

## Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

The ADR Section annual meeting was held October 13–14 with an outstanding educational program featuring Michigan presenters, pre-approved for eight hours of advanced mediator training by SCAO. Justice Bridget McCormack was the guest speaker at our Awards Banquet. ADR icon George T. Roumell received the Distinguished Service Award; the Oakland Mediation Center received the Nanci Klein Award. Lee Hornberger of Traverse City was elected chair for 2017–2018.

## Business Law Section

Congratulations to John Trentacosta, 2017 recipient of the Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award. Business Boot Camp II will be held in Grand Rapids on November 6–7 and in Plymouth on January 29–30, 2018. Sign up today at <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/events/>. Participate in the next council meeting on December 2 at Bodman in Detroit. The section's committees need you! Visit <http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/home> to sign up to participate on committees and learn about upcoming events.

## Criminal Law Section

Congratulations to the following officers for 2017–2018: Chair Stephanie Farkas, Chair-Elect Josh Blanchard, Secretary Michael Marutiak, and Treasurer Hon. Hugh Clarke. It's almost time for the 41st Annual Mid-

Winter Ski Conference at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. This popular event will be held February 17–19, 2018. The resort offers all-inclusive rates with ski and non-ski packages in addition to room-only rates. More detailed information will be posted in our newsletter and on our website.

## Environmental Law Section

The fall joint environmental conference, cosponsored with the East and West Michigan chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association, will be held on November 8 at Lansing Community College West Campus. Click here for agenda and registration information.

## Family Law Section

Effective September 28, the Family Law Section Council includes Kent L. Weichmann, chair; Robert Charles Treat Jr., chair-elect; Elizabeth Bransdorfer, treasurer; Sahera Housey, corresponding secretary; and Christopher Harrington, recording secretary. Members include Daniel Bates, Sean Blume, J. Matt Catchick, James Chryssikos, Shon Cook, Shelley Kester, Mathew Kobliska, Peter Kulas, Jennifer Johnsen, Vanessa Moss-Wilson, Anthea Papista, Steven Reinheimer, Kristen Robinson, Amy Spilman, Randy Velzen, and Hon. Tina Yost Johnson.

## International Law Section

You can't win if you don't play—and you can't enjoy the free programming the section offers its members unless you join! The

section hosted a lively program on immigration policy at the SBM NEXT Conference, and its next council meeting and program will be November 15 at Automation Alley in Troy. The program will address "Industry 4.0" initiatives—from cybersecurity and big data to robotics—and how they are transforming international business. Join us!

## Probate and Estate Planning Section

Many thanks for the dedication and hard work of James B. Steward, departing chair, and outgoing council members George Bearup and Nancy Welber. Congratulations to incoming chair Marlaine C. Teahan and new council members Angela Hentkowski, Kurt A. Olson, and Christine M. Savage. Please join us for our monthly council meetings (<http://connect.michbar.org/probate/events/schedule>). We are a welcoming group, striving to do great things for Michigan's trusts and estates law.

## Public Corporation Law Section—Renamed Government Law Section

The SBM Public Corporation Law Section has been renamed the Government Law Section (GLS). The GLS is made up of attorneys who represent local governmental entities including public authorities, cities, counties, townships, and villages. The section will host a winter seminar in February 2018 in metro Detroit and co-host a summer seminar with the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville in June 2018.

## Real Property Law Section

Mark your calendars! The annual winter conference will be held March 1–3, 2018, at Encore at Wynn Las Vegas. Program information and registration to come.

## Taxation Section

Please save the date for the Taxation Section's 31st Annual Tax Conference, which will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. ■

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