

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The section's annual meeting will be held on September 8 and 9 at the Soaring Eagle Resort and Casino in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Robert "Bob" Creo will be the featured presenter on skills training, and "effective practices" will be one of the important discussion topics. Working sessions will be followed by golf on Friday afternoon. Please check the section's website for details on registration, and plan to attend this informative and enjoyable event.

Appellate Practice Section

The section's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The section will host a panel discussion on "The Rocket Docket: A Progress Report," followed by a short business meeting at which new council members and officers will be elected. For more information about the meeting or the elections, please contact John Bursch at 616.752.2474.

Business Law Section

The section's Business Boot Camp program has been chosen from hundreds of submissions as this year's winner of the ACLEA's prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award for seminars. Register today for the upcoming nine-session Boot Camp, held in both Grand Rapids and Beverly Hills by visiting <http://www.icle.org>. The program runs from September 2005 to May 2006. If you are interested in becoming involved in section activities, please contact one of our officers at <http://www.michbar.org/business/leaders.cfm>.

General Practice Section

Save the date! The General Practice Section is proud to announce its continued support of the 2nd Annual Solo and Small Firm Institute, to be held October 20-21 in Dearborn, Michigan. The section is working side-by-side with ICLE to turn last year's success into an annual occasion. Please visit <http://www.icle.org/ssf> to register and view scheduled events. Thank you for being a member

of our section and allowing us to provide seminars like this.

International Law Section

According to International Trade Attorney Andrew Doornaert, the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that people who engage in a scheme in order to evade another country's import taxes could be prosecuted under U.S. wire fraud statute. The federal government prosecuted U.S. citizens for smuggling cheap liquor into Canada. This has serious implication for multinational corporations that have tax or customs liability in foreign jurisdictions around the world.

Legal Assistants Section

Notice of Call for Declaration of Candidacy for Officers and Members of the Section's Council: The section will elect a new chairperson-elect, secretary, and treasurer, as well as three council members at the annual meeting on September 23. This is an excellent way to give service and benefit the legal assistant/paralegal profession. Look for declaration forms on our website at <http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants> and in the sum-

mer issue of *The Michigan Paralegal*. Declarations are due by August 1.

Probate & Estate Planning Section

In *Sarah Handelsman, a legally incapacitated person, Sarah Handelsman Trust and Zelig Handelsman Trust*, ___ Mich App ___ (2005), #252205, 5/19/05, the Michigan Court of Appeals held that the statute of fraud does not apply to the oral gift of rental income, since the oral agreement relates to the money generated by real property, rather than creating or transferring an interest in the real estate itself.

Taxation Section

The section's Annual Tax Conference was held on May 26 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. This well-attended educational program included a comprehensive and practical review of various federal and state tax topics, as well as informative presentations by Stacy Eastland, a nationally recognized speaker, and David Laro, a U.S. Tax Court Judge. For more information on future section activities, please visit the calendar of events link at <http://www.michigantax.org>. ♦