

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The section salutes Deborah Berez, 2004 section chair, for her leadership. Major accomplishments include: Establishing a Listserv; cosponsoring the ANDRI 2004 conference; revamping the annual meeting format; updating section bylaws; extending ADR to the under-represented; opening initiatives with Community Dispute Resolution Centers; compiling ADR statutes and rules; and creating liaisons with law schools. She displayed skill, a kind heart, and a sense of purpose. Deb laid an impressive foundation for Section efforts in 2005!

### Arts, Communication, Entertainment & Sports Section

Please plan to attend the ACES John Hensel Award reception. The Hensel Award is given to an attorney who has made significant contributions to the arts community. This year we honor Howard Hertz for his significant philanthropy and extensive work in the

music industry, [www.hsspc.com/attorneys/hertz.html](http://www.hsspc.com/attorneys/hertz.html). Our celebration is at the Batista Art Gallery in Ferndale on Friday, October 22, 2004 from 6–8 p.m. The Batista Gallery, 756 Livernois, Ferndale, Michigan 48220, [www.batistagallery.com](http://www.batistagallery.com), (248) 544-4627.

### Business Law Section

A covenant not to compete was held unenforceable in a recent court of appeals case. Instead of applying the “blue pencil” to reduce the restriction, the court held that it had the authority to delete the restriction in its entirety. Remember that when you ask for too much! . . . A new judgment lien statute enacted in Michigan became effective September 1, 2004 . . . If adopted, look forward to a seminar on Eastern District bankruptcy rules scheduled for November 5.

### Environmental Law Section

The section is preparing a second edition to the *Michigan Environmental Law Deskbook*, which will be published in 2005.

### Negligence Law Section

Spring Meeting 2005.

Royal Caribbean Lines—Enchantment of the Seas, March 10–14, 2005 (Thursday–Monday). Ship departs from Miami, visit Key West, Cozumel, and a day at sea. Meals, entertainment, cocktail receptions, and seminar included! For more information contact Barry Goodman at (248) 483-5000. Reserve your spot—space reserved is limited. The ship is sold out!

### Probate & Estate Planning Section

Effective September 1, 2004, the following became Michigan law:

- Public Act 159 of 2004 is Michigan’s version of the 1997 Uniform Principal and Income Act. This “default” law authorizes a fiduciary to make “adjustments” between principal and income.
- Public Act 314 of 2004 makes technical amendments to EPIC, including changes to the information that a fiduciary must provide in an annual report to trigger the one-year limitations period.

### Tax Section

United States Tax Court Judge Diane L. Krupa will be in Detroit for the fall calendar commencing in November of 2004. The Tax Section will host a cash bar reception and luncheon in honor of Judge Krupa on Tuesday, November 30, 2004, at 12:00 noon at the Detroit Club located at 712 Cass Avenue, Detroit. The cost of attendance is \$20.00 per person. For further information, please contact Ronald Charlebois at (248) 643-6500, or [rcharlebois@powerschapman.com](mailto:rcharlebois@powerschapman.com).

### Young Lawyers Section

On November 4, the YLS will sponsor a presentation, featuring Judge Victoria Roberts, regarding “Can Women Have It All?” The presentation will occur at the Skyline Club in Southfield. For more information, contact Angelique Strong Marks at [Angelique.Marks@handleman.com](mailto:Angelique.Marks@handleman.com). The YLS is also planning two legal writing seminars, both featuring Nancy Harbour. The seminars are tentatively scheduled for October 22 in Southfield and November 8 in Lansing. For more information, contact Elias Xenos at [EXenos@HSMlawoffices.com](mailto:EXenos@HSMlawoffices.com). ♦