

Appellate Practice Section

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 17 when the Appellate Practice Section will present an Economics of Appellate Practice seminar. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi, and is free to section members. Please contact Mike Updike for more information.

Computer Law Section

The Computer Law Section's Spring Networking Luncheon, which included a presentation on the CAN SPAM Act, was held on May 19 at the Hard Rock Café in Detroit. The section has 4-6 council meetings throughout the year. Our Proprietary Rights Committee is currently studying the Lexmark case and Digital Millennium Copyright Act implications. Our annual meeting/golf outing is planned for September 30. For more information, contact current Chair Sandy Franklin at tekadr@hotmail.com.

Labor & Employment Law Section

Planning is underway for the section's annual meeting, to be held September 22 in

connection with the State Bar's annual meeting at the Lansing Center. In addition to the section's business meeting, where officers and council members will be elected, there will be an educational program. Members are also reminded that the deadline for nominations for the section's Distinguished Service Award is August 1.

Law Practice Management Section

The Law Practice Management Section will participate in the State Bar Leadership Conference and Upper Michigan Legal Institute (UMLI) in June at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. The section will also co-sponsor ICLE's Solo Small Firm Institute in October. The council voted to hold the "Nuts and Bolts of Successful Law Practice Management" program on Thursday, September 22 during the State Bar Annual Meeting. We welcome new council members Mark Poolos and Rebecca Seslar.

Legal Assistants Section

The Legal Assistants Section held its Annual Day of Education at the State Bar in

Lansing on May 6. Over 70 paralegals attended presentations on various topics, including Legal Writing, Trademark Law, Piercing the Corporate Veil, Sarbanes-Oxley Act Compliance, Electronic Discovery, Document Production, and Trial Preparation. State Bar President Nancy Diehl presented a keynote address. Another key highlight was an afternoon celebration to commemorate Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day, which was May 3.

Probate & Estate Planning Section

In re Estate of Max D. Eggleston holds that, regarding an incapacitated spouse, the right of election under MCLA 700.2202(5) may only be exercised by order of the court, after finding that exercise is necessary to provide adequate support for the legally incapacitated person during that person's life expectancy. The Probate Court found that the legally incapacitated, terminally ill surviving spouse did not need assets from his deceased spouse's estate, and could not exercise his right of election. ♦

