

Business Law Section

Congratulations to Asma Al-Khshali, Jeremy Bleier, Jamila Garmo, Megan Hoberg, Hayley Johnson, Alexander Krasuski, Fadee Nakkash, Adomas Rauckis, Ryan Tactac, and Joseph Zannetti, WSU Law School Transactional Law Competition winners who will receive awards from the section. Business Boot Camp I will take place in November 2019 and January 2020. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to sign up to participate on committees and learn about section events. Join us at our next council meeting on March 7 in Lansing at 3:30 p.m.

Children's Law Section

During 2018, the Children's Law Section participated as amicus curiae in numerous appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. The section also participated as amicus with the Casey Family Programs and other amici in *Brackeen v Zinke*, an appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals from a Texas federal district court decision ruling the Indian Child Welfare Act unconstitutional. The section's Publication Committee received multiple abstracts for publication consideration in the upcoming child welfare law issue of the *Bar Journal*.

Criminal Law Section

It's not too late to register for the 42nd Annual Mid-Winter Ski Conference, offered February 16–18 at Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant. AG-Elect Nessel opens the conference with a keynote on Saturday. The conference continues with a review of high-impact court decisions and other sessions on Sunday. For Criminal Law Section members, advance registration is only \$25 via fax, mail, or online; onsite and nonmember registration is \$30. For details, contact Ryan Zemke at r.zemke@41bcourt-mi.us or (586) 569-7814.

Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

Register now for the section's 17th annual spring conference on March 15 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Also, mark your calendars for the section's fall conference at Crystal Mountain Resort, October 2–4.

Family Law Section

The proposed modifications to MCR 7.202(6)(a)(iii) regarding “final judgment” or “final order” in domestic relations matters have been adopted by the Supreme Court, effective January 1, 2019. This court rule defines what is appealable as of right under MCR 7.203(A). The language is modified so that a post-judgment order “affecting the custody of a minor” is replaced with a post-judgment order that grants or denies a motion to change “legal custody, physical custody, or domicile.”

Government Law Section

The Government Law Section will hold its annual winter conference, themed “From Marihuana to Microbreweries & Everything in Between,” on February 8 at The Henry in Dearborn. Registration is open online at <http://connect.michbar.org/govlaw/events>. Also, be sure to save the date for the GLS/MAMA annual summer conference, June 21–22 at the Inn at Bay Harbor (Reservations: (800) 462-6963). Questions can be directed to Steve Joppich at (248) 489-4100.

Intellectual Property Law Section

Save the dates for the Intellectual Property Law Spring Seminar on Monday, March 18 (see www.icle.org/springip for more information) and the 45th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute from Thursday, July 18 to Saturday, July 20 on beautiful Mackinac Island.

International Law Section

On Wednesday, May 15, the International Law Section will cosponsor the 34th Annual West Michigan World Trade Week Business Conference. Experts will present on business and legal issues in international trade. The conference will take place 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at Grand Valley State University's Seidman Center in Grand Rapids. For details, see <https://www.gvsu.edu/wtw/2019-west-michigan-world-trade-week-business-conference-41.htm>.

Probate and Estate Planning Section

Two of the section's initiatives were enacted in December 2018: amendments to

coordinate the two statutory provisions for certificates of trust (see 2018 PA 491 and 2018 PA 492) and legislation to provide for directed or divided trusteeships (see 2018 PA 662, 2018 PA 663, and 2018 PA 664). Many thanks to Nathan Piwowarski, James Spica, and their respective committees!

Real Property Law Section

The second program in the Homeward Bound 2018–2019 series, “All ‘Good’ Things Must Come to an End: Issues at the End of the Lease,” will be held February 7, 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., at Michigan State University–Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Rd., Troy. The program will examine drafting considerations for lease end issues in both the commercial and residential contexts, and issues surrounding disputes about concluding the landlord-tenant relationship. Register at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=374866&> or mail the form at https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/homeward_bound/HB_Feb_Reg.pdf.

Social Security Lawyers Section

Make sure to follow our section news by registering on our listserv. If you are a section member, please use your bar login information at <http://connect.michbar.org/socialsecurity/home>. With so much happening in Social Security law, the current board members are making a concerted effort to post relevant material that is helpful to the bar. We encourage members to do the same. We are also updating our website to reflect current legal issues pertaining to the section.

Taxation Section

The Taxation Section welcomed new leadership at its recent annual meeting, and many great events are already on the books. Please mark your calendars for the Annual Tax Conference, which will be held May 23 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. In addition, tax specialists interested in publishing content should contact Mindi Johnson (mjohnson@fosterswift.com) for publication opportunities with the *Michigan Tax Lawyer*. ■