

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The 2019 annual meeting and ADR conference took place October 11–12. Program materials and the latest issue of *The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal* are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/home>.

Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section

Thanks to all who attended the second annual Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section Fall Forum, which featured a networking reception followed by an interactive panel discussion on no-poach agreements in franchise systems. Be sure to join the section to stay informed about the Fall Forum and other great events in the coming year.

Business Law Section

We invite you to attend our next council meeting, scheduled for December 7 in Bloomfield Hills. Business Boot Camp I will be held in Grand Rapids on November 4–5 and in Plymouth on January 30–31, 2020. The Second Annual Symposium on Corporate Oppression Actions will be held on December 4 in Grand Rapids and on January 15, 2020, in Troy. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to sign up for the symposium and learn about other section events.

Criminal Law Section

Congratulations to the following officers for 2019–2020: Chair Michael Marutiak, Chair-Elect Hugh Clarke, Secretary Christina Hines, and Treasurer Ryan Zemke. At the annual meeting, the following members were elected to a general three-year

term: Goran Antovski, Opolla Brown, Kayla Crino, Stephanie Farkas, and Jennifer Lamp. John McWilliams was elected to serve a one-year term. It's almost time for the 43rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference. More information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website.

Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

Highlights from ELDRS 2018–2019 included the following: supported incredible pro bono efforts of section attorneys in victorious Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions benefitting clients; began monthly webinars for new learning opportunities; continued the newsletter and well-attended annual spring/fall conferences; reviewed and commented on several legislative bills resulting in new statutory changes; held the inaugural “Legislative Day” at the capitol; and the ELDRS chair was appointed to the Michigan Elder Abuse Task Force.

Environmental Law Section

Our annual meeting and program took place on September 18 and our Joint Environmental Conference will be held on November 14 at Lansing Community College West Campus. Annual meeting program materials and event registration are available at <http://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/home>.

Family Law Section

Congratulations to our 2019–2020 officers: Elizabeth Bransdorfer, chair; Sahera Housey, chair-elect; Christopher Harrington, treasurer; Shelley Kester, corresponding secretary; and Kristen Robinson, recording secretary. Council members elected: Matt Catchick, Jennifer Johnsen, Liisa Speaker, and Randy Velzen. Materials on the new FOC-ADR court rule and how the new discovery rules will impact family division cases are available to section members. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/familylaw/aboutus/committees> to join a committee and learn about section events.

Prisons and Corrections Section

On October 5, Ingham County Prosecutor Carol Siemon and Legislative Corrections Ombudsman Keith Barber led a discussion on “Reimagining Prison: A European Approach.” Attendees included defense attorneys, prosecutors, corrections staff, impacted individuals, prisoner advocates, social workers, and students. The section welcomed its new chair, Marilena David-Martin (State Appellate Defender Office), and new council members Katherine Root (State Appellate Defender Office), Lisa Geminick (Attorney General’s Office), and Natalie Holbrook (American Friends Service Committee).

Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendars! The annual winter conference will be held March 12–14, 2020, at the Hotel del Coronado, located at the Pacific’s edge on Coronado Island and just minutes from downtown San Diego. Program information and registration to come.

Social Security Lawyers Section

We had a fantastic annual seminar in Ann Arbor on September 27. For those who missed it, make note of our next two seminars. These seminars are great resources, especially if you’re unable to attend NOSSCR, so put them on your calendar. Our summer seminar will be held at Boyne Mountain on June 14–16, 2020, and our next annual meeting/seminar will be on September 11, 2020, at Weber’s Inn in Ann Arbor.

Workers’ Compensation Law Section

The Workers’ Compensation Law Section will host its winter meeting on December 6 at The Inn at St. John’s, located at 44045 Five Mile Rd. in Plymouth. The event will include a full breakfast buffet and is free to section members. The meeting will provide important legal and legislative updates and include a guest speaker. All section members are encouraged to attend. ■



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