

Agricultural Law Section

The Agricultural Law Section is sponsoring the 3rd annual student symposium, hosted by the MSU College of Law, on Friday, February 10. This event is an opportunity for law students and recent graduates to showcase their scholarship in the fields of agriculture, animal, and environmental law. More information is available at <http://www.michbar.org/news/viewevent/eid/690>. You may also direct questions to Allison Eicher, section chair, at eicherall@law.msu.edu.

Business Law Section

Jane Forbes was honored at the December 3 council meeting in recognition of her more than three decades of distinguished service and commitment to the section and the Nonprofit Corporations Committee. Business Boot Camp I will be held January 30–31 in Plymouth. Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to register for Boot Camp, sign up to participate on committees, and learn about other section events. Please join us at our next council meeting on March 2 at 3:30 p.m. in Lansing.

Criminal Law Section

On February 18–20, the Criminal Law Section will offer its 40th Mid-Winter Ski Conference at Shanty Creek Resort. Tim Baughman opens the conference with his review of high-impact court decisions. The popular event continues with all-day sessions on scientific evidence. Register in advance—only \$25 for Criminal Law Section members—at <https://e.michbar.org>. For more information about the conference, visit <http://connect.michbar.org/criminallaw/home>. For program questions, contact Opolla Brown at obrown@waynecounty.com or (313) 224-5731.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section is continuing its work toward investigating practical experiences with child custody and parenting

time issues, and has set up an ad hoc committee to investigate these areas of law. Hon. Kathleen A. Feeney, 17th Circuit Court, Grand Rapids, was presented with the Justice Marilyn J. Kelly Award for her outstanding service to the practice of family law. Joseph W. Cunningham, JD, CPA, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Information Technology Law Section

Save the date! On Thursday, September 7, plan to attend the 10th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The seminar will include an all-day educational event of informative topics, the IT Law Section's annual meeting, lunch, and a complimentary cocktail reception. When available, additional information will be provided on the section's calendar at <http://connect.michbar.org/itlaw/home>. See you there.

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

The Insurance and Indemnity Law Section welcomes a new council for its 2016–2017 term. The section will present at least four educational programs in 2017 and encourages suggestions from its members concerning choice of subject matter. The section's *Journal* is published and circulated to its membership on a quarterly basis and includes feature articles on legal issues of interest to members and concise case summaries related to property and casualty insurance, ERISA, no-fault, and indemnity issues.

International Law Section

Former U.S. Senator Carl Levin will speak at the International Law Section's January 18 meeting at Wayne State University Law School on "International Tax Havens: Whither or Wither?" The program is jointly sponsored with the Young Tax Lawyers Committee (Tax Law Section) and made possible with the assistance of Prof. Greg Fox, director of Wayne State's Program for International Legal Studies. The section's

council meeting is at 4:30 p.m., followed by networking and Sen. Levin's remarks.

Labor and Employment Law Section

The Labor and Employment Law Section will host its mid-winter meeting on January 20 at the Detroit Athletic Club, beginning at 1 p.m. This is a chance to get current on decisions involving MERC, the NLRB, the EEOC, FMLA, and FLSA. We will have a special presentation regarding the ethical obligations posed by technology and social media. Cocktails and dinner will follow the meeting. Register online at <http://e.michbar.org>. For more information, contact Keith Brodie at Keith.Brodie@btlaw.com.

Real Property Law Section

The 2017 annual winter conference, "For St. Pete's Sake: Michigan Lawyers Talking Real Estate," will be held March 2–4 at Loews Don CeSar Hotel, St. Pete Beach, Florida. Dawn M. Patterson of First American Title National Commercial Services is the program coordinator. Register online at <https://e.michbar.org> or mail/fax the form at https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/44611bbd-6711-42cd-b769-2e5d4860ad2a/UploadedImages/pdf/winter_conference/WC17Reg.pdf. To reserve your room, call (800) 282-1116 and ask for the Real Property Law Winter Conference special rate or reserve online at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/15716823/owner/13226514/landing>.

Taxation Section

The Young Tax Lawyers Committee and the International Law Section will co-host an event titled "International Tax Havens: Whither or Wither?" featuring Senator Levin on January 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the WSU Law School. The Estates and Trusts Committee held a meeting on November 3 on Canadian tax considerations for U.S. citizens holding Canadian property. The section is accepting articles for upcoming editions of *The Tax Lawyer*; contact Andrew MacLeod at amacleod@dickinsonwright.com. ■