

## Administrative and Regulatory Law Section

Join the Administrative and Regulatory Law Section for its annual luncheon with the members of the Michigan Public Service Commission on Thursday, May 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the University Club of Michigan State University. Meet the commissioners, administrative law judges, and key Commission staff. Valerie Brader, Governor Snyder's senior policy advisor, will be the featured speaker. Cost is \$20 for section members and \$40 for nonmembers.

## Appellate Practice Section

At the February Appellate Practice Section meeting, the council hosted Justice Robert Young, Judge Douglas Shapiro, and Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, as well as clerks and court staff from the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, for a discussion of various issues that arise in appellate practice. At the March meeting, the council hosted Judge Michael Talbot for a discussion regarding the Court of Claims, including issues that have arisen during the court's transition period.

## Business Law Section

The Crain's General and In-House Counsel Summit will be held May 13 at the Westin Book Cadillac Detroit. For more information, visit <http://www.crainsdetroit.com>. The 26th Annual Business Law Institute will be held June 6 in Grand Rapids. The institute promises to be a terrific educational and networking event, and includes a reception and pub crawl. Register today at <http://www.icle.org>. Visit our website or join our LinkedIn groups to get involved and to learn about upcoming section events.

## Criminal Law Section

The Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth will host the 7th Spring Conference on June 6–7. This year's topic is forensic science. The registration fee is \$25 for section members; nonsection members pay \$30, but receive membership to the section for the remainder of the membership year. Registration fee includes lunch on Friday. The agenda is available at [http://michbar.org/criminal/pdfs/spring\\_conf\\_agenda.pdf](http://michbar.org/criminal/pdfs/spring_conf_agenda.pdf). Register by May 29 at <http://e.michbar.org/>. Questions? Contact Kenneth Malkin at (989) 895-4177 or [malkink@baycounty.net](mailto:malkink@baycounty.net).

## Family Law Section

The Family Law Section Mid-Summer Seminar is scheduled for July 17–20 at the renowned Boyne Mountain Resort. This family-friendly event furnishes a terrific opportunity to catch up on the latest CLE from selected family law experts and share a memorable northern Michigan vacation with old and new friends alike. Make reservations now at special Family Law Section rates. Detailed registration information is available in the *Family Law Journal* or by emailing [ebrandsdorfer@mmbjlaw.com](mailto:ebrandsdorfer@mmbjlaw.com).

## Health Care Law Section

In conjunction with ICLE, the section recently held its 20th Annual Health Law Institute. We would like to thank ICLE, all presenters, and attendees for making this a successful event. In May, the section will hold teleconferences regarding licensing investigations and the Defense of Marriage Act. The Publications Committee is working to finalize four major educational publications by the end of May. Plans are underway for the section's September annual meeting.

## Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section presented the April 2014 Shining Star Award to Jean Mitchell-Walster, paralegal, MA, CPCU, CHFC. Congratulations, Jean! Submit nominations for the Shining Star Award at <http://www.michbar.org/paralegal/shiningstaraward.cfm>. The *Michigan Paralegal* is seeking submissions. Contact editor Doreen Defauw at [drae328129@yahoo.com](mailto:drae328129@yahoo.com). Mark your calendar for the next section Meet & Greet on July 11 at 6 p.m. in Troy (location to be announced). Stay tuned via the section's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/State-Bar-of-Michigan-Paralegal-Legal-Assistant-Section/421047361287823>.

## Prisons and Corrections Section

The Prisons and Corrections Section will hold its annual training seminar on June 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the State Bar in Lansing. The training is entitled "Preparing Your Client for Mitigation, Rehabilitation and Incarceration Violations." More information about the conference, including the agenda and registration, will be posted as it becomes available.

## Probate and Estate Planning Section

A current project of the Probate and Estate Planning Section is our effort to change the court rules so that all probate appeals are heard in the Michigan Court of Appeals. This would replace the current and sometime confusing bifurcated system of appeals to the circuit court or Court of Appeals. Based on direction from the Michigan Supreme Court, that effort is now being focused on obtaining legislative approval to be followed by revised court rules.

## Real Property Law Section

Register today! The Annual Summer Conference, "Rebuilding the Dream: Michigan Real Estate Revitalized," will be held July 16–19 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City. Program coordinators are Leslee M. Lewis, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Grand Rapids; and Michael A. Luberto, Chirco Title Agency, Inc. For registration form and hotel information, visit the section website at <http://www.michbar.org/realproperty/summerconf.cfm>.

## Workers' Compensation Law Section

The Workers' Compensation Law Section will have its annual summer meeting on Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20 at Crystal Mountain Resort near Thompsonville. We will induct John Charters and Paul Lazar into the Workers' Compensation Hall of Fame after dinner on Thursday. On Friday, we will have our business meeting and elect new officers and members of the section council. All section members are encouraged to attend.

## Young Lawyers Section

The Young Lawyers Section's 7th Annual Summit takes place May 30–31 at the Lansing Radisson Hotel, beginning with a Lansing Lugnuts game on Friday. Saturday will offer a full day of educational sessions followed by an evening reception. The YLS also presents the New Member Orientation on Friday, May 30 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees will learn about resources and benefits available through the State Bar and its sections. Visit <http://www.michbar.org/younglawyers> or <http://www.facebook.com/sbmysl> for information. ■