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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name: Administrative & Regulatory Law**

**Mission Statement: The Administrative & Regulatory Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the State Bar of Michigan website, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter.**

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail
Chair	Jon P. Christinidis	DTE Energy 1 Energy Plaza 688 WCB Detroit, MI 48226	(313) 235-7706	christinidisj@dteenergy.com
Chair-Elect	Michael Matheson	Loomis Ewert Parsley Davis & Gotting PC 124 W. Allegan St. Ste. 700 Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 482-2400	mfmatheson@loomislaw.com
Secretary	Christine Mason Soneral	ITC Holdings Corp. 27175 Energy Way Novi, MI 48377	(248) 946-3553	csoneral@itctransco.com
Treasurer	Michael S. Ashton	Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap PC 124 W. Allegan St. Ste. 1000 Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 482-5800	mashton@fraserlawfirm.com

Member	Term	Member	Term
Kimberly A. Breitmeyer	9/30/2013	Richard J. Aaron	9/30/2015
Mark J. Burzych	9/30/2013	Jon P. Christinidis	9/30/2015
Gary P. Gordon	9/30/2013	Timothy J. Lundgren	9/30/2015
Christopher LaGrand	9/30/2013	Michael F. Matheson	9/30/2015
Michael S. Ashton	9/30/2014		
J. Patrick Howe	9/30/2014		

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Christine Mason-Sonerl	9/30/2014		
Michael J. Watzl	9/30/2014		

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	September 20, 2012	Grand Rapids
Monthly Council Meeting	October 17, 2012	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	November 15, 2012	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	December 14, 2012	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	January 15, 2013	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	February 21, 2013	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	March 25, 2013	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	May 15, 2013	Lansing

**General Budget Information:** As of April 30, 2013, the Section's ending fund balance was **\$43,763.06.**

**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 - Office of Regulatory Reform Speakers	September 20, 2012	Grand Rapids
Joint Ad Law/Tax Section Luncheon – Tax Tribunal Speakers	December 14, 2012	Lansing
Liquor Control Commission Luncheon – LCC Speakers	March 25, 2013	Lansing
MPSC Commissioner Luncheon -Commissioners/Governor Energy Policy Advisor Speakers	May 15, 2013	Lansing



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**Legislative Issues:** The Section continually monitors pending legislation and rulemaking and acts consistent with the apparent interests of the Section when appropriate. Pending legislation and rulemaking of likely interest to the Section is analyzed in the *Administrative Law Journal*.

**Recommendations for Next Council:** The Section's Energy Subcommittee (co-chaired by Jon P. Christinidis and Christine Mason-Sonerl) is in the process of developing an Energy Law Luncheon Series designed to provide periodic opportunities to discuss and debate current energy law issues with seasoned practitioners in a less formal setting than the Section's well-regarded networking Luncheons. The Section looks forward to testing the concept in the coming Section Year.

**Other Information:** The Section Council approved the Bylaw changes identified in the 2011-2012 Annual Report at the September 20, 2012 Annual Meeting. Those changes will make it easier to achieve a quorum at Annual Meetings, permit certain officers to serve for more than one year, allow for the use of modern modes of communication (eg. e-mail), increase flexibility in the appointment of editors for the *Administrative Law Journal* and add the Energy and Alcoholic Beverage and Hospitality standing subcommittees.

**Reports must be submitted by May 31, 2013, to:**

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** Agricultural Law Section

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Agricultural Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among members engaged in the practice of law serving agricultural clients, with the goal of improving the practice of agricultural law in Michigan.

**Section Membership:**

As of May 31, 2013, 132 members have joined the Section, which is still in its first year.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officers and Council members were elected during the January 23, 2013 Organizational Meeting, held at the State Bar of Michigan in Lansing, Michigan. 49 attorneys attended the organizational meeting. The Section's Bylaws were also adopted during the Organizational Meeting and are attached as Exhibit A.

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail
Chair	Liza C. Moore P72240	313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 371- 8281	lmoore@fosterswift.com
Chair-Elect	Kristiana M. Coutu P71769	251 North Rose Street, 4th Floor Kalamazoo, MI 49007	(269) 553- 3547	kmcoutu@varnumlaw.com
Secretary	Trent C. Hilding P68189	6824 E. Lake Montcalm Rd. Edmore, MI 48829	(989) 427- 3436	hildingagservices@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Michael J. Fraleigh P36615	6200 Pine Hollow Drive, Suite 200 East Lansing, MI 48823	(800) 928- 0034	mike.fraleigh@fraleighlaw.com

Council Member	Term
Liza C. Moore P72240	2012-2013
Kristiana M. Coutu P71769	2012-2013
Trent C. Hilding P68189	2012-2013

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Council Member	Term
Michael J. Fraleigh P36615	2012-2013
Jeff G. Haarer P42386	2012-2014
Todd W. Hoppe P67723	2012-2014
Laura E. Volkman P71882	2012-2014
Brion B. Doyle P67870	2012-2013
John R. Dresser P35161	2012-2013
Allison L. Eicher P75385	2012-2013

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Section Organizational Meeting	January 23, 2013	State Bar of Michigan Lansing, MI
Council Conference Call	March 8, 2013	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	April 10, 2013	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	May 15, 2013	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	June 19, 2013	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	July 17, 2013	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	August 21, 2013	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	September 11, 2013	Conference Call *May be in-person. TBD
Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing Center Lansing, MI

The Agendas for the March-June 2013 Council Meetings are attached as Exhibit B.

**Committees:**

The Council created the following Committees, set a goal for each Committee, and asked each Committee to draft a Plan and appoint a chairperson.

Committee Name	Chairperson
Publication Committee	Sally Babbitt P62120
Program Committee	Matthew Johnson P64772
Food Committee	Kurt Brauer P54061
Legislative Committee	Cindy Rhodes Victor P33613

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The completed Committee Plans for the Program Committee, Publication Committee, and Food Committee, and framework for the Legislative Committee Plan, are attached as Exhibit C.

**General Budget Information:**

As of May 31, 2013, the Section's Year-to-Date Revenue was \$3,275. As of May 31, 2013, the Section's Year-to-Date Expenses have been \$598.25. Because the Section is still developing its programs, publications, and meetings (which will be held this summer and fall), the budget is still developing. The Annual Meeting and Program will use some Section funds. The Discussion Listserv through The Modern Firm uses some Section funds.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Meeting and Program	September 19, 2013	Lansing Center Lansing, MI

The Schedule for the Annual Meeting and Program is attached as Exhibit D.

The Section's Committees are planning to (1) hold lunch-and-learn sessions this summer across the state, and (2) publish some articles online this summer. These activities are still being developed.

Many Section members have joined a LinkedIn group for the Section, which is a free way to share information with members. The Section recently started a Discussion Listserv through The Modern Firm.

**Recommendations for Next Council:**

This year the Council worked to set the groundwork for the new Section. The Council determined that a LinkedIn group and Discussion Listserv would help members and established those fora for discussion. The Council created four Committees: Program, Publication, Food, and Legislative. The Council charged those four Committees with a specific goal, and asked the Committees to create a Committee Plan and appoint a Committee chairperson. The Committees have been working to accomplish the goal for this year. The Council worked to obtain speakers for the Annual Meeting and Program that would be of interest and benefit to the members.

The next Council should build on the framework for the Section developed this year. The next Council should encourage use of the LinkedIn group and Listserv to share information among members. The next Council should work with the Program Committee to hold more lunch-and-learn sessions across the state to encourage member communication. It would be worthwhile to consider programs held in conjunction with other Sections, as well as programs held in conjunction with tours of agricultural facilities. The next Council should work with the Publication Committee to have regularly scheduled publications. The next Council should hold a program at the annual meeting that responds to member interest and provides useful information.

