

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The section established an award to honor the memory of the late Nanci Klein, who served as director of the Oakland Mediation Center for many years. The annual award will recognize individuals, groups, or agencies that emulate Nanci's example of tireless work to build community through the development of non-violent solutions to family, neighbor, and business disputes and other conflict resolution opportunities.

Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports Section

Please plan to attend the ACES John Hensel Award reception. The Hensel Award is given to an attorney who has made significant contributions to the arts community. This year we honor Richard Herman for his significant philanthropy and extensive work with ArtServ, VLAC, and ACES. Our celebration is on Friday, October 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Community House, 380

South Bates Street, Birmingham, MI, 48009, www.communityhouse.com, (248) 644-2476.

Business Law Section

There is still time to participate in the Business Boot Camp program, which runs through May 2006. The program is held in both Grand Rapids and Beverly Hills. Register today by visiting <http://www.icle.org>. The section's 3rd Annual Scholarship Program is underway. For more information, visit <http://www.michbar.org/business/activities>. If you are interested in becoming involved in section activities, please contact one of our officers at <http://www.michbar.org/business/leaders.cfm>.

Elder Law and Advocacy Section

The Elder Law and Advocacy section announces its fall conference, Juggling with One Ball, scheduled for October 6–8 at Treetops. For more information, contact Lisa Lepine at Lmpiercey@comcast.net. Registration will be e-mailed upon request.

Intellectual Property Law Section

The Intellectual Property Law Section held its 31st Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute in July at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, in conjunction with ICLE. Seminar sessions included updates on trademark, patent, and copyright law and advanced sessions on other focused topics in the intellectual property area. The section's annual meeting was held on July 16 at the Summer Institute. The 2006 Summer Institute will be held in Traverse City.

International Law Section

Our section's annual meeting will be held October 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sheraton (Detroit–Novi). The meeting will be followed by a seminar entitled "Business and Legal Challenges for Automotive Suppliers in China and India." Thanks to Andy Doornaert and Eric Turner for their articles on customs, tariffs, duties, transfer pricing, and international tax. A special thanks to Randy Wright for his leadership and friendship, as well as to Lois Bingham and Scott Fenstermaker.

Probate & Estate Planning Section

In re Estate of Louisa Cummins, Deceased, 8/23/05. The court of appeals held that an agent under a durable power of attorney that is governed by the provisions of the Revised Probate Code may engage in self-dealing if the principal consents and has knowledge of the details of the self-dealing. Because of the principal's incapacity (due to the onset of severe dementia), no consent was or could have been given, and the agent's self-dealings must be set aside.

Taxation Section

The Taxation Section elected the following officers at the September 8 annual meeting: Chair, Charles M. Lax; Vice Chair, Aaron H. Sherwin; Treasurer, Jay A. Kennedy; and Secretary, Jess A. Bahs. The section sponsors a one-day Annual Tax Conference (scheduled for 2006 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth), publishes the *Michigan Tax Lawyer*, conducts educational sessions on current tax topics, and sponsors ICLE After Hours Tax Law Series presentations (visit www.michigantax.org for more information). ♦