

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

### NEW DIRECTIONS

For the first time ever, the ADR Section is holding its annual meeting at a resort, offering opportunities for learning, conversation, camaraderie, and fun! Harry Goodheart, President of the American College of Civil Mediators, highlights the section's program at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant, on September 9 and 10. Submit registration forms found at [www.michbar.org](http://www.michbar.org) (click on ADR Section) to be a part of it.

### Appellate Practice Section

Set aside the afternoon of Thursday, September 30, 2004. At 2:00 p.m., the Appellate Practice Section's annual meeting program will take place, followed by a short business meeting. The program will focus on amicus curiae practice in Michigan's appellate courts, and our panel will include some of Michigan's most prominent appellate judges and practitioners. The meeting will be at the Lansing Center, room 103. Please contact John J. Bursch (616.752.2474) for more information.

### Business Law Section

The section's Writing Award was given to law student Alexis Brink. Congratulations!... The U.S. Bankruptcy Court (ED Mich) has new rules out for comment. See them on the court's website... The legislature is considering changes to the exemptions statute for the first time in a generation. Watch for movement this fall... Look for coming details about the section annual meeting: September 23, Southfield.

### International Law Section

Joseph West, a third-year law student at Wayne State University Law School, is the inaugural recipient of the *International Law Section Law Student Scholarship Award*. He will receive \$1,000 and the opportunity to

publish an article in the *Michigan International Lawyer* in recognition of his academic excellence in international law-related topics. Currently a summer associate at Dykema Gossett, he is the senior articles editor for Wayne's Law Review.

## Labor and Employment Law Section

The Labor and Employment Law Section welcomes Dan Swanson of Sommers, Schwartz in Southfield as its newest member of the section council. The section is planning its annual meeting and program to be held Thursday, September 30 at 1:45 p.m. at the Lansing Center in connection with the State Bar Annual Meeting. The section is also planning a mini-seminar to be held in the fall in the Metro Detroit area.

### Legal Assistants Section

The section's annual meeting will be held in Lansing on Friday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker is Dan Ray, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Legal Studies Program at Eastern Michigan University. He has published two well-known articles relating to the paralegal profession and has spoken at several events, most recently the LAAM mid-year meeting in April. Mr. Ray is known to present an engaging program that you won't want to miss.

## Probate and Estate Planning Section

Senate Bill 1051 makes substantive and technical amendments to EPIC. We expect enactment this summer. On Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., all members are invited to attend the section annual meeting at the University Club in Lansing. Agenda includes: amendment of section bylaws to increase the number of governing council members from 15 to 18; election of council members and officers; and open forum to address probate court practice and possible Bar-sponsored specialization. ♦