# **EXHIBIT A**

**BYLAWS OF THE AGRICULTURAL LAW SECTION  
OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND PURPOSES**

**Section 1.** The Section shall be known as the Agricultural Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

**Section 2.** The purposes of the Section shall be:

- (a) to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among members engaged in the practice of law servicing agricultural clients, with a view to:
  - (i) improve the practice of agricultural law,
  - (ii) study the principles, regulations, statutes, and legal developments that affect the agricultural community, and to
  - (iii) improve the quality of legal services provided to the agricultural community.
- (b) to serve as a forum and vehicle for the dissemination of specialized knowledge to practitioners engaged in the practice of law in this area by fostering networking and communications among members.
- (c) to coordinate its activities with those of other sections of the State Bar of Michigan whose activities and practice areas are complementary to those of this Section.

To accomplish these goals, the Agricultural Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan will sponsor meetings and conferences of educational value and support the publication of articles that relate to the purposes of the Section.

**ARTICLE II  
MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Any active member of the State Bar of Michigan, upon request to the State Bar of Michigan and upon payment of dues for the current year, shall be enrolled as a member of this Section. Membership dues shall be established by the Council and shall be payable in advance each fiscal year beginning on the first day of October of each year. The Council may set lower annual membership dues for Law Students and Affiliate Members than it sets for the rest of the membership. Any member of the Section whose annual dues shall be more than six (6) months past due shall automatically cease to be a member of the Section.

**Section 2.** Members so enrolled as active members of the State Bar of Michigan and whose dues are so paid shall constitute the regular membership of this Section. All references in these Bylaws to "members" shall relate and be limited to active members so enrolled. In addition, members of the Law Student Section of the State Bar of Michigan may, subject to any rules of the State Bar of Michigan, become student members of the Section upon payment to the State Bar of Michigan of annual dues, if any, in an amount established by the Council in accordance with Section 1 above. Student members shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible to hold office in the Section; however, student members shall be encouraged to participate in the work and activities of the committees of this Section as determined by the Chairperson then in office and shall be entitled to all other privileges accorded to Section members by the Section.

**Section 3.** Unless otherwise determined by the Council and reported to the State Bar of Michigan in writing, newly admitted members of the State Bar of Michigan shall upon application be considered members of the Section until the end of the first full fiscal year of the State Bar of Michigan following the year of their admission to practice and shall not be required to pay dues until after that time.

**Section 4.** An active member of the State Bar of Michigan who has attained the age of seventy (70) years does not have to pay annual dues provided, however, that application for membership in the Section shall be made annually in writing.

### **ARTICLE III ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**Section 1.** The organizational meeting of the Section shall be held during the period of January 1-31, 2013 at a time and place to be determined by the Acting Chairperson hereafter appointed.

**Section 2.** The Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan hereby appoints Liza C. Moore (P72240) as Acting Chairperson of the proposed Section, to serve in this capacity until the Bylaws of the Section are approved and the Council and Officers of the Section are duly elected as hereinafter provided.

**Section 3.** All active members of the State Bar of Michigan who have applied for membership in the Section and have paid dues or have otherwise qualified under Article III by November 19, 2012 shall receive written notice of the time and place of the organizational meeting and shall be eligible to vote at the meeting.

**Section 4.** Voting at the organizational meeting shall be in person and not by proxy.

**Section 5.** At the organizational meeting, the members shall elect six (6) members to serve as the first Council, and shall elect the 4 officers of the Section. A majority of those present and voting at the organizational meeting shall be sufficient to elect the first Council. The terms of one-half of the six (6) members of the Council elected at the organizational meeting shall be for one (1) year and the terms of the other half shall be for two (2) years.

**ARTICLE IV  
ELECTION OF COUNCIL**

- Section 1.** The Council of the Section shall have ten (10) members, consisting of
- (a) the officers, ex officio, elected pursuant to Article V and
  - (b) six (6) members elected to two (2) year terms by the membership of the Section at the annual meeting.

**Section 2.** No member of the Council who has served for more than four (4) consecutive full 2-year terms shall be eligible for membership on the Council until at least one (1) year has elapsed.

**Section 3.** If any elected or ex officio member of the Council shall fail to attend three (3) successive meetings of the Council, the Council may declare the position vacant. If a position of the Council becomes vacant for any reason during the term of a member, including resignation or the inability to perform the duties of the position, the remaining members of the Council shall select a replacement, who shall succeed to the position.

**Section 4.** Prior to the annual meeting, the Chairperson shall appoint a nominating committee to propose nominations for the positions of Officers and members of the Council for election at the annual meeting. Other nominations may be made by members present at the annual meeting.

**Section 5.** Election of the Council shall be by voice vote of the members of the Section present at the annual meeting, unless voting by written ballot is requested and approved by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting or the outcome of the election by voice vote is indeterminable in which case voting by written ballot shall be required. The members of the Section present at the annual meeting of the Section constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and the action of the majority of the quorum constitutes action of the Section.

**ARTICLE V  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the Section shall consist of the following, elected by the members at the annual meeting:

- (a) a Chairperson,
- (b) a Chairperson-Elect,
- (c) a Secretary, and
- (d) a Treasurer.



**Section 2.** If any office becomes vacant during the period between annual meetings, the Council may select a replacement, who shall succeed to the full duties and responsibilities of the office.

**Section 3.** Subject to the approval of the members at the annual meeting, it is anticipated that the Chairperson-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chairperson.

**Section 4.** Elections of the Officers shall be by voice vote of the members of the Section present at the annual meeting, unless voting by written ballot is requested and approved by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting or the outcome of the election by voice vote is indeterminable in which case voting by written ballot shall be required. The members of the Section present at the annual meeting of the Section constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and the action of the majority of the quorum constitutes action of the Section.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** Chairperson. The Chairperson shall

- (a) Preside at all meetings of the Council,
- (b) Prepare and present at each annual meeting of the Section a report of the activities of the Section for the preceding year,
- (c) Appoint the chairpersons and members of the committees of the Section, and
- (d) Perform such other duties as are customarily associated with the office of chairperson, or as assigned by the Council.

**Section 2.** Chairperson-Elect. The Chairperson-Elect shall

- (a) Preside at all meetings of the Council in the absence of the Chairperson,
- (b) Assume and perform the duties of the Chairperson during the disability of or after the death or resignation of the Chairperson, and
- (c) Be responsible for the development and presentation of an educational program at the annual meeting.

**Section 3.** Secretary. The Secretary shall

- (a) Be the custodian of the books and records of the Section, apart from the financial documents,

- (b) Keep a record of the annual meeting of the Section, and the meetings of the Council, and
- (c) Preside at the meetings of the Council in the absence of the Chairperson and the Chairperson-Elect.

**Section 4.** Treasurer. The Treasurer shall

- (a) Keep a record of the money received and disbursed, and present a report at each meeting of the Council,
- (b) Present a financial report to the members at the annual meeting,
- (c) Prepare and present a proposed budget for the consideration of the Council, and
- (d) Preside at the meetings of the Council in the absence of the Chairperson, the Chairperson-Elect, and the Secretary.

**ARTICLE VII  
DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Section 1.** The Council shall

- (a) Have general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section subject to the Supreme Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan and the Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan and the Bylaws of the Section,
- (b) During the interim between meetings of the Section, have full power to do and perform all acts and functions, which the Section itself might do or perform,
- (c) Authorize all commitments or contracts, and shall authorize or approve the expenditure of all monies, and
- (d) Formulate and state the position of the Council on any matters relating to the Section's purposes.

**Section 2.** A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A vote of the majority of those Council members present and voting shall be required for action by the Council.

**Section 3.** Between scheduled meetings of Council, the Chairperson of the Section may, and on the request of any member of the Council, shall

- (a) Schedule and convene a special meeting of the Council, or

- (b) When the calling of a formal Council meeting is not practical, submit in writing to each member of the Council any proposition on which the Council may be authorized to act. Members of the Council may vote on such proposition by communicating their vote to the Secretary by any prompt or convenient means. The Secretary shall retain a record of the proposition submitted, when, how, at whose request submitted, and the vote of each member thereon.

## **ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Membership of committees is open to any member of the Section. Officers and Council members may also serve on and act as chairpersons of committees. The Council shall determine the number of members of each committee.

