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## The Chair's Corner

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### Passing of the Gavel

On Saturday morning, October 14, 2017, outgoing Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Chair Sheldon J. Stark passed me the gavel to become the Chair of the ADR Section. While on the ADR Section Council, Executive Committee, and as Editor of *The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal*, I have served under five outstanding Section Chairs. These Chairs were Sheldon J. Stark (2016-2017), Joseph C. Basta (2015-2016), Martin C. Weisman (2014-2015), Antoinette R. Raheem (2013-2014), and Robert E. Lee Wright (2012-2013).

Under Shel's exemplary leadership during 2016-2017, the Section had many outstanding events. These included the March 2017 Annual ADR Summit in Auburn Hills with J. Anderson "Andy" Little, the author of *Making Money Talk: How to Mediate Insured Claims and Other Monetary Disputes*; the highly successful and educational June 2017 "Mediation Advocacy: Representing Clients in Mediation" seminars for advocates in Grand Rapids and Novi; and the superb, off-the-charts October 13 and 14, 2017 Annual Meeting and ADR Conference at The Inn at St John's in Plymouth.

During the Annual Awards Banquet, the Section Awards were presented. George T. Roumell, Jr. received the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of significant contributions to the field of dispute resolution. The Oakland Mediation Center received the Nanci S. Klein Award in recognition of exemplary programs, initiatives, and leadership in the field of community dispute resolution. Michael S. Leib received the George N. Bashara, Jr. Award in recognition of exemplary service to the ADR Section and its members. In addition, Lisa Taylor received the Hero of ADR Award for her drafting and creation of the ADR Section's outstanding brochure.

Three new Council members were elected at the Annual Meeting. These new Council members are Erin R. Archerd, Susan K. Klooz, and Betty R. Widgeon. Erin is an Assistant Professor of Law at The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Susan is a mediator and peacemaker with the Lakeshore Mediation and Community Dispute Resolution Centers. Betty is an arbitrator, fact finder, mediator, and visiting judge with Widgeon Dispute Resolution & Consultation Services. Each of these new Council members has a broad and successful ADR background and will be a positive asset to the Council. In addition, Scott S. Brinkmeyer became a new member of the Executive Committee.

Justice Bridget M. McCormack was the keynote speaker for the Awards Banquet and gave an insightful and interesting speech on the use of ADR in the court system.

We will be doing the following during the next Section year:

#### **February 15, 2018 – "The Neuroscience of Decision-Making: What's Really Controlling the Way You Think?" Program at Detroit Mercy Law**

Under the leadership of its Diversity Task Force, the Section continues to value and develop opportunities for diversity and inclusion. "Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance," Vernā Myers told the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

An important part of this endeavor will be the February 15, 2018, "The Neuroscience of Decision-Making: What's Really Controlling the Way You Think?" program at Detroit Mercy Law, featuring nationally renowned speaker, Kim Papillon. The co-sponsors for this event are the ADR Section, Detroit Mercy Law, and Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone. Thank you to Danielle A. Potter, Chair of the ADR Section's Diversity Task Force; Phyllis L. Crocker, Dean, Detroit Mercy Law; and Michelle P. Crockett of Miller Canfield for making this program possible.

Additional information and registration are at: [https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/2b10c098-e406-4777-a199-33b9d3e7c568/UploadedImages/pdfs/Feb\\_Reg.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/2b10c098-e406-4777-a199-33b9d3e7c568/UploadedImages/pdfs/Feb_Reg.pdf)

### March 20, 2018 – Annual ADR Summit in Auburn Hills

The ADR Section is excited to present its March 20, 2018, Annual ADR Summit with world class mediator and trainer, Lee Jay Berman, at Cooley Law School, in Auburn Hills. Lee Jay's cutting edge presentation will be "Harnessing the Power of the Master Mediator: Seeing New Things in the Same Old Rooms." This is a do-not-miss event.

I heard Lee Jay moderate and present at the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals 2017 Advanced Mediation Training Retreat in Toronto, Canada. He took us to a higher level of appreciation and understanding.

Additional information and registration for the March 20, 2018, ADR Summit are at: <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/events/eventdescription?CalendarEventKey=7fab91e3-daf8-48c2-99b0-6f43ab9ce42e&CommunityKey=8aa9f208-87ad-4434-8e05-bb1982c6b20d&Home=%2fadr%2fhome>

### Late Spring 2018 Mediator Symposium in Grand Rapids

The ADR Section, in co-sponsorship with the Grand Rapids Bar Association, will have a Mediator Symposium in late spring 2018 at Mika Meyers in Grand Rapids. Recent issues facing mediators and mediator techniques will be discussed in this educational and social setting.

### October 12 and 13, 2018, Annual Meeting and ADR Conference in Traverse City

The ADR Section's 2018 Annual Meeting and ADR Conference, including 8 hours of advanced mediator training, will be Friday afternoon, October 12, and Saturday morning, October 13, 2018, at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. This will be an exciting learning and networking event featuring Michigan presenters.

The Park Place Hotel has reduced rates for our Section, based on availability, on reservations made by September 11, 2018. You can contact the Park Place Hotel at 231-946-5000 and reference "State Bar of Michigan." Neither the hotel's website nor its toll-free number has access to this group information. You must call to reserve at a discount.

Traverse City is beautiful all year, but especially in October.

### The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal

The ADR Section publishes *The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal*. Current and prior Journals are available at: <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/journal>.

The Editor of the *The Journal* is always looking for articles for future issues. This is your chance to become a published author in the leading ADR publication in Michigan. Proposed articles for the *Journal* can be emailed to its Editor, Erin R. Archerd, at [archerer@udmercy.edu](mailto:archerer@udmercy.edu).

### February 2019 ADR Theme Issue of the Michigan Bar Journal

The ADR Section is privileged to be sponsoring the February 2019 ADR theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. June 1, 2018, is the deadline for proposed complete articles to be submitted as a Word attachment to me at [leehornberger@leehornberger.com](mailto:leehornberger@leehornberger.com). Please put the title of the article in the Subject line of the email.

We encourage you to submit a proposed article to be a part of this event. ADR theme articles of interest to the wider Bar (as opposed to only ADR practitioners) and cutting-edge topics are especially encouraged. Under no circumstances can the article, including end notes, about the author, and fast facts be more than 2,500 words. Please follow the article guidelines at: <http://www.michbar.org/file/journal/about/artguidelines.pdf>

The June 2015 and June 2010 ADR theme issues of the *Michigan Bar Journal* are at: <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/journal>.

### Future Section Activities and Leadership

We are continuing to plan future Section activities and to create opportunities for leadership. Information concerning the Action Teams and Task Forces is available at: <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/reports/teams>.

The ADR Section Council and Executive Committee meeting schedule is available elsewhere in this issue and at <http://connect.michbar.org/adr/home>.

### **ADR Section Mission**

The mission of the ADR Section is to encourage conflict resolution by:

1. Providing training and education for ADR professionals;
  2. Giving professionals the tools to empower people in conflict to create optimal resolutions; and
  3. Advancing the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in our courts, government, businesses, and communities. \*\*
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