

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 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.

Animal Law Section

The Animal Law Section's 4th Annual Symposium, "Trends in Animal Law" will be Friday, March 11. Topics include equine liability issues, dog bite cases, use of consumer statutes in animal cases, and an update of Michigan animal law. The symposium is 1-5 p.m. at the MSU College of Law, East Lansing. Additional information and registration forms are available at the section's website, <http://www.michbar.org/animal/>.

Appellate Practice Section

The Michigan Court of Appeals' new "rocket docket" for summary disposition appeals went into effect January 1, 2005. If you have any noteworthy experiences with the new fast-track procedures, positive or negative, please fill out the section's feedback form. You can find it at <http://www.michbar.org/appellate/fasttrack.cfm>. Contact John Bursch (616.752.2474) for more information.

Business Law Section

The next meeting of the section council will take place March 3 at 4 p.m. at the State Bar offices in Lansing. . . . Mark your calendars for the 17th Annual Business Law Institute. This year's institute will be held June 3-4 at the Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant. A great program is in the works, and can be viewed at the ICLE website.

Intellectual Property Law Section

Upcoming Seminars: Spring Seminar, March 14 at the MSU Kellogg Center in

East Lansing; 31st Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, July 14-16 at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island. Contact ICLE toll free at 877.229.4350 or register online at www.icle.org for either event.

International Law Section

Robert Rothman, Chief Privacy Officer of General Motors Corporation, recently made a presentation on international data privacy legislation. He stated that the U.S. regulates misuse of personal information, while the E.U. and many other countries regulate the collection and transmission of personal information. Privacy laws often take different approaches to the same issue. The resulting complexity makes it very difficult to achieve cost savings that should come with global databases using modern technology.

Labor & Employment Law Section

The section's annual mid-winter meeting was held on January 28 and 29 at the Ypsilanti Marriott. At the Friday night dinner Carl E. Ver Beek of Grand Rapids received the section's Distinguished Service Award. There was standing room only at the Saturday morning educational program where a

number of experienced practitioners and U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen made practical and informative presentations.

Probate & Estate Planning Section

PA 481 of 2004, effective October 1, 2005, amends the Estates and Protected Individuals Code by adding MCL 700.3705(6). Accordingly, not later than 28 days after a personal representative's appointment, he/she must give notice to the friend of the court for the county in which the estate is being administered, the names of the decedent's surviving spouse, and the individuals who are, for a testate estate, the devisees or, for an intestate estate, the heirs.

Real Property Law Section

On April 7, Robert R. Nix of Kerr, Russell & Weber, PLC and Mark P. Krysinski of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, PC will present "Negotiating the Ground Lease for a Commercial Development Project." This seminar will be held at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy 3:30-6:30 p.m. For more information on all section activities, call Arlene Rubinstein at 248.644.7378 or e-mail LAWA1@aol.com.