

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section's annual meeting will be held September 8–9 at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. The day and a half of activity will include practice enhancement information, skills development, entertainment, recreation, and networking. Topics will focus on effective ADR practices throughout the country and the prospects for incorporating some of these practices into Michigan courts. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details and registration information.

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, please contact John Bursch at 616.752.2474.

Labor & Employment Law Section

The section's annual meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. on September 22 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, in connection with the State Bar's Annual Meeting. Following the section's historically brief business meeting, there will be an educational program. Presentations are planned on the Fair Credit Reporting Act, appellate practice, and domestic partner benefits. A hospitality reception will follow the meeting. All section members are cordially invited to attend.

Law Practice Management Section

At its June meeting, section council voted to challenge all section members to make a donation to the State Bar of Michigan's Access to Justice program. If each member gives just \$10, our section donation could total more than \$14,000. Members were contacted about this initiative and donations are being received. Donations may be sent in the section's name to Access to Justice, Michigan Bar Foundation, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933-2083.

Legal Assistants Section

The section's annual meeting will be held on Friday, September 23. In addition to the business meeting and council elections, Attorney Jon D. Vander Ploeg, Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge, will speak on Michigan's Appellate Courts, "Change is Here and More is Coming." In recognition of our 15th anniversary, we will have special guests, including legal assistants, attorneys, and judges who helped found the section, as well as a presentation of the section's history. For more information, visit www.michbar.org/legalassistants.

Probate & Estate Planning Section

In re Estate of Samuel G. Reisman, Deceased, ___ Mich App ___ (2005), #252172, 5/24/05, the Michigan Court of Appeals held that absent a restriction placed on the limited power of appointment by the donor, the

donee could appoint the property in trust for the benefit of the described class of appointees, even though the trustee was not a member of the class of appointees.

Taxation Section

Upcoming committee meetings with national speakers: Estates & Trusts Committee, 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 21 at Clark Hill, Birmingham, with Richard W. Nenno covering both dynasty and domestic asset-protection trusts planning; and Employee Benefits Committee, 1 p.m., Wednesday, September 28 at the Novi Sheraton Hotel, with Sal L. Tripodi presenting a qualified retirement plan update. The annual section meeting is 5 p.m., Thursday, September 8 at the Skyline Club, Southfield. For registration information, click on calendar of events at www.michigantax.org. ◆