**Section 2.** In addition to the committees described below, the Council may from time to time create any ad hoc or permanent committees that it considers necessary to further the purposes of the Section.

**Section 3.** Food Committee. The Food Committee shall be responsible for monitoring the status of and developments in the law pertaining to the laws regarding Food.

**Section 4.** Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for promoting membership in the Section among members of the State Bar of Michigan.

**Section 5.** Program Committee. The Program Committee shall be responsible for the planning and presentations of educational programs.

**Section 6.** Publication Committee. The Publication Committee shall be responsible for the preparation and publication of newsletters to be distributed to the members.

## **ARTICLE IX MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The Council shall meet not less than quarterly. A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. A majority of those present and voting shall be sufficient to take action on any matter before the Council. Members may attend in person or by telephone.

**Section 2.** The annual meeting of the Section shall take place during and in the same venue as the annual meeting of the State Bar of Michigan. The members of the Section present at any annual meeting or special meeting of the Section constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and the action of the majority of the quorum constitutes action of the Section.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the Council or Section may be called by the Chairperson.

**ARTICLE X  
MISCELLANEOUS**

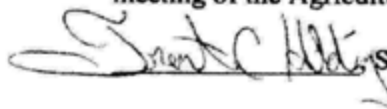
- Section 1.** The fiscal year of the Section shall be the same as that of the State Bar of Michigan.
- Section 2.** All bills incurred by the Section, before being forwarded to the Treasurer or to the Executive Secretary of the State Bar of Michigan for payment, shall be approved by the Chairperson or by the Treasurer, or, if the Council shall direct, by both of them.
- Section 3.** No salary or compensation shall be paid for serving as a Section officer, member of the Council, or member of any committee.
- Section 4.** Any action of this Section must be approved by the Representative Assembly or the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan before the same becomes effective as the action of the State Bar of Michigan. Reports or recommendations of this Section or its committees may be released, announced, or published only as provided in the Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan, Article VIII and Article IX.

**ARTICLE XI  
AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1.** Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by a majority vote of the Council, or by a petition signed by not less than five (5) members of the Section. The Council shall cause a complete and accurate text of the proposed amendments to be published in the *Michigan Bar Journal* or otherwise communicated to members of the Section not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting.
- Section 2.** Proposed Amendments shall be submitted to the membership at that annual meeting and shall be adopted upon a majority vote of those members present and voting.
- Section 3.** No amendment so adopted shall become effective until approved by the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan.

**CERTIFICATION**

Trent C. Hilding, Secretary of the Agricultural Law Section, certifies that these bylaws were adopted by a majority vote of the members, a quorum being present, at the organizational meeting of the Agricultural Law Section, held on January 23, 2013.

 Secretary

# **EXHIBIT B**

# MEMO

**FOSTER SWIFT**  
FOSTER SWIFT COLLINS & SMITH PC | ATTORNEYS

**TO:** Agricultural Law Section Council  
**FROM:** Liza Moore  
**DATE:** February 27, 2013  
**RE:** Agenda for March 8, 2013 Council Conference Call

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## CALL TO ORDER

### BUSINESS

#### 1. Financial Overview

Please find the attached financial information for our Section. I am sharing this information so you have an idea of the financial resources immediately available to us when you are considering future Section work.

Additional information about how bills are paid by the Section, etc. is available online at <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/FAQ.cfm> Note that the State Bar of Michigan charges for various services. Please see the following links for more information about those fees:

[Services Contact Sheet](#)  
[Core Services at No Charge](#)  
[Enhanced Services](#)  
[Additional Services Cost](#)

#### 2. Committees

Please let me know your thoughts on committee work. What the Bylaws (See Article VIII) say about committees:

Section 1. Membership of committees is open to any member of the Section. Officers and Council members may also serve on and act as chairpersons of committees. The Council shall determine the number of members of each committee.

Section 2. In addition to the committees described below, the Council may from time to time create any ad hoc or permanent committees that it considers necessary to further the purposes of the Section.

Section 3. Food Committee. The Food Committee shall be responsible for monitoring the status of and developments in the law pertaining to the laws regarding Food.

Section 4. Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for promoting membership in the Section among members of the State Bar of Michigan.

Section 5. Program Committee. The Program Committee shall be responsible for the planning and presentations of educational programs.

Section 6. Publication Committee. The Publication Committee shall be responsible for the preparation and publication of newsletters to be distributed to the members.

This list of committees is flexible. We had to identify some committees when we drafted the bylaws.

Who has expressed interest in committee work so far (in no particular order):

Mark Kellogg; Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, PC

Mary Ligon; Wez Ligon, Attorney at Law PLC

Robert Pineau; Kerr Russell & Weber, PLC

Cindy Rhodes Victor; The Victor Firm PLLC

Donna Mallonee; Heritage Legal Services PLLC

Sally Babbitt; Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices PLLC (*newsletter*)

Kurt Brauer Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (*would like to liason with the Environmental Law Section*)

Matt Johnson; Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

Kate Redman; Olson Bzdok & Howard PC

Clayton Johnson; Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner PLC

Hon. Jim Erhart; 90<sup>th</sup> District Judge (*emailed that he wanted to be kept updated*)

Sarah Harwood; Abbott Nicholson PC

Wendy Walker-Dyes; Faegre Baker Daniels LLP

Kurt Olson; Olson Law Office

James Shek; James Shek Attorney At Law (*said he reserved the Lakeshore-Ciao event center in South Haven for dates other than July 4 or Blueberry Festival weekend*)

Keith McEvoy; Gielow Groom Terpstra & McEvoy

Jacqueline Hand; University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (*Urban Farming*)

### **3. LinkedIn**

I had Samantha Meinke create this group as a cost-effective and easy way to share information with membership. If you intend to join the group, please do so by the date of our March meeting. At that point, we will invite all members of the section to join. Please share your ideas for discussions on the group.

### **4. Listserv**

Some of you and several members have expressed interest in a Listserv. Below are links to State Bar information about ListServs and social media. Note that Listservs have monthly fees and several options are available. We will need to discuss which options are best for our Section.

[Social Networking Policy PDF](#)  
[Communication Division Services](#)  
[Listserv Information PDF](#)  
[List of Lists](#)  
[General Information/Help](#)  
[User Guide](#)  
[Owner & Moderator Guide](#)

## **5. Newsletter**

Are you interested in the Section developing a Quarterly newsletter?

## **6. Program**

Are you interested in the Section holding programs in addition to the program we committed to do at the Annual Meeting in September (likely Thursday, September 19, 2013 in the morning)?

## **5. Other Discussion**

Other topics you would like to discuss today?

## **6. Next Conference Call**

Let's set a date for our next conference call and identify follow-up actions that need to be taken prior to that call.

## **ADJOURN**



# MEMO

**FOSTER SWIFT**  
FOSTER SWIFT COLLINS & SMITH PC || ATTORNEYS

**TO:** Agricultural Law Section Council  
**FROM:** Liza Moore  
**DATE:** April 9, 2013  
**RE:** Agenda for April 10, 2013 Council Conference Call

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## CALL TO ORDER

### BUSINESS

#### 1. Annual Meeting and Program

On Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Agricultural Law Section will hold its annual meeting and a program as part of the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Let's discuss moving forward with the program speakers this month. My ideas: State of Agriculture featuring industry and government speaker(s); How Agricultural Experts Help Attorneys and Clients featuring industry experts; and Panel Discussion featuring Section attorneys for a legal issue or two.

#### 2. Committees

I have a list of attorneys who are interested in the food, program, publication and legislative committees. This week or next, I would like to charge those individuals with some tasks for the committees. Let's discuss what we expect those committees to accomplish. My ideas for potential goals:

Publication: Summer newsletter/article series published online through the Section's Listserv/LinkedIn/State Bar website.

Program: Summer roundtable lunch and learn sessions at several locations throughout the state.

Legislative: Summer publication or roundtable event.

Food: Summer publication or roundtable event.

