

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Everyone Welcome

ADR is rapidly evolving. How does it impact your practice? Join the ADR Section in a facilitated discussion about the future of ADR in Michigan at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mt. Pleasant. Harry Goodheart, president of the American College of Civil Mediators, will facilitate the open forum discussion on the evening of September 9 and lead the program on September 10. Registration forms are available at www.michbar.org, click on "ADR Section."

Appellate Practice Section

The Michigan Supreme Court has proposed placing summary disposition appeals on an expedited track under which they shall generally be disposed of within six months of filing. Highlights include: 28 days to file appellant's brief; 21 days to file appellee's brief; no reply brief; and a 20-page limit for briefs. (See courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/2002-34-4-14-04.pdf.) Submit comments to John J. Bursch at the section or directly to the Supreme Court by August 1, 2004.

Arts, Communication, Entertainment & Sports Section

A recap of the 2003–2004 ACES events: Hensel Award Ceremony, Gregory Reed, Recipient; ICLE Seminar, Representing The Athlete; The Van Ryn Rule, Mr. Stephen Wasinger; Derivative Works and De Minimis Uses, Mr. Hershel P. Fink; Reality Television, Mr. Geoffrey Fieger; Joint Venture Analysis and the Three Tenors, Mr. Stephen Calkins; Equity Investment in Media and Content, Mr. Malcolm Moss, Mr. Rick Kraniack, Beringea; Sangria, Royal Oak, Networking. Please visit our section website for more information.

Business Law Section

The Business Law Section held its 16th Business Law Institute in May at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant, where it will continue through at least 2005. The section also continued its partnership with ICLE to sponsor Business Boot Camp 2. Finally, the section's Annual Meeting will be held on

September 23 in Southfield. Details to follow. Let us know if the section leadership is delivering what you want.

Computer Law Section

Stimulating speakers, informative newsletters, and extensive fraternal networking highlighted 2003–2004 for the Computer Law Section. Every meeting has featured speakers commenting on topical issues. Our newsletter, published six times yearly, provides insights into this rapidly-evolving area of law. All meetings, especially our Spring Networking Luncheon and Annual Meeting/Golf Outing (set for 9/17/04), provide members with a collegial setting to mingle with other like-minded practitioners. For more information, contact Fred Schuchman, Chair, at sfesiii@aol.com.

Elder Law and Advocacy Section

The annual fall conference will take place October 7–9 at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Rooms are currently available at a reduced rate by contacting the resort directly.

The section is monitoring legislative activity as it relates to issues impacting the elderly and their attorneys. Much of the lobbying efforts continue to be directed at preventing the introduction of an "estate recovery" bill, or influencing the form of any such bill that may be introduced.

Intellectual Property Section

The 30th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute will be held July 22–24, 2004, at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. NEW THIS YEAR: Camp Invention will be available for children of the Institute registrants. For more information visit www.michbar.org, click on "Intellectual Property Section."

The annual meeting of the section will take place during the Institute on July 24 from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. at the Grand Hotel. New council members will be elected.

International Law Section

The section is sending a delegation to Cuba on November 17–21, 2004. This unique opportunity is permitted for Bar members under U.S. law. Activities include dialogue with Cuban lawmakers, lawyers,

and diplomats with the goal of better understanding each country's legal culture. A former section chair, Stuart Deming—((269) 382-8080—stuart.deming@deminggroup.com), and the incoming chair, Randy Wright ((248) 645-9680—rwright@berrymoorman.com) will lead the delegation. Space is limited. Attorneys interested in participating should contact either.

Legal Assistant Section

The Legal Assistant Section held its Fifth Annual Day of Education Dedicated to Legal Assistants on May 14, 2004, at the Greentown Casino in Detroit. The program included presentations on HIPAA by Richard Dimanin; Ethics by Mark Armitage, John Van Bolt, and Jennifer Petty; Bankruptcy by Rose Bareham; and motivational speakers, Patricia Baird and Chuck Dodge from Turning Point Seminars. Mark your calendar for the annual meeting on October 1, 2004.

Michigan Judicial Conference Section

The Michigan Judicial Conference is planning a Supreme Court Candidate Forum to be held Friday morning, October 1, 2004, at the Lansing Center in conjunction with the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting. The Supreme Court Justices up for election are Justice Marilyn J. Kelly and Justice Stephen J. Markman; the other candidates have yet to be announced.

Negligence Law Section

On May 21, the Michigan Negligence Council celebrated its Annual Past-Chairpersons Dinner at the Detroit Golf Club. The Negligence Counsel presented Samuel A. Garzia, now retired from the firm of Vanderveer Garzia, with its annual Earl Cline Award for his significant contributions to the practice of negligence law in Michigan. Mr. Garzia was one of the principal founders of the Mediation-Tribunal Association in Wayne County, which was the forerunner of the statewide mediation rule.

Prisons & Corrections Section

The Prisons & Corrections Section is accepting nominations for its governing council. There are four vacancies for terms expiring

in 2007, one vacancy for a term expiring in 2006, and one vacancy for a term ending in 2005. All terms expire in September of the respective year. Candidates must be section members at the time of election. For further information please contact: Michael Marutiak, Nominations Committee, 1131 Vail Ct., Lansing, MI 48917-4000, e-mail: mjmarutiak@aol.com.

Probate and Estate Planning Section

Practitioners should be aware of the following key developments:

April 15, 2004: State Bar secures permanent injunction against Indiana-based trust kit provider.

September 1, 2004: Scheduled effective date of new Uniform Principal and Income Act, (HB 5307). EPIC amendments are pending.

September 11, 2004: Annual Meeting of the Probate and Estate Planning Section at the University Club in East Lansing. All are invited to join the half-day discussion of the probate courts, specialization, and practice management.

Young Lawyers Section Habitat for Humanity House Build— Volunteers Needed

YLS will participate in a Habitat for Humanity house build again this summer. The build will take place in Lansing on Saturday, August 21, from 9:00 a.m.–noon. Lunch will be provided. YLS volunteers will probably be working on siding and dry walling. Habitat for Humanity will provide all supplies and tools. Please contact Robert Fergan (rfergan@brinkshofer.com, (734) 302-6036) or Ginta Kukainis (gkukainis@priceheneveld.com, (616) 949-9610) to volunteer. ♦