

### Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Mark your calendars for the 5th annual Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute (ANDRI), scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006. The featured presenter is Nina Meierding, an internationally renowned mediator and trainer. Other distinguished presenters will be on hand and attendees can choose from four substantive tracks: Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration, and Judicial. Full details and registration material will be available shortly.

### Appellate Practice Section

Appellate Practice Section Council (2005–2006) Officers: Deborah Hebert (chair), Linda Garbarino (chair-elect), Paul Bernard (treasurer), and Barbara Goldman (Secretary). Council Members: Janet Boes, John Bursch, Megan Cavanagh, Judith Curtis, Timothy Diemer, Terence Flanagan, Marcia Howe, Ronald Lederman, Anica Letica, Gerald Posner, Rosalind Rochkind, Mary Massaron

Ross, Liisa Speaker, Michael Updike, Jill Wheaton, and James Edward Wyszynski. Ex-Officio Members: Mark Cooney, Victor Valenti, and Don Fulkerson. Contact John Bursch (616) 752-2474 for more information.

### Business Law Section

The BLS and Young Lawyers Section are planning a luncheon seminar at the Skyline Club on January 26, 2006 regarding the business of being a business lawyer; details will be available soon on our website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/>. If you are interested in becoming involved in section activities, please contact one of our officers (<http://www.michbar.org/business/leaders.cfm>) and plan to attend our December 3 council meeting. The section's scholarship program is underway; information is available at <http://www.michbar.org/business/activities>.

### International Law Section

The International Law Section elected the following officers at the October 6 annual

meeting: Bruce D. Birgbauer, chair; Lois Elizabeth Bingham, chair-elect; Scott T. Fenstermaker, secretary; and Peter Swiecicki, treasurer. The section publishes the *Michigan International Lawyer (MIL)*, conducts educational seminars, and sponsors a scholarship for area law students. The *MIL* needs three new editors: Northern Michigan Editor, Western Michigan Editor, and Upper Peninsula Editor. Interested? Contact Christi Patrick at [capatrick@gmail.com](mailto:capatrick@gmail.com).

### Law Practice Management Section

Section members Gary K. Springstead, Chongkue Yoon, and Saraphoena Bovdrie Austin won ICLE partnerships in a section-sponsored drawing at ICLE's 2nd Annual Solo & Small Firm Institute. The drawing was open to section members who registered for the Institute before the early registration deadline. Five section council members were presenters at the Institute. Participants raved about the Institute; it was a huge hit with standing-room-only attendance, so make plans early to attend next year.

### Probate & Estate Planning Section

Effective January 1, 2006, the Support and Visitation Enforcement Act (MCL 552.601 et seq.) is modified by 2004 PA 484 to create a lien for unpaid child support against a distribution from a decedent's estate. A lien is not created against the homestead, exempt property, family allowances, or trusts regulated under EPIC. The legislation will permit a lien to be placed against an inheritance distribution, but apparently not in the estate itself.

### Real Property Law Section

The 2006 Winter Conference, "What We Can Learn from Success in the West: Emerging Trends in Michigan Development," will be held March 16–18, 2006 at the Wynn Las Vegas. Program Coordinators are Ronn S. Nadis of Taubman, Nadis & Neuman, PC and Lawrence Shoffner of Lawrence Shoffner, PLLC. More 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. ♦