons across the state for ADR providers to meet, connect, and share experiences. Our hope is that this will foster an exciting forum where mediators and arbitrators can network and learn from one another. The first luncheon in the series will take place on January 15 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at P.F. Chang's China Bistro in Northville. If interested, you must RSVP to [shel@starkmediator.com](mailto:shel@starkmediator.com).

## Criminal Law Section

On February 14–16, the Criminal Law Section will offer its 38th Mid-Winter Ski Conference. Tim Baughman opens the conference on Saturday. On Sunday, Steve Fishman will discuss his work in the high-profile shooting case of *People v Officer Joseph Weekley*. The conference, held at Shanty Creek Resort, will include additional sessions on Sunday. For more information, including the program and hotel registration, visit <http://michbar.org/criminal/news.cfm>. Questions? Contact Steve Taratuta at [staratut@waynecounty.com](mailto:staratut@waynecounty.com) or (313) 224-5770.

## Environmental Law Section

The annual joint conference, cosponsored by the ELS and the East and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association, was well-attended and well-received. Program presentations are available on our website at <http://www.michbar.org/environmental>, as is the fall *Michigan*

*Environmental Law Journal*. Don't forget to log in to SBM Connect, our new website and interactive online community for members. This private community will enhance the way we communicate and build relationships through the section.

## Family Law Section

On November 13 and 14, the Family Law Section Council and ICLE sponsored the 13th annual Family Law Institute. This year, the institute attracted 620 family law professionals and featured more than 52 speakers and moderators. The Blaine B. Johnson Jr. award was presented posthumously to John Mills to honor his devotion to continuing legal education as well as his commitment to the Family Law Section. John's wife, Kathy Mills, accepted the award on his behalf.

## Health Care Law Section

The following individuals were recently recognized as the 2014 class of Health Care Law Section Fellows: James "Chip" Falahee, Edward Goldman, Nancy Lukey, Kenneth Marcus, and Susan Patton. The HCLS established the Fellows Program in 2011 to recognize former section leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the section and to the profession of health care law in Michigan. Congratulations to the 2014 Fellows!

## Intellectual Property Law Section

This year's annual seminar and business meeting is moving from up north in the summer to Detroit in the fall. Mark your calendars for the IPLS fall seminar, September 17–18, at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit. The IPLS Council has been busy planning the seminar, and we're excited about the agenda, speakers, and new venue. The summer seminar will return to Mackinac Island in 2016.

## Litigation Section

The Litigation Section held its annual meeting on September 18 in Grand Rapids. A new Executive Committee was elected: Michael Donnelly, chair; Marcy Tayler, chair-elect; Michael Butler, secretary; and Paul

Hudson, treasurer. Hold the date! Our summer conference is set for July 24–25, 2016, at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville. We have several Governing Council and committee seats open, so contact any current council member if you are interested.

## Master Lawyers Section

The Master Lawyers Section has launched a new SBM Connect website and e-mail forum to allow members to network and interact. To get connected, visit <http://connect.michbar.org>. Need assistance? A tutorial is available with instructions for using SBM Connect, including getting your password and setting up your profile. To receive the tutorial by mail or e-mail, contact Amy Castner at (517) 346-6322 or [acastner@mail.michbar.org](mailto:acastner@mail.michbar.org).

## Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section was pleased to welcome seven new paralegal members in November 2014: Wendy S. Kerwin, Jessica Ruth Peterson, Christin Schmidt, Vicki J. Stewart, Laura Harland, Judith Lynn Angelos, and James M. Angyan. During 2015, the section is gearing up to celebrate its 25th anniversary! Keep an eye on our LinkedIn, Facebook, and SBM Connect pages for more details for special events to be held throughout the year.

## Real Property Law Section

Register now! The Annual Winter Conference, "This Land is My Land: Understanding Your Real Property Rights in Michigan," will be held March 5–7 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas. The program coordinator is Thomas A. Kabel of Butzel Long. Visit the section website at <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/home/winterconf> for a registration form and hotel information.

## Young Lawyers Section

Save the date: the 8th annual Young Lawyers Summit will be held May 29–30. More information will be provided at a later date. ■