# 2007 – 2008 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

#### Bar Year: 2007-2008

#### Section Name: Public Corporation Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

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| Member           | Term | Member         | Term |
|------------------|------|----------------|------|
| William Beach    | 2008 | Marcia Howe    | 2009 |
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| Kay Schloff      | 2008 | Don Schmidt    | 2010 |
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| Lori Grigg Bluhm | 2009 | James Tamm     | 2010 |
| James Branson    | 2009 | Debra Walling  | 2010 |
| Phil Erickson    | 2009 | Eric Williams  | 2010 |
| Mary Joan Fales  | 2009 |                |      |

#### Council Meeting Schedule:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding Council meetings as an addendum.

| Meeting Type                   | Date              | Location                                  |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Summer Seminar                 | June 22, 2007     | Mackinac Island, Grand Hotel              |  |
|                                | September 8, 2007 | Miller Canfield; Lansing, MI              |  |
|                                | October 6, 2007   | State Bar of Michigan; Lansing, MI        |  |
|                                | November 10, 2007 | Kitch, Drutchas; Okemos, MI               |  |
|                                | December 8, 2007  | Teleconference                            |  |
|                                | January 12, 2008  | Teleconference                            |  |
| Winter Seminar                 | February 8, 2008  | St. John's Conference Center; Plymouth MI |  |
|                                | March 15, 2008    | Teleconference                            |  |
|                                | April 12, 2008    | Dickinson, Wright; Lansing, MI            |  |
| Summer Educational Conference. | June 27-28, 2008  | Conference Center, Drummond Island        |  |

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#### **General Budget Information:**

For the seven months ending April 30, 2008 the Section had an ending fund balance of \$36,442.36

#### Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

| Event or Seminar Title             | Date             | Location                     |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Annual Meeting                     | June 22, 2007    | Mackinac Island, Michigan    |
|                                    |                  | Grand Hotel                  |
| Annual Winter Conference           | February 8, 2008 | Plymouth, Michigan           |
|                                    |                  | St. John's Conference Center |
| Annual Summer Conference held      | June 27, 2008    | Drummond Island, Michigan    |
| in conjunction with the Michigan   |                  | Drummond Island Conference   |
| Association of Municipal Attorneys |                  | Center                       |

### Other Information:

### PCLS Quarterly

The Section continued publication of the PCLS Quarterly. The Section wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to Tom Schultz, who served as editor, and donated many hours of his time and his talent. His commitment to the production of a first-rate journal has been consistently demonstrated in the issues published during 2007 and 2008, and we know that he will continue the tradition of providing the Section members with relevant information.

## Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan

The work performed by the staff of the State Bar of Michigan, on behalf of the Section, is greatly appreciated. This work included, but is not limited to, financial recordkeeping and payment of invoices, the hosting and updating of the website, the hosting of the listserv and the announce listserv, the publication and distribution of the PCLS Quarterly, the labor required to transition from paper to electronic distribution of the PCLS Quarterly, the inclusion of Section updates in the Michigan Bar Journal, the compilation of materials for seminars, and numerous other contributions that led to a successful year.

#### Future Goals and Activities:

- 1. The continuing purposes of the Section are:
  - a. Study the laws and procedures relating to public law as they relate to the activities of government corporations, agencies, departments and boards, including townships, counties, villages, cities, schools, and charter or special authorities;
    - b. Promote the fair and just administration of public law;
  - c. Study, report on, and recommend necessary legislation;
  - d. Promote the legal education of members of the Bar and the public concerning public law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences, distributing pamphlets and brochures, and preparing, sponsoring and publishing legal writings in the field.
- 2. The Section will continue its efforts to recruit diverse leadership in the Section and also on the Council.
- 3. The Section will continue to produce high quality products that are beneficial for the Section members.

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4. The Section Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, June 27, 2008. The agenda will include the annual election of Council members.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Chair of the Public Corporation Section of the State Bar of Michigan. In my experience, the Section is comprised of exceedingly gifted attorneys, who are able to master several different practice areas. Section members are dedicated public servants who are a credit to the profession, since they are diligent, perseverant, informed, caring, and committed to the pursuit of knowledge. I encourage all members o the Section to increase your involvement in Section activities and to participate in the continuing legal education opportunities.

Jeffrey V.H. Sluggett