Solo and Small Firm Section
2007-2008 Annual Report

Previously called the General Practice Section Council, this year the council changed their name to the Solo and Small Firm Section. This change was affirmed to modernize the section name and better classify the membership. In order to change their name, the council was required to amend the Bylaws of the section.

The Solo and Small Firm section consists of nine members this year, including chairperson Freddy Sackllah. The members are Chair-Elect Clark Davis, Secretary Richard T. White Jr., Treasurer Elizabeth Silverman, Editor Maury Klein, Associate Editor William Cataldo, Bill Roy, Chris Carlson, and Pam Beeghly. The mission of the Section is to provide education and information about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, their website, public service programs, and the publication of their newsletter.

Much of the council's efforts have gone to it's continuing support and sponsorship of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education's Solo and Small firms section. This year, the section sponsored the two day 5th Annual Solo & Small Firm Institute & State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan. At this seminar, Attorneys, Paralegals, and Legal Assistants gathered from all over the state to discuss and further their legal education.

The Section continued to publish The General Practitioner. This newsletter, put out on a semi-monthly basis, covered various articles and comments relevant to all practice areas of law.

The solo and small firm's list serve continues to be used by a number of section members. This list serve allows members to post questions and receive answers for day to day problems that arise in solo or small firm practices.

Clark Davis is the upcoming chair of The Solo and Small Firm section. The Council looks forward to working with Mr. Davis in investigating new and current issues relevant to the council's membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Chairperson, Solo and Small Firm Section