

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

As part of its Lunch, Listen & Learn tele-seminar series, the ADR Section will present “Techniques for Mediators” on February 10, featuring Robert Wright, Richard Hooker, Edward Pappas, Antoinette Raheem, and Sheldon Stark providing tips and favorite techniques to use in mediations. On March 17, the section will present an advanced eight-hour training program featuring nationally renowned trainer Kim Kovach. Registrations for these events can be found on the SBM/ADR Section website.

### 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 popular event, held at Shanty Creek Resort, will include additional sessions on Sunday. For more information, including the program and hotel registration, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/criminallaw/events/upcomingevents>. Questions? Contact Steve Taratuta at [staratut@waynecounty.com](mailto:staratut@waynecounty.com) or (313) 224-5770.

### Environmental Law Section

It's time to sign up for and log in to SBM Connect, the new website and interactive online community for our members. This private online community will enhance the way we communicate and build relationships. The old website, <http://www.michbar.org/environmental>, will be phased out before spring; all content currently on that site, including presentations from past programs, will be available only through SBM Connect. Don't be left “disCONNECTed” from your friends and peers!

### Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section's New Lawyers and Law Students Committee will hold its first-ever social event at the Detroit Pistons game on Wednesday, February 11 at the Palace. New lawyers and law students

will have the opportunity to meet members of the Health Care Law Section Council. Tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis to new lawyers (licensed for five years or less) and law students who are members of the section.

### Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The Insurance and Indemnity Law Section had a wonderful evening with Supreme Court Justice David F. Viviano at the Birmingham Athletic Club on December 1, 2014. It was terrific to see many returning and new members. We encourage participation in our committees. If you are interested in participating on a committee, please contact any of the section council officers. Our next council meeting will be held March 10.

### Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The section was pleased to welcome five new members in December 2014: Natalie Bary, Michelle White, Cheryl Casker, Carol Eliel, and Malari Horton. We kicked off 2015 with our first “Cheers, Chow and Know-How” event on January 19 at Cowley's Pub in Farmington. Our guest speaker was Robert E. Edick, deputy grievance administrator for the Attorney Grievance Commission, whose topic was “Why Ethics Matter.”

### Public Corporation Law Section

The PCLS launched its new website in December 2014 with a discussion board available for members. Let us hear from you! Our winter seminar, “Water, Water Everywhere: Sewer Backups, Surface Flooding and FEMA Assistance,” will be held February 13 at The Baronette Renaissance Hotel, Novi. The program will feature technical experts and attorney presentations on tactics to better prepare clients and the public to respond to weather and infrastructure events. Register now at the PCLS website.

### Real Property Law Section

Register now for “Land Use and Zoning—Issues for the Comeback,” an on-demand webcast from ICLE available February 26.

The webcast will review developments in land use and zoning, including recently enacted legislation, caselaw development, and planning considerations. Stephen R. Estey of Dykema, Bloomfield Hills, is the moderator. Speakers are Richard D. Rattner of Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, PC, Birmingham; David E. Pierson, McClelland & Anderson LLP, Lansing; and Bradley K. Strader, LSL Planning, Royal Oak. Register at <http://www.icle.org/hb>.

### Solo and Small Firm Section

Our name has changed! We are no longer the General Practice—Solo and Small Firm Section but simply the Solo and Small Firm Section. The name change was implemented to reflect our section's primary goal, which is to enhance the quality of practice for the solo and small-firm attorney as well as the lawyer who has interests beyond a single professional specialty. Please check out our section's activities at <http://connect.michbar.org/solo/home>.

### Workers' Compensation Law Section

The Workers' Compensation Law Section will hold its annual meeting June 18–20 at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. For more information, please visit the section's SBM Connect website at <http://connect.michbar.org/workerscomp/home>. ■

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