#### 3. Update on Listserv and LinkedIn

As you know, I asked the State Bar to approve The Modern Firm's quote. I received approval today and sent an email to Brendan Chard asking him to set up the list. Hopefully the list will be up and running very soon. 53 attorneys have joined the LinkedIn group. Please feel free to post information to the group (articles, events) that you feel would be relevant to members.

**4. Other Discussion**

Other topics you would like to discuss today?

**5. Next Conference Call**

Let's set a date for our next conference call and identify follow-up actions that need to be taken prior to that call.

**ADJOURN**

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# MEMO

**FOSTER SWIFT**  
FOSTER SWIFT COLLINS & SMITH PC II ATTORNEYS

**TO:** Agricultural Law Section Council  
**FROM:** Liza Moore  
**DATE:** May 15, 2013  
**RE:** Agenda for May 15, 2013 Council Conference Call

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## CALL TO ORDER

### BUSINESS

#### 1. Committees

On April 26, 2013, I charged the committees with setting up an initial conference call, selecting a chairperson, and completing a short plan, which I asked them to complete by May 14. I copied you on the initial emails. Update:

The Program Committee has held a conference call and completed the plan (attached). Matthew Johnson is the chair.

Sarah Harwood organized the Food Committee's conference call. They plan to have another call on May 23, and Ms. Harwood asked committee members to submit ideas to her by May 22. I expect to receive a plan from them soon after.

The Publication Committee will hold their first conference call on May 17. Sally Babbitt and David Skidmore have taken the lead in organizing the call. I expect to receive a plan from them soon after.

Cindy Victor volunteered to organize the Legislative Committee's conference call, but I have not heard from her. I sent her an inquiry today.

#### 2. Update on Listserv and LinkedIn

The Modern Firm finally created the discussion Listserv for the Section. On May 10, 2013, I had the State Bar of Michigan send an e-blast to all members of the Section with email addresses inviting them to join. I also posted the information to the Section LinkedIn page. In case you missed the message, please click this link <http://groups.michbar.org/wvs/subscribe/aglaw> to subscribe to the listserv. Enter your email address at the prompt and click "submit." I have had to manually approve every member to the list and verify their membership prior to approval. Please advise if you are willing to become a moderator to help with these sorts of tasks. So far, only 41 members (out of our ~130 total members) have joined. The LinkedIn group has about 53 members.

### **3. Annual Meeting and Program**

As we discussed at the last meeting, on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Agricultural Law Section will hold its annual meeting and a program as part of the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Let's discuss the program speakers again briefly.

### **4. Other Discussion**

Other topics you would like to discuss today?

I posted this to the LinkedIn page, but as an fyi, the Iowa State University Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation will be holding a Summer Seminar on June 13-14 in Traverse City, Michigan. For more information and to register, please visit:

<http://www.calt.iastate.edu/summer2013michigan.html>

If you are aware of other programs or events that are of interest to members, please share.

### **5. Next Conference Call**

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### **ADJOURN**

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# MEMO

**TO:** Agricultural Law Section Council  
**FROM:** Liza Moore  
**DATE:** June 19, 2013  
**RE:** Agenda for June 19, 2013 Council Conference Call

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## CALL TO ORDER

### BUSINESS

#### 1. Committees

Please find the attached Committee Plans from the Program Committee, the Publication Committee, and the Food Committee. Cindy Victor will be emailing me the Legislative Committee Plan today or tomorrow (per a phone call with her today).

With regard to the Publication Committee, I talked with Sally Babbitt, Sarah Harwood, and Cindy Victor today about the articles. I advised them that the Council had not set firm deadlines for the publication of articles or length of articles; however, as described in the Plan, we expected publication of some articles this summer. Publication will be online on the Section's website and via email to all members. I asked Sally if she wanted an e-blast sent to members soliciting authors; she said no. She said that 3-4 people have volunteered to write articles and she will start with those articles.

I have placed a call to Kurt Brauer regarding the Food Committee and Matt Johnson regarding the Program Committee. With regard to the Legislative Committee, when I talked with Cindy Victor, she said that they would plan to provide Legislative Updates for publication.

*Action Item:* I would like a member of the Council assigned to each Committee. I would like that member to follow-up with the Committee Chairs and provide us with monthly updates.

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#### **Confirmed Speakers:**

##### **Video Greeting (short)**

Senator Stabenow

##### **State of Agriculture (~15-20 minutes)**

James E. Byrum, President, Michigan Agri-Business Association

##### **Session 1-Government's Role and Responsibilities (~45-50 minutes)**

Jim Johnson, Director Environmental Stewardship Division, MDARD

Brad Deacon, Emergency Management/Administrative Law Coordinator, MDARD

Jeff Haarer, Producer Security and Ag Products Manager, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division, MDARD

Christine White, Michigan Executive Director, USDA FSA

##### **Session 2—What an Expert Can Do for You and Your Clients (~45-50 minutes)**

Barb Dartt, GROW the Family Biz

(In discussions with MSU Product Center, an accountant, and MSU Extension)

### **4. Mission Statement**

We need a Mission Statement as part of the Section Annual Report. Let's discuss.

### **5. Amicus Brief Request**

Cindy Victor emailed me a request to have the Council consider an amicus brief regarding one of her cases involving the Right to Farm Act. Let's discuss.

### **6. Next Conference Call**

Let's set a date for our next conference call and identify follow-up actions that need to be taken prior to that call.

### **ADJOURN**

# **EXHIBIT C**

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
AGRICULTURAL LAW SECTION

PROGRAM COMMITTEE PLAN

***Committee Members:***

Allison Eicher;  
Cindy Rhodes Victor;  
Jacqueline Hand;  
Mark Kellogg;  
Todd Hoppe;  
Mary Louisa Ligon; and  
Matthew Johnson (chair)

***Goals:***

- Develop greater interaction and information sharing among members of the Agricultural Law Section through organized roundtable lunch meetings at different locations across Michigan in 2013.
- Develop programs for 2014 to help educate members of the Michigan bar regarding agricultural law.

***Actions Needed to Accomplish Goals:***

- Obtain a list of the members of the Agricultural Law Section and determine geographic location of the members.
- Determine the city or geographic locations for the roundtable discussions.
- Find host sites in those geographic locations for the roundtable discussions.
- Determine the date of for the roundtable discussions.
- Arrange for food and other accommodations for the lunch.
- Develop agenda and broad talking points for the discussions.
- Determine methodology for participants to provide feedback to the Program Committee for future events.

***Dates of Committee Meetings/Conference Calls:***

- Further conference calls to be held as needed. Further correspondence regarding the above objectives to occur via e-mail.



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PUBLICATION COMMITTEE PLAN

Committee Members:

Sally Babbitt: Chair	Robert Pineau
Brian Doyle	Dave Skidmore
Sarah Harwood	
Cindy Rhodes Victor	

Goals:

Prepare articles about agricultural law issues for publication online through the Section's website this summer.

1. Bowman v Monsanto	Cindy
2. EPA Manure Spreading Laws	Sarah
3. Composting Case and Atty fees	Sally
4. 2012 Caselaw update	Dave Skidmore

Actions Needed to Accomplish Goals:

1. Find out deadlines, length, & format for articles
2. Set deadlines for each article
3. Circulate articles to committee for review, edits, & comments

Dates of Committee Meetings/Conference Calls:

TBD when article deadlines are received.

Other:

Completed May 17<sup>th</sup> 2013  
by: Sally Babbitt

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FOOD COMMITTEE PLAN  
(VERY ROUGH DRAFT: May 23, 2013)

Committee Members:

Kurt Brauer (Chair); Sarah Harwood; Mark Kellogg; Kate Redman; Michael Fralieggh; Kurt Olson; Liza Moore (ex officio).

Goals:

1. Prepare two articles each quarter relating to food issues for publication online through the Section's website this summer.
2. Prepare updates on current events as necessary to keep the section informed about current developments. Post to website.
3. Provide an update on food issues at the annual meeting (September 19, 2013).
4. Provide speakers from the Committee to periodic meetings.
5. Provide a report of activities to Council Chair.

