

## Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

In late summer, the section will host the very popular Effective Presentation Program focusing on presentations in administrative hearings. Sign up at <http://connect.michbar.org/adminlaw/home> to receive details of this and all upcoming events and other noteworthy administrative law issues.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

On November 18, the ADR Section and the American Arbitration Association will present a Basic Arbitrator's Skills Training Course. The course will be held 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. at the State Bar in Lansing. The cost is \$250 and includes lunch and snacks. Program participation does not qualify attendees for eligibility to be part of the AAA's panels; however, it will provide the tools necessary to conduct an arbitration. For details, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/home>.

## Appellate Practice Section

In May, the council submitted comments to the Michigan Supreme Court favoring the proposed revisions to MCR

7.215(A) and (B), which may promote more publication, but objecting to the MCR 7.215(C) revisions, which restrict citation to unpublished opinions. For more information, contact Gaëtan Gerville-Réache, council secretary, at [greache@wnj.com](mailto:greache@wnj.com) or (616) 752-2207.

## Criminal Law Section

Save the date! The Criminal Law Section's annual meeting and program will be held on Friday, October 9 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Five members will be elected to the council and new officers will be inducted during the business meeting, starting at 9 a.m. The program—exploring indigent defense reform—follows at 10 a.m. More detailed information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website at <http://connect.michbar.org/criminallaw/home>.

## Environmental Law Section

The ELS “Fourth Wednesday” webinars will continue throughout the summer on July 22 and August 26, following up on the successful programs presented through this medium in May and June. Let us know what topics you'd like addressed in the coming

months. Meanwhile, mark your calendars for the State Bar Annual Meeting on October 8. And don't forget to visit the SBM Connect/ELS website at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home> for regular updates.

## Information Technology Law Section

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 educational and informative topics, the section's annual meeting, lunch, and a complimentary cocktail reception. Sponsors for this year's event are Bejin Bieneman PLC, Dykema, and Privacy Associates International LLC. For more information, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/home> and click “Annual IT Law Seminar” below “Calendar.” See you there!

## International Law Section

The section's annual meeting and program are scheduled for Thursday, September 17 at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills. Please mark your calendar and save the date. Watch for details regarding the substantive program and speakers.

## Real Property Law Section

Sign up now! 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 <https://e.michbar.org/eCommerce/login/login.aspx> 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). ■



## MONEY JUDGMENT INTEREST RATE

MCL 600.6013 governs how to calculate the interest on a money judgment in a Michigan state court. Interest is calculated at six-month intervals on January and July of each year, from when the complaint was filed, and is compounded annually.

For a complaint filed after December 31, 1986, the rate as of January 1, 2015 is 2.678 percent. This rate includes the statutory 1 percent.

But a different rule applies for a complaint filed after June 30, 2002 that is based on a written instrument with its own specified interest rate. The rate is the lesser of:

- (1) 13 percent a year, compounded annually; or
- (2) the specified rate, if it is fixed—or if it is variable, the variable rate when the complaint was filed if that rate was legal.

For past rates, see <http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Resources/Documents/other/interest.pdf>.

*As the application of MCL 600.6013 varies depending on the circumstances, you should review the statute carefully.*