

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The 4th Annual Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute (ANDRI), co-sponsored by the ADR Section and ICLE, is back. Scheduled for March 15, 2005 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth, it presents an extraordinary and comprehensive ADR educational and networking event for general civil and domestic relations practitioners and mediators, featuring national experts, advanced mediation training credit, all new break-out sessions and topics, and networking opportunities. Register online at [www.icle.org/andr](http://www.icle.org/andr).

### Family Law Section

Section members negotiated significant changes to the Michigan Adoption Code, resulting in 2004 P.A. 486 and 487. The revised statutes will prevent finalization of an adoption until all appellate rights have been exhausted and will provide procedures for the filing of multiple petitions in a single county. The section was also instrumental in passing the new grandparents' rights package reinstating the ability of grandparents to seek and obtain visitation with their grandchildren under certain circumstances.

### Health Care Law Section

The biggest and best health law and networking education event in Michigan is back,

sponsored by ICLE and the Health Care Law Section. The Institute will highlight everything new and important in health care law here in Michigan, including insightful practice advice, analysis of recent developments, in-depth coverage and education regarding new statutes and regulatory changes, and expert commentary by experienced practitioners. See the full schedule and register today at [www.icle.org/health](http://www.icle.org/health) or by calling 877-229-4350.

### International Law Section

According to International Trade Attorney Andrew Doornaert, the business community should look for new Free Trade Agreements in 2005. The U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act was effective January 1. The Bush Administration's Trade Policy includes encouraging Congress to implement CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement), which will allow many products from this region to enter into the U.S. duty-free. Experts say this will not be put up for vote by Congress until August.

### Negligence Law Section

The Negligence Council has extended its annual "Earl Cline Award for Excellence in Negligence Law" for 2004-2005 to Frank W. Brochert from the law firm of Plunkett & Cooney, P.C. Throughout his distinguished legal career, Mr. Brochert has demonstrated

the highest of competence, integrity, and professionalism, qualities for which all of us strive. As recipient of this award, Mr. Brochert joins such past honorees as Earl Cline, Michael Stacey, and Samuel Garzia. Congratulations Frank!

### Real Property Law Section

On March 3, Ken Posner, Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar, PC, will present "Cornucopia of Leasing Clauses and Concerns." This seminar will be held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham 8:00-9:30 a.m. "Florida Law for Michigan Real Estate Attorneys" will be presented at the March 10-12 Winter Conference at the National Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. Limited space available! For more information on all section activities, call Arlene Rubinstein at 248-644-7378 or e-mail [LAWA1@aol.com](mailto:LAWA1@aol.com).

### Taxation Section

The new officers are: Chair, Eric M. Nemeth; Vice-Chair, Charles M. Lax; Treasurer, Aaron H. Sherbin; and Secretary, Jay A. Kennedy. The Annual Tax Seminar will be held on May 26 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. The section also publishes the "Michigan Tax Lawyer" three times yearly, conducts numerous educational sessions on current topics, and sponsors several presentations in the ICLE After Hours Tax Law series (see [www.michigantax.org](http://www.michigantax.org) for more information). ◆