Actions Needed to Accomplish Goals:

1. A. Identify the publication schedule, including postings to (Sara Harwood).  
b. Circulate sign-up sheet with publication schedule.  
c. Coordinate with committee to review before publication.
2. a. Review status of legislation and monitor current events (Mike Fralieggh).  
b. Committee Members are encouraged to send information to Mike Fralieggh to coordinate.
3. a. This is an outgrowth of item 2, see above.  
b. Provide written update for distribution at meeting. Prepare list of update items at the annual meeting (Mike Fralieggh/Kurt Brauer).
4. Coordinate with Program Committee to provide speakers/attendees from Committee. (Mark Kellogg)
5. Written report to be prepared. (Kurt Brauer)

Dates of Committee Meetings/Conference Calls:

1. For the first year, monthly conference calls to discuss current issues (Sarah Harwood will coordinate). Last Thursday of the month at 9:00.

Other:

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PLAN

Committee Members:

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Goals:

Prepare some articles about recent legislative action for publication online through the Section's website this summer.

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Actions Needed to Accomplish Goals:

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Dates of Committee Meetings/Conference Calls:

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# **EXHIBIT D**

**Agricultural Law Section Annual Meeting & Program**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 at the LANSING CENTER

**8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**Meeting**

Election of Officers and Council  
Business

**9:30 a.m.**

**Video Greeting**

United States Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

**9:35 a.m. -9:50 a.m.**

**State of Agriculture**

James E. Byrum, President, Michigan Agri-Business Association

**10:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.**

**Session 1 – Government’s Role and Responsibilities**

Jim Johnson, Director, Environmental Stewardship Division,  
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural  
Development

Brad Deacon, Emergency Management/Administrative Law  
Coordinator, Executive Office, Michigan Department of  
Agriculture and Rural Development

Jeff Haarer, Producer Security and Ag Products Manager, Pesticide  
and Plant Pest Management Division, Michigan  
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Christine White, State Executive Director, United States  
Department of Agriculture, Michigan Farm Service Agency

**10:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Session 2 – What an Expert Can Do for You and Your Clients**

Barb Dartt, GROW: The Family Business Advisors

E. Lynn Pohl, Boge, Wybenga & Bradley, P.C.

Dennis Stein, Saginaw Valley District Farm Management  
Educator, Michigan State University Extension

William Knudson, Product Marketing Economist, Michigan State  
University Product Center for Agriculture and Natural  
Resources

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
ADR SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name: Alternative Dispute Resolution**

**Mission Statement:** The Alternative Dispute Resolution Section provides members of the State Bar of Michigan and the general public with creative leadership in the dispute resolution field. The Section fosters diversity in the profession; develops and offers educational programs; promotes access to dispute resolution alternatives; monitors legislative and judicial activity; and provides policy guidance, information, and technical assistance on ethical issues, dispute resolution techniques, and training design. The Section produces publications which promote wider use and excellence in the provision of alternative problem-solving techniques and dispute resolution services. The Section's Purpose Statement appears in Section 2 of its Bylaws.

Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan. Affiliate status is open to any individual with an interest in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

**Membership:** The Section currently has 780 members with various backgrounds.

**Officers and Council Members:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>
Chair	Robert E. Lee Wright P32279	77 Monroe Center St. NW, Suite 507 Grand Rapids, MI 49503	616-682-7000	bob@thepeacetalks.com
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Treasurer	Anne L. Buckleitner P59832	4250 Chicago Dr. SW, Suite B Grandville, MI 49418	616-667-2217	alb@smietankalaw.com
Immediate Past Chair	A. David Baumhart, III P10559	2040 Post House Court Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304	248-338-8848	dave@adradvantages.com

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term</b>
Richard Morley Barron	2013	Lawrence R. Abramczyk	2014
Kevin S. Hendrick	2013	Nina Dodge Abrams	2014
Brian A. Pappas	2013	Joseph C. Basta	2014
Phillip A. Schaedler	2013	Alan M. Kanter	2014
Marc M. Stanley	2013	Michael G. Nowakowski	2014
Sheldon J. Stark	2013	Steven J. Tressider	2014
Zena Zumeta	2013	Martin C. Weisman	2014
Earlene Baggett-Hayes	2015		
Anne L Buckleitner	2015	Lee Hornberger	2015
William J. Caprathe	2015	David M. Lick	2015
Donald J. Gasiorek	2015	Celeste S. McDemott	2015

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**Council Meeting Schedule (open to all Section members):**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting & Conference	10/5-6/12	East Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	11/9/12	SBM, Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	1/11/13	SBM, Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	3/8/13	SBM, Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	5/10/13	SBM, Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	7/12/13	SBM, Lansing, MI
Annual Meeting & Conference	9/27-28/13	Kingsley Inn Bloomfield Hills, MI
Regular Council Meeting	11/8/13 @ 9:30-1:30	SBM, Lansing, MI

**General Budget Information:**

	<b>2011-2012</b> <u>(actual)</u>	<b>2012-2013</b> <u>(*estimated)</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$33,311	\$37,000*
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
CONSULTING	\$18,000	\$12,000
LISTSERV (\$45/MONTH)	\$520	\$540
ANDRI	\$6,000	\$3,500
MEETINGS (CATERING @ \$175/MTG)	\$1,200	\$1,800*
ANNUAL MEETING (gifts & printing only in 2011-12)	\$750	\$6,300*
TRAVEL	\$750	\$500*
TELEPHONE	\$815	\$445*
NEWSLETTER (3 ISSUES in 2011-12)	\$4,250	\$4,125*
MISCELLANEOUS	\$100	\$150*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,385</b>	<b>\$29,360</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,020</b>	<b>\$7,640</b>

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
ADR Section Annual Meeting & Conference	10/5-6/2012	MSU School of Law & Candlewood Suites East Lansing, Michigan
Advanced Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Institute (ICLE)	03/21/2013	Inn at St. Johns Plymouth, Michigan
ADR Section Annual Meeting & Conference	9/27-28/2013	Kingsley Inn Bloomfield Hills, MI

## STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN ADR SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

### Legislative issues: Passage of Revised Uniform Arbitration Act

The Section successfully navigated the passage of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act ("RUAA") signed into law in December 2012, with an effective date of July 1, 2013. The Section is now focused on amendments to MCR 3.602, required to conform it to the requirements of the RUAA.

### Publications:

The Section publishes *The ADR Quarterly* and makes copies of past editions freely available on its website: <http://www.michbar.org/adr/newsletter.cfm>.

### Recommendations for next Council:

Follow-up on priorities developed in 2013's strategic planning session:

- A. Create a Michigan ADR Handbook or checklist for mediation
- B. Develop a skills training for arbitrators
- C. Develop public relations vehicle to announce pilot projects and success stories in ADR
- D. Review what other jurisdictions/groups/etc. are doing well
- E. Create sample, model ADR clauses
- F. Increase conversations and relationships with key entities, groups, and organizations, including specialty bars state-wide, targeted non-bar entities, targeted industries (who use ADR and who don't know about ADR), NGO's, LGBTQ community, and community dispute resolution centers

## ADR SECTION ACTION TEAMS & TASK FORCES

The Mission of the Section is accomplished through its Action Teams and Task Forces which consist of:

### Effective Practices and Procedures ("EPP")

Purpose: Improve ADR practices and procedures and review pending or proposed legislation for its impact on ADR. Sample projects in recent past include: spearheading the Section's effort to pass the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act which was signed into law in December 2012, and becomes effective July 1, 2013; offer a mediation program for the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Having successfully navigated the passage of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, the EPP is focusing on obtaining amendments to MCR 3.602, to conform to the requirements of the RUAA; working with the special "task force" established at the 2013 ADR Section Council's Strategic Planning Session for the establishment of a basic training program for arbitrators; and examining various ways to implement methods to expand diversity in the delivery of ADR services through exploring possible incentives for the recruitment and selection of more diverse ADR providers.

