

Business Law Section

The section's annual meeting drew a great crowd to Southfield recently. There is still time to participate in the Business Boot Camp program, held in Grand Rapids and Beverly Hills through May 2006; register today at <http://www.icle.org>. The section's 3rd Annual Scholarship Program is underway; see <http://www.michbar.org/business/activities>. The section has planned a lunch program with the Young Lawyers Section on January 26. Interested in becoming involved in section activities? Contact a section officer at <http://www.michbar.org/business/leaders.cfm>.

International Law Section

Chrysler Group chief-designate Tom LaSorda recently stated that the Chrysler Group will redefine its OEM-supplier relationship model as a highly integrated partnership organization. Tight integration with the Chrysler Group will mean an increased presence in the North American market for foreign automotive suppliers in order to enhance integrated research and development activities. As a result, increased attention to R&D contract formation and management in the U.S. will be an imperative for foreign automotive suppliers.

Legal Assistants Section

The Legal Assistants Section elected its officers and council members at the September 23 annual meeting. Officers are: chairperson-elect, Heather A. Hill, CLAS; treasurer, Kathy Ann Blunck; and secretary, Denise E. Gau. Council members serving two-year terms are: Jennifer M. Petty; Christine Welton; and Jaxine L. Wintjen, CLA. Susan M. LaFrier and Tami R. Salzbrenner will serve a one-year term. Vicki Voisin, CLAS is chairperson and Kathleen D. Kasiorek, CP will serve as chair ex-officio.

Probate & Estate Planning Section

Effective October 1, 2005, MCL 700.3705 (6) (added by PA 481 of 2004) requires: Within 28 days of appointment, the personal representative must give notice to the friend of the court for the county in which the estate is being administered, the names of the decedent's surviving spouse, and the individuals who are, for a testate estate, the devisees or, for an intestate estate, the heirs. Currently there is no SCAO form for providing the notice.

Public Corporation Law Section

The Public Corporation Law Section successfully supported the efforts of municipalities across the state of Michigan this past year by providing financial support for the filing of an amicus curiae brief in the Michigan Court of Appeals, in the group of cases commonly referred to as the Cable Franchise Litigation. The Court of Appeals affirmed dismissal of all the suits by the trial courts on several grounds.

Real Property Law Section

The December 8, 2005 Homeward Bound seminar "Real Estate Due Diligence Part 1: Title and Survey Issues" will be held 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy. Speakers are: David E. Nykanen, moderator; Anne H. Hiemstra; Anthony T. Sycko, Jr.; and L. Jeffrey Zauberman. Further information on all section activities can be found on our website at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/> or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378. ♦