Annual Report of the Law Student Section, State Bar of Michigan For the Year 4/2004 through 4/2005

The Law Student Section ("LSS") concentrated this year on structural changes and providing value to our members.

A major project of the section was the rewriting of the section by-laws. Done with the advice of the State Bar's General Counsel, this rewrite clarified existing provisions as well as made allowances for the formation of student chapters on Michigan's law school campuses.

On the activity front, the Section cosponsored the I.C.L.E. tailgate party for the Michigan - Michigan State football game. Members of the section were entitled to free admission and several new applications were garnered from the event.

As well, the LSS cosponsored the Young Lawyers' Section Winter Fest and the University of Michigan's Entertainment Law Initiative, both of which provided free admission to section members.

The LSS's two main events were the first Annual State Bar of Michigan One L Oral Advocacy Competition. Held on Feb. 19, 2005 at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, this competition featured 40 students from the law schools of Michigan competing in an arbitration competition. The event was a major success and the section plans to hold this event each year.

On April 1, 2005, the LSS held its Second Annual Comedy for Cause at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia. Fifty students and their guests attended this enjoyable even that raised money for Michigan Court Appointed Special Advocates.

It has been quite an active year for the LSS and we look forward to a great year under our incoming Chair, Chris Topa.

Respectfully submitted,

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