INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2002-2003

The following is a summary of the activities of the International Law Section for the association's year 2002 to 2003.

November 5, 2002 Council Meeting. Mr Rem Jethmalani, the former Law Minister of India, spoke on the "Legal and Political Issues Facing Kashmir." Narinder J.S. Kathuria, Section Council Member, was responsible for providing speaker.

January 21, 2003 Council Meeting. Susan Gasparian of Ford Motor Company, and Randolph Wright, Principal, Barry Moorman PC, both Section Council Members, made an excellent presentation on Business Opportunities in Vietnam and other ASEAN member Nations.

March 6, 2003 – International Law Section Program for the SAE World Congress. The topic of the program was "Foreign Companies Doing Business in the U.S.- Michigan." Frederick J. Frank, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, LLP, Section Council Member, was the Program Chair. The speakers were: Michael Domanski, Senior Tax Manager, KPMG LLP, Lois Elizabeth Bingham, Associate General Counsel, R. L. Polk & Co. and Clara DeMatteis Mager, Butzel Long PC.

April 29, 2003 Council Meeting. The meeting was held in Ann Arbor at the School of Social Work Building, in the International Institute. Professor Ken Kollman, Director, European Union Center, and Professor of Political Science was the guest speaker. He spoke on the European Union.

May 14, 2003 World Trade Week Presentation on International Commercial Dispute Resolution. This event was held at the Ford Conference Center, Deaborn, Michigan, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Randolph M. Wright was the Program Chair. The panel consisted of Randolph M. Wright, Berry Moorman, P.C., Moderator; Julia Ya Qin, Assistant Professor of Wayne State University Law School; Jerome Hill, Butzel Long, P.C; Elena V. Helmer, Adjunct Professor, University of Michigan Law School; and Mary A. Bedikian, Professor, Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law, and Director of the University's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.

June 10, 2003 – Council Meeting/Strategic Planning Session. This event was held at the DAC to discuss future programs and direction of the Section..

September 11, 2003 – Section Annual Meeting. Jan Rewers McMillan, Chair-Elect, is working on the program for the Annual Meeting.

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