

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Upcoming events include a teleseminar series focusing on preparing for your first arbitration on May 21; “Mediating in Diverse and Minority Communities: Insuring the Quality of the Mediation Process” on June 12 in Detroit and June 13 in Grand Rapids; and the 2019 annual meeting and ADR conference, October 11–12. Details are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/events/recentcommunityeventsdashboard>.

American Indian Law Section

The Michigan Supreme Court recently amended MCR 3.993 to make enforcement of key Indian Child Welfare Act and Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act provisions easier. Now, appeals by right are allowed for errors that would subject an order to reversal. For example, any order of removal of an Indian child that does not comply with ICWA/MIFPA can be directly appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals without seeking leave to appeal.

Children’s Law Section

The section’s training event, “Admirable Advocacy for Proud Parents and Kind Kids,” will be held Friday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., at the MSU College of Law in East Lansing. This excellent child welfare event presents speakers on topics such as training past trauma, the intersection of juvenile law and men’s rights, evidentiary and infant mental health issues, assessing credibility/reliability of children’s tender years statements, and caselaw updates. Please visit the Children’s Law Section website to register today!

Criminal Law Section

The biennial policy conference, originally scheduled for June, will be rescheduled to a new date in September. Please watch for confirmation of the new date and schedule in the newsletter and future Section Briefs.

Environmental Law Section

The Air Committee of the Environmental Law Section held its annual “Clearing the Air” Spring Conference on April 11. The conference was hosted by the Michigan Manufacturers Association and featured up-

dates on the most urgent air quality issues and developments facing Michigan companies. Program materials are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>. Our annual meeting takes place on September 18 at the State Bar offices in Lansing.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section is saddened to announce the passing of Norman N. Robbins on January 24, 2019, at the age of 99. Mr. Robbins was a practicing attorney for more than 50 years, past chair of the Family Law Section, and the first ever recipient of the section’s Lifetime Achievement Award. The section will rename the Lifetime Achievement Award in his honor.

Government Law Section

Save the date! On June 21–23, the Government Law Section and the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys will hold their annual joint GLS/MAMA Summer Conference at the scenic Inn at Bay Harbor, 3600 Village Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor. As always, we have an excellent lineup of speakers and topics, social events, and the annual bocce ball championship. Registration will be available soon. For more information, contact Greg Stremers at (810) 987-7700.

Health Care Law Section

More than 230 healthcare law attorneys attended the annual Health Law Institute sponsored by the section and ICLE. Attendees gained insight from various speakers, including representatives from the state of Michigan and federal government. The section is planning an Audits and Appeals webinar in May. The section is also organizing a social outing in Grand Rapids in addition to our annual Detroit Tigers’ game event.

Intellectual Property Law Section

Please join us at the 45th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute from Thursday, July 18 to Saturday, July 20 on beautiful Mackinac Island (see www.icle.org/ip).

Probate and Estate Planning Section

The Probate and Estate Planning Section Council will not meet in May. We encourage section members to attend the Annual Probate Institute in Acme (May 16–18) or

Plymouth (June 20–21). Come hear about critical updates on Medicaid, clever trust drafting tips, “digital wills,” and more. Our next council meeting will be held June 14. All section members are welcome.

Real Property Law Section

Register today for the Real Property Law Academy II at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy on May 8–9. Attendance at Academy I is not a prerequisite for attending Academy II. Discounts are available for firms. To register and learn more about the Academy, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/events/academy2>.

Social Security Lawyers Section

We hope you remembered to save the date, because our June seminar is one you won’t want to miss! Join us on the evening of June 16 for a light reception to kick off our two-day Social Security seminar, held June 17–18 at beautiful Boyne Mountain Resort. To make your reservation, visit <https://Boynemountain.com/booklodging/?pid=16173&Group=1192NH&checkin=06/16/19&Checkout=06/18/19>.

Taxation Section

The Taxation Section has several exciting events planned for the coming months; visit <http://connect.michbar.org/tax/home> for details. Please mark your calendars for the Annual Tax Conference, which will be held May 23 at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth. Tax specialists interested in publishing content should contact Mindi Johnson at mjohnson@fosterswift.com for publication opportunities with the *Michigan Tax Lawyer*.

Young Lawyers Section

The 12th Annual Young Lawyers Section Summit will take place May 17 and 18. The event will include practical skills sessions, basic law overviews, and plenty of networking. Cost is \$45. Register by May 14 at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=411401&>. A block of rooms has been reserved at the MotorCity Casino & Hotel. Contact the hotel at (866) 782-9622 or <https://www.motorcitycasino.com> and use group code “051719MYLS” to get the discounted rate. ■