#### 2012-2013 Chair:

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## **Government Task Force**

Purpose: Influence legislation and urge state agencies, local units of government, and private and non-profit partnerships to use ADR methods in all dispute resolution practices.

2012-2013 Chair:

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## **Judicial Access Team (JAT)**

Purpose: Develop and promote programs and activities to promote the increased use of ADR procedures in the state's court system. The team has developed a PowerPoint program for use in presentations showing the benefits of ADR techniques.

2012-2013 Chair:

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## **Membership**

Purpose: Develop policies and programs for increasing the membership of the Section, including programs to meet the need of the Section's members.

2012-2013 Chair:

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## **Nominating**

Purpose: recruit and propose attorneys for membership on the ADR Council as well as participation in the various Section Action Teams. Nominate recipients for the various awards presented annually by the Section.

2012-2013 Chair:

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## **Publications**

Purpose: produce Section newsletter as well as other media communications for the Section and its members, such as communication via the Section's listserv. The ADR Section produces *The ADR Quarterly*. The *Quarterly* explores various viewpoints in the field of alternative dispute resolution. Since May 2012, the ADR Section has published three *Quarterlies*: August 2012, October 2012, and May 2013. (Another *Quarterly* is planned for August 2013 and will be the first eco-friendly, all-electronic version.) *Quarterly* articles cover a wide range of ADR topics, such as discovery in commercial arbitration, avoiding the appearance of mediator-arbitrator impropriety, the advantages of mediation, Special Masters under the Michigan Court Rules, and Sixth Circuit case law concerning delayed arbitration.

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At the ADR Section Annual Meeting on October 5, 2012, Eugene Driker was presented with the Section's Distinguished Service Award, to honor his significant contributions in the field of dispute resolution. Mr. Driker's insightful comments in accepting this Award were published in the October 2012 edition of the *Quarterly*. Mr. Driker concluded with this pithy comment: "Edmund Burke, the famous political philosopher, observed that 'all government, indeed every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue, and every prudent act, is founded on compromise and barter.'"

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### 2012-2013 Chair:

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### **Section to Section**

Purpose: explore collaborative opportunities with other State Bar sections to further the knowledge and appreciation for the use of ADR techniques. This can include joint educational programs, joint lobbying efforts, exchange of newsletter articles, etc. Over the past year, Section to Section has presented at several meetings of other sections of the State Bar, including the Children's Law, Insurance & Indemnity Law, Workers' Compensation, Young Lawyers' sections.

### 2012-2013 Chair:

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### **Skills**

Purpose: develop and promote programs and activities to improve the skills of ADR practitioners. These activities often include educational programs.

### 2012-2013 Co-Chairs:

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Individual Team contributions to this report include the following:

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## REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE

Over the past year, the Government Task Force has worked with state and local government officials to expand the use of alternative dispute resolution methods to resolve disputes and facilitate constructive discussions of public policy issues. The methodology of the Task Force is to work with specific representatives in government to identify discreet projects to demonstrate the efficacy of alternative processes.

### State Government

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL TRAININGS

We authored and revised a report of findings from negotiation and mediation trainings of Assistant Attorney Generals in the Lansing and Detroit offices conducted in 2012 at the request of the Michigan Attorney General. Armed with a wealth of information about current attitudes and potential barriers regarding ADR, we will be meeting with the Attorney General's leadership team to determine next steps. We will also approach other state agencies to explore opportunities for providing information and training about dispute resolution services.

#### GOVERNOR SNYDER

With Dispute Resolution Education Resources (DRER), the task force is collaborating on approaching Governor Snyder to encourage greater use of conflict resolution methods throughout state government. DRER commissioned Public Sector Consultants to produce a report on the benefits of mediation for state government which will be used in meetings with the Governor's office.

### Local Government

#### CITY OF INKSTER

A team of task force members (Earlene R. Baggett-Hayes, Daniel J. Cherrin, Jon H. Kingsepp, Celeste S. McDermott and Antoinette R. Raheem) are working with officials from the City of Inkster to facilitate the creation of a community and economic development plan for the City. Dubbed, "Reinvent Inkster," the Mayor announced the project in his State of the City message. Next steps include defining goals and establishing a process to guide the effort.

#### ANN ARBOR TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Daniel J. Cherrin and Brian A. Pappas are facilitating meetings of the Ann Arbor Transit Authority and the elected local leaders of Washtenaw County. The goal is to determine a direction for urban core transit, an ongoing funding mechanism, and a governance structure.

**Members:** Nina Abrams, Richard Figura, David Gruber, Charles Judson, Jon Kingsepp, Earlene Baggett-Hayes, David Baumhart, Dan Cherrin, Donna Craig, Paula Manis, Christine Derdarian, Jenna McGrath, Richard Hooker, Melissa Matiash, Deborah Johnston Savoie, Phil Schaedler, Doug VanEpps, Nancy Wonch, and Bob Wright.

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## REPORT OF THE SKILLS ACTION TEAM ("SAT")

**Co-Chairs:** Zena Zumeta and Barbara Johannessen

**Members of the SAT:**

Lawrence Abramczyk, Laura Athens, Earlene Baggett-Hayes, Joseph Basta, Susan Butterwick, Barbara Johannessen, Celeste McDermott, Brian Pappas, Shel Stark, Betty Widgeon, Marty Weisman, Bob Wright, Zena Zumeta

**Efforts of the SAT in 2012-2013:**

2012 Annual Meeting & Conference: In October 2012, the SAT completed preparations for and delivery of the annual advanced conflict resolution skills conference in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Section. This conference, held at the MSU School of Law, featured Raytheon Rawls presenting on the topics of Dialogue, Consensus Building and Mediating in the Public Arena. Over 50 people registered for the program.

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute (ANDRI 2013): In March 2013, the SAT hosted national presenter, Hon. Janine Geske (retired) for her presentations at ANDRI on restorative justice principles and practice, emotional triggers of neutrals, and use of talking circles in priest child abuse matters.

2013 Annual Meeting & Conference: From January through September the SAT managed the design, preparation, and delivery of the annual advanced conflict resolution skills conference in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Section. The conference will include a diverse array of skills-based programs from a collection of Michigan's best ADR trainers and educators.

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute (ANDRI 2014): From May through August the SAT collaborated with the ICLE in conducting meetings to plan the content of and presenters for ANDRI 2014, including identifying the best use of returning national speaker J. Anderson "Andy" Little.

**In Support of the ADR Section's Strategic Plan:**

Commitment to Diversity: The SAT consistently works to maximize the diversity of presenters for ADR Section sponsored programs and to increase diversity of dispute resolution processes included in ADR Section sponsored programs.

Teleseminars and Webinars: The SAT is investigating how and planning for delivery of short substantive programs (approximately 1 hour) to be made available to Section members/affiliates.

ADR Clauses: The SAT expects to take a leadership role in the critical assessment of ADR clauses being collected by the EPP Action Team, including planning and delivering a substantive program which reviews and analyzes the submitted provisions.

# STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN ADR SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

## Report of the Michigan Mediates! Campaign

### MICHIGAN MEDIATES!: a network, a collaboration, and a public service campaign

Michigan Mediates! is a non-profit, public education campaign designed to inform Michigan citizens and organizations about the benefits of mediation in resolving disputes and managing conflict. Using a collaborative approach and the use of media, a website and other resources, Michigan Mediates! works with non-profit organizations, government agencies, State Bar sections, municipalities, school districts, businesses and the public at large. Hopefully, by working with mediation provider organizations the number of mediations will increase for everyone in the State of Michigan to the benefit of all.

Michigan Mediates! provides information, not mediation service providers or training programs. It is a joint effort of the State Bar of Michigan Alternate Dispute Resolution Section (ADR Section) and the Dispute Resolution Education Resources, Inc. (DRER), using volunteers to manage and guide its efforts. Its funding will come from grants and tax deductible contributions from individuals and businesses. The public will be urged to contact service providers identified with organizations linked on the website, mostly community dispute resolution centers or public referral sources such as bar associations or legal aid agencies. Private mediators will benefit by creating more awareness of mediation among the general public. Names of donors will be listed on a separate donor page and will be listed based on donation levels. Special recognition will be accorded for donations above \$200.

