

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

At the ADR Section's annual meeting, Lynwood E. Beekman received the Distinguished Service Award, given to a person who has made significant contributions to the promotion and advancement of alternative dispute resolution. Attorney Beekman, from Okemos, has devoted his entire professional career to promoting collaborations between parents and school districts that serve the interests of special needs children. His expertise runs the gamut from system evaluation and design to hearing officer and arbitrator.

### Animal Law Section

The Animal Law Section's Animal Legal Lifeline has a new coordinator, Nicole Quandt of Royal Oak, who will refer calls made to 1.866.211.6257. Callers with animal-related legal issues are advised this is not a pro bono service. The section's Animal Care and Control Forum will be held Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the MSU College of Law. A registration form and details are on the section's website.

### 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 Re-

port," 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

We hope you can attend the section's annual meeting and cocktail reception scheduled for September 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Southfield Westin. Register today for the upcoming nine-session Business 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>.

### Family Law Section

The Family Law Section enjoyed a fabulous seminar at Bay Harbor Resort, south of Petoskey. Close to 40 family lawyers gathered on the shore of Lake Michigan to hear presentations on interpreting child support reports, valuation issues, separate vs. marital property, the Hague Convention and parental kidnapping, website design, and fault. The excellent presentations coupled with terrific weather and the beauty of upper Michigan made for a nice summer break for all involved.

### Health Care Law Section

The Health Care Law Section plans a full day annual meeting on Thursday, September 29, with speakers from JCAHO, MPRO, providers, and payers. Learn about PEPPER reports, new Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, Pay for Performance and for Participation, Incentive Pay, drug safety, and medical errors. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends with a tour of Greenfield Village, dinner at the Eagle Tavern, and entertainment by A Habeas Chorus.

### International Law Section

International tax attorney Eric Turner reported on the continuing emphasis on transfer pricing in international tax audits. In addition to the IRS, the tax authorities of other nations have recently begun their own transfer pricing enforcement initiatives to better protect their tax revenues. Taxpayers engaging in cross-border transactions with affiliates should expect transfer pricing scrutiny from all relevant tax authorities and should document the transactions accordingly.

### 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. Following a brief business meeting, we will begin the educational program. Topics and presenters include: Domestic Partner Benefits, Jay Kaplan and James Sonne; Fair Credit Reporting Act, Stanley C. Moore; and Appellate Practice, Hon. Helene White, Susan Sonneborn, and John Birmingham. A hospitality reception will immediately follow the program.

### Legal Assistants Section

Annual meeting reminder: September 23, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. The business meeting and council elections will be followed by a 15th Anniversary commemoration and presentation of awards to our founding members. Linda Jevahirian, President of Legal Search & Management, will present "A Short History of Paralegals in Michigan." For the educational program, Attorney Jon D. Vander Ploeg of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge will discuss recent changes in Michigan's Appellate Courts. For more information, visit <http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants>. ♦