

Business Law Section

The Annual Business Law Institute will be held June 1–2 at Boyne Mountain Resort. To register, visit <http://www.icle.org>. The Small Business Forum presented “Increasing the Value of Manufacturing Companies” on May 23 at the Birmingham Community House and “Step-By-Step Guide to Selling a Business” on May 30 at the Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids. For more information about section events, visit <http://www.michbar.org/business/>.

Consumer Law Section

The section and the Campaign to Protect Michigan’s Consumers addressed legislation on the Michigan Consumer Protection Act and predatory mortgage lending. At a legislative hearing, the section applauded the House committee in its attempt to fix the MCPA (HB 4217), and offered suggestions to eliminate the exemption created by Globe. The section did not support Senate Bills

342, 343, and 356 (appraisal fraud), as those bills do not address the problem of predatory lending.

International Law Section

The section’s annual meeting will be held Thursday, September 20 at 1:30 p.m. at The Fairlane Club, Dearborn, and will include a seminar on “Global Outsourcing: Expanding Michigan’s Enterprises,” featuring participants, practitioners, and advisers in this field. Michigan companies are sourcing and servicing critical operations worldwide to meet competition, save money, and extend their reach, and the seminar will review the legal and other issues involved. More details will be available at <http://www.michbar.org/international/>.

Legal Assistants Section

Nominations for officers and council members for 2007–2008 are being accepted through July 15. The section will elect a

chairperson-elect, secretary, and treasurer, as well as five new council members. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in Grand Rapids on September 28. The declaration of candidacy form is available on the section’s website at <http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants> or by contacting Chairperson Denise Gau at gau@butzel.com or (313) 983-7402.

Probate & Estate Planning Section

The 47th Annual Probate and Estate Planning Institute will be held June 8–9 at The Inn at St. John’s, Plymouth. The Institute features nationally acclaimed estate planner Natalie Choate. Register at <http://www.icle.org>. The section’s annual meeting will be held September 22 at the University Club in Lansing. For more information on section activities, visit <http://www.michbar.org/probate/>.

Public Corporation Law Section

The 9th Annual Summer Educational Conference, presented by the Public Corporation Law Section and the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys, will be held June 22–23 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. Justice Marilyn Kelly is the featured keynote speaker. A golf tournament and boat cruise are pre-conference activities on June 21. Conference topics include a U.S. Supreme Court update, bankruptcy, Michigan legislative update, OMA/FOIA, municipal contracts, and Michigan development/redevelopment. Visit <http://mml.org/mama/mama-summer.html> for details and registration.

Real Property Law Section

Upcoming section programs! The 2007 Summer Conference, entitled “Michigan Makeover: Development Edition” will be held July 18–21 at Crystal Mountain Resort. On October 11, the section will present “Vacation Properties: When the Bubble Bursts” at the Townsend Hotel. March 6–8, 2008, the section goes to the Sofitel Chicago Water Tower! For more information on all section activities, visit our website at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/> or call Arlene Rubinstein at (248) 644-7378. ■