The primary ways we will reach the general public will be via community meetings, public service announcements, the website, [www.michiganmediates.net](http://www.michiganmediates.net), and collaborative efforts with other ADR groups and organizations. The website will include testimonials about the benefits of mediation, listing the various subject areas with articles. It will provide links to national, regional, and local information sites, as well as national, regional and local mediation organizations. Also, it will have a section on "What's New" describing activities around the state such as a successful mediation program and "new events" providing information about training opportunities or mediation organization events.

Anyone interested in helping on this innovative venture should email or call Nina Dodge Abrams, [ninadabrams@abramspc.com](mailto:ninadabrams@abramspc.com) (248) 546-0900 or David Gruber, [resolve@DRER.org](mailto:resolve@DRER.org) (517) 485-2274.

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** Animal Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the Section's area of the State Bar of Michigan website, 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.

**Officers and Council Members:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>
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Treasurer	Brandon Scott	3490 Belle Chase Way, Suite 50 Lansing, MI 48911	(248) 952-8033	brandon.m.scott@gmail.com

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term</b>
Thomas Boven	Ending 2013
Sara Chisnell-Voigt	Ending 2013
Amy Slameka	Ending 2013
Jeffrey Cruz	Ending 2014
Laurie Hrydziuszko	Ending 2014
Sharon Noll Smith	Ending 2014
Jennifer Pierce	Ending 2014
Beatrice Friedlander	Ending 2015
Margo Miller	Ending 2015
Alice Anna Phillips	Ending 2015
Anna Scott	Ex Officio as Immediate Past Chair
Renee Edmondson	Law Student, Cooley Law School, Grand Rapids (Non-voting member)
Christy Lawrence	Law Student, Cooley Law School, Lansing (Non-voting member)

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Teleconference	August 10, 2012	

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In Person Annual Meeting with Teleconference Technology	September 21, 2012	SBM Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids
Teleconference	March 18, 2013	
In Person meeting with Teleconference Technology	May 4, 2013	Canton
Next In Person meeting	July 2013	
Annual Meeting	Sept. 2013	SBM Annual Meeting, Lansing

**General Budget Information:** The Section's financial status is healthy and strong. The Council receives periodic updates and is aware of the expenditures. As of April 30, 2013 (the most recent report available), the section fund balance was \$16, 340.63.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	November 10, 2012	State Bar of Michigan Building, Lansing

**Legislative Issues:** The Animal Law Section took a formal position on six pieces of legislation during the 2012-2013 session.

- HB4300—The Michigan Penal Code, Nonhuman Primates as Pets
- HB4534—An Act to Regulate Pet Shops, Animal Control Shelters, and Animal Protection Shelters
- HB4535—Animal Abuse Offenders Registry
- HB4552—Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act, Designating Species as Game
- SB0048—Large Carnivore Act
- SB0288—Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act, Designate Species as Game

We also supported the Keep Michigan Wolves Protected Petition Drive as noted on the Public Policy portion of the Section's pages of the State Bar of Michigan website.

Public policy reports have been submitted to the State Bar and are available on the Section's pages. Note that positions for HB 4300, HB 4534, and HB 4535 were taken on June 3, 2013 – technically outside of the period of this report which ended on May 31, 2013.

**Recommendations for Next Council:**

- Complete Animal Law theme issue for SBM Monthly Journal by working with SBM Publications Committee. Issue is scheduled for December 2013.
- Seek collaboration with other sections on legislation, programs, conferences, etc.
- Solicit ideas from Section members for Section activities
- Involve more Section members in activities



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- Recognize the contribution the Section can make in terms of legal analysis; continue and expand Legislative Committee, including additional work with legislators in drafting bills, testifying at committee meetings and involvement with other interested parties in the process
- Encourage the further development of the Prosecutor and Litigation Committees
- Continue Legislative Aides Luncheon
- Identify potential recipients and continue Brandi, Sadie, and Wanda Nash awards
- Hold conference in 2014 (after hiatus in 2013) – this is an important way for Section members and others to meet.

**Other Information:**

- Published 1 newsletter (Summer 2012) which is available at the Animal Law Section area of the SBM website
- Attended House/Senate Committee hearings and submitted letters of support
- Assisted various Michigan residents with legal issues involving animals, via our Animal Legal Lifeline at 866-211-6257
- Legislative Committee held teleconferences and meetings to understand and support legislative actions as appropriate, and make recommendations to the Council.

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**Bar Year: 2012 - 2013**

**Section Name:** Appellate Practice Section

**Report Prepared by:** Phillip J. DeRosier

**Mission Statement:** The Appellate Practice Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, its website, 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
Anthony F. Caffrey, III	9/30/2015	Judith A. Curtis	9/30/2015
Larry S. Saylor	9/30/2015	Ronald S. Lederman	9/30/2015
Barbara H. Goldman	9/30/2015	Danielle C. Schoeny	9/30/2015
Graham K. Crabtree	9/30/2013	Lauren DuVal Donofrio	9/30/2013
Noel D. Massie	9/30/2013	Gerald F. Posner	9/30/2013
Beth A. Wittmann	9/30/2013	Geoffrey M. Brown	9/30/2014
Marilena David-Martin	9/30/2014	Stuart G. Friedman	9/30/2014
Gaetan Edward Alain Gerville-Reache	9/30/2014	Elizabeth L. Sokol	9/30/2014
Victor S. Valenti	9/30/2014		
Liisa R. Speaker	Immediate Past Chair	Megan K. Cavanagh	Ex Officio
Christina A. Ginter	Ex Officio	Hon. Michael J. Riordan	Comm. Liaison

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 29, 2012	Farmington Hills
Council Meeting	November 16, 2012	Farmington Hills
Council Meeting	December 21, 2012	Phone meeting
Council Meeting	January 18, 2013	Southfield
Council Meeting	February 15, 2013	Lansing
Council Meeting	March 15, 2013	Detroit
Council Meeting	April 19, 2013	Ann Arbor
Council Meeting	May 10, 2013	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	June 12, 2013	Brighton
Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing

**Section Membership:** 667

**General Budget Information:** YTD through April 2013

<b>Beg. Balance</b>	<b>\$18,946.43</b>
Revenue	\$17,400.00
Expenses	\$12,174.03
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$24,172.40</b>

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Use of Supreme Court Peremptory Orders	January 18, 2013	Southfield
Motion Practice in the Court of Appeals [planned]	September 19, 2013	Lansing

The section also assisted and provided financial support (\$5,000) to the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Foundation for the 2013 Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference, held on April 24, 25, and 26, 2013 in Plymouth. At the conference, the section presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to former Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Clerk Sandra Schultz Mengel.

**Legislative issues:** None.

**Court Rules/Policy Positions:**

**Court Reporter Fees for Certain Services** – Council voted unanimously to send a letter to the Court Reporter and Recorder Board of Review raising concerns about excessive fees being charged by certain court reporters.

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**Comment on ADM File No. 2011-09 – Proposed Revision of Administrative Order 1989-1** – In ADM File No. 2011-09, the Supreme Court proposed to amend Administrative Order No. 1989-1 to add language addressing requests for film or electronic media coverage of court proceedings in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. Council voted unanimously to support the proposed amendment in principle, but with certain revisions to ensure proper notice to the parties and an opportunity to object.

Section council member Liisa Speaker (ex officio) testified in support of ADM File No. 2011-10, concerning the appointment of counsel for indigent defendants in parole appeals.

**The Section is currently working on:**

Proposed amendment to MCR 7.106 and 7.207 to clarify when a cross-appeal is necessary.

