

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

In April, the section sponsored a teleconference on mediation for never-married families. It was well-attended and extremely successful. Please visit our website at <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/home> for news of the next teleconference. The section's annual meeting will be held at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. We have an outstanding lineup of presenters, and you will receive eight hours of CLE credit. Make your reservations now, since hotel space is limited.

### Appellate Practice Section

Save the date! The APS annual meeting will take place on October 9 at the Suburban Collection Showcase in Novi from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., followed by a presentation on post-trial proceedings, stays, and bonds from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Gaëtan Gerville-Réache, council secretary, at [greache@wnj.com](mailto:greache@wnj.com) or (616) 752-2207. Congratulations to the Michigan Court of Appeals for organizing a memorable celebration of its 50th anniversary.

### Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

The Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section hosted two events in April to introduce its membership to Jennell Leonard, the newly appointed Michigan film commissioner and director of the Michigan Film Office. Members gathered at Studio Center in Farmington Hills on April 22 and at Compass College of Cinematic Arts on April 29 to meet Leonard and other staff members from the Michigan Film Office.

### Business Law Section

Join us at our next council meeting on June 4 at 3:30 p.m. in Southfield. Register at <http://www.craainsdetroit.com> for the Crain's In-House Counsel Summit on June 10 in Detroit. Learn and network at the 27th Annual Business Law Institute and annual meeting on September 25 in Grand Rapids; register at <http://www.icle.org>. Visit our new website at <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> or join our LinkedIn group to learn about upcoming section events or to become active in the section.

### Criminal Law Section

Court funding, including the use of forfeited money and goods, will be the topic of

our biennial policy conference on June 19–21. Defense attorneys, prosecutors, judges, legislators, and policymakers will draft a policy statement to guide future action on the issue. The Grand Traverse Resort is offering special rates to participants, and other accommodations can be found at <http://www.traversecity.com/spring/hotels/>. Register for the conference at <http://e.michbar.org>. Questions? Contact Charlie Marr at (248) 596-1599 or [marrlaw@msn.com](mailto:marrlaw@msn.com).

### Environmental Law Section

The ELS summer program will be held June 12 at the Lansing-area Bengal Wildlife Conservancy and will include a luncheon keynote presentation from Valerie Brader, director of the new Michigan Agency for Energy, and panels to update Parts 301/303 and discuss the Grand River Restoration Project. "Fourth Wednesday" webinars also will continue. The deadline for submissions in the Environmental Law Writing Contest is June 30. Visit the SBM Connect/ELS website at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home> for updates.

### Family Law Section

The April issue of the *Family Law Journal* was a special theme issue focused on child support. Article topics included how the State-Owed Arrearage Management Program can be used to help impoverished payers cope with state-owed debts, federal income tax provisions relating to child support, forms of compensation that can be considered "income" for child support purposes, and key concerns that must be addressed when representing domestic violence survivors.

### Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section's New Lawyers and Law Student Committee hosted a Lunch and Learn at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law on April 9. More than 20 law students attended to learn more about careers in healthcare law. The panelists were Linda Ross, Josh Moore, and Alicia Chandler. Save the date for the section's annual meeting to be held on Thursday, September 24 at the Detroit Athletic Club.

### Information Technology Law Section

On May 28–29, the IT Law Section was a sponsor of the First Annual Entrepreneurial

Law Institute. The event included lawyers, accountants, entrepreneurs, and investors who support Michigan's growing start-up scene. On Thursday, September 10, plan to attend the 8th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, which will include informative topics and the section's annual meeting.

### Real Property Law Section

Register today! The annual summer conference, "Knowing the Ropes for the Voyage—The Michigan Real Estate Recovery Sails On," will be held July 15–18 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. The program coordinators are Michael Luberto, Chirco Title Agency, Inc.; and J. Scott Timmer, Miller Johnson. You may register for the conference online at <http://e.michbar.org/eCommerce> or mail/fax the form at [http://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/a3e3ec65-50c1-474f-a532-30197d2d7171/UploadedImages/pdf/summer\\_conference/SummConfReg15.pdf](http://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/a3e3ec65-50c1-474f-a532-30197d2d7171/UploadedImages/pdf/summer_conference/SummConfReg15.pdf). Reserve your room now by printing and submitting the form at [http://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/a3e3ec65-50c1-474f-a532-30197d2d7171/UploadedImages/pdf/summer\\_conference/GH\\_HotelForm.pdf](http://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/a3e3ec65-50c1-474f-a532-30197d2d7171/UploadedImages/pdf/summer_conference/GH_HotelForm.pdf).

### Taxation Section

The summer council meeting will be held June 23 at 9 a.m. at Bodman's Detroit office. Our special guest speaker will be Peter Cunningham, SBM assistant executive director and director of governmental relations. Note that the June 18 "Meet the Players" joint program with AICPA has been POSTPONED and will be rescheduled in late October. For upcoming events, registration information, and regular updates, join the Taxation Section and visit us at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>.

### Workers' Compensation Law Section

In section news, Mark Long has been appointed as the new director of the Workers' Compensation Agency. As a reminder, our annual meeting takes place June 18 and 19. We have arranged for accommodations and meeting rooms at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. You may register online at <http://connect.michbar.org/workerscomp/home> or watch for the registration form in your inbox. ■