Comment on ADM File No. 2011-31 – Proposed Amendment of Rules 7.105, 7.111 and 7.205 of the Michigan Court Rules (the proposed amendment, which the section initiated by a request submitted to the Supreme Court at the end of 2011, would permit filing of a reply brief in support of an application for leave to appeal in the circuit court and Court of Appeals).

Proposed amendment to MCR 7.205 to change the time for filing a delayed appeal from 6 months back to 12 months.

Proposed court rule amendment to address the transcribing of video depositions.

Jurisdictional memo in conjunction with ADM File No. 2011-30 – Proposed amendment of MCR 5.801, 7.102, 7.103, 7.108, and 7.109 to direct that all appeals from probate court be considered by the Court of Appeals instead of some orders being appealed to the Court of Appeals and other orders being appealed to the circuit court.

Proposed amendment to MCR 7.202 and 7.203 (final order rule in domestic relations cases).

**Other:**

Council sent a representative to the April 27, 2013 meeting of the State Bar Representative Assembly to report on the proposed resolution to amend the Michigan Constitution to delete the prohibition on being appointed or elected to judicial office after age 70, as well as a presentation by former Justice Marilyn Kelly on the April 2012 Michigan Judicial Selection Task Force Report on selecting justices.

The section continued its financial support of the Michigan Historical Society.

Council reviewed and discussed several proposed court rule amendments, but determined not to offer comment. Those proposals included:

ADM File No. 2013-12 – Proposed amendment of MCR 7.313 to clarify that a decision whether to grant rehearing in the Supreme Court should be made consistent with the standards contained in MCR 2.119(F)(3).

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ADM File No. 2012-28 – Proposed amendment of MCR 7.203 to codify the prohibition in 2012 PA 333 that an order assigning a case to the business court may not be appealed.

SB 0236 – Civil procedure, costs and fees; Law, sunset. Civil Procedure; costs and fees; fee for publication of legal notice; eliminate sunset for annual increases for inflation.

**Committee Reports:**

**Michigan Court Practice** - The Michigan Court Practice Committee was involved in attempting to increase the amount of notice of oral argument provided to practitioners in the Court of Appeals. The court practice committee has also looked into a possible rule change to establish a uniform procedure for transcription of video depositions played during trial. The committee also discussed possible methods to improve the quality of oral argument in the Court of Appeals for both practitioners and judges.

**Federal Court Practice** – The committee advise council regarding the retirement of Leonard Green as Clerk of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the new policies and procedures proposed by the new Clerk.

**Court Liaison/Rules Comment** - The committee worked with the Michigan Court Practice Committee on a possible rule change to establish a uniform procedure for transcription of video depositions played during trial.

**Publications** – The section published four issues of the Appellate Practice Section Journal. Each issue of the journal features regular columns advising practitioners of important opinions released by the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court, as well as columns regarding technology issues, court rules developments and book review of interest to the appellate practitioner. Lead articles over the past year included an in-depth review of Michigan’s abuse of discretion standard, changes in the Court of Appeals’ staff and workings, and revisions to the Circuit Court appellate rules.

**Economics of Appellate Practice** — This committee did not have a project this year.

**Technology** – The Technology Committee contributed to the organization and presentation of the technology plenary session, “Where the Brief Meets the Brain: Appellate Practice in the Digital Era” at the 2013 Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference on April 25, 2013.

**Legislative Committee** – The committee followed and advised council on legislation related to or affecting appellate practice.

**Bench Bar Conference Liaison** - The committee assisted the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation in planning the 2013 Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference, held on April 24, 25, and 26, 2013.

**Good Deeds** – The Good Deeds Committee coordinated the contribution of \$500.00 to Michigan Youth in Government, \$500.00 to Just the Beginning Foundation, \$500.00 to ABA Council of Legal Education Opportunity Prelaw Summer Institute and \$1000.00 to Wolverine Bar Association.

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**Ad Hoc Committee on Probate Rules** – The committee continued working in conjunction with representatives from the Probate and Estate Planning Section, the Michigan Judges' Association, the Michigan Probate Judges' Association and the Court of Appeals to modify the proposed amendment to the probate appeal rules contained in ADM 2011-30.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Record Production** – The committee recommended and prepared a letter to the Court Reporter and Recorder Board of Review raising concerns about excessive fees being charged by certain court reporters.

**Recommendations for next Council:** No specific recommendations.

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ARTS, COMMUNICATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS SECTION**

**Bar Year: 2012 - 2013**

**Section Name: ARTS, COMMUNICATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS SECTION**

**Mission Statement:**

The purposes of the Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section (ACES) are:

1. To foster, encourage and develop the professional skills and knowledge of the legal profession and of the members of this Section in particular, in the areas of arts, communications, entertainment and sports law.
2. To conduct seminar, programs and projects for the advancement and dissemination of information, research and ideas relating to arts, communications, entertainment and sports law.
3. To study existing legislation and recommend or oppose amendments or new legislation relating to arts, communications, entertainment and sports law.
4. To seek practical and adequate methods for the providing of competent legal services to individuals and organizations involved in arts, communications, entertainment and sports in Michigan including individuals or organizations who are unable to pay for such services.
5. To urge members of the State Bar of Michigan to participate in and support cultural organizations and activities generally.
6. To participate as amicus curiae in significant or participating deserving cases involving arts, communications, entertainment and sports law, subject to the approval of the appropriate governing bodies of the State Bar of Michigan.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Chair-Elect	Todd Redden	Bloomfield Hills, MI	(248) 245-5747	Todd@MichiganMovieLaw.com
Secretary	Joseph L. Voss	Grand Rapids, MI	(616) 608-1146	jvoss@clarkhill.com
Treasurer	Anna K. Heintz	Southfield, MI	(248) 358-4400	Aheintz@brookskushman.com

Member	Term	Member	Term
Leonard F. Charla	9/30/2013	Joseph Albert Bellanca	9/30/2015
Daniel C. Matson	9/30/2013	Linda M. Bruton	9/30/2015
Henry B. Clay, III	9/30/2013	Duane M. Lewis	9/30/2015
		Pamela Osborne – Past Chairman	9/30/2016
Frederick J. Frank	9/30/2014	John M. Kamins - Ex Officio	9/30/2015
Richard A. Herman	9/30/2014	Ethan Yale Bordman - Ex Officio	9/30/2015
John H. Willems	9/30/2014	Matthew W. Bower - Ex Officio	9/30/2014
		Mindy M. Schwartz - Ex Officio	9/30/2013

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	September 21, 2012	Grand Rapids, MI
State Bar Meeting – Orientation	September 27, 2012	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	October 12, 2012	Birmingham, MI
State Bar Meeting - Finance	Nov. 6, 2012	Lansing, MI
State Bar Lunch – Section Leaders	March 13, 2013	Ypsilanti, MI
Council Meeting	May 14, 2013	Southfield, MI
Council Meeting	June 24, 2013	Ann Arbor, MI
Council Meeting	July 9, 2013	Wixom, MI
Council Meeting	August, 2013	TBD
Council Meeting	September, 2013	TBD
Annual Meeting	September 20, 2013	Lansing, MI

**General Budget Information:** Expenses exceeded income which included the LCE initiative sponsorship, but the treasury is still in a safe positive balance. A final 2013 – 2014 is to be presented for approval in August 2013

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Public Art in the Creative Economy: Challenges and Opportunities	September 21, 2012	Grand Rapids, MI
Hensel Awards – Duane Lewis recipient	October 12, 2012	Birmingham, MI
Luncheon introducing ArtServe Michigan’s Lawyers for the Creative Economy (LCE) initiative	November 14, 2012	Grand Rapids, MI
ArtServe Michigan’s Lawyers for the Creative Economy (LCE) initiative	December 5, 2012	Detroit, MI
Employment Issues in Sports and Entertainment	January 10, 2013	Southfield, MI
What Entertainment Lawyers Need to Know About Copyright Law - ACES / ICLE presenters included Prof. Howard Abrams, Matt Bower and Larry Jordan	May 14, 2013	Ann Arbor, MI / Webcasted
Summer Social River Walk	July 2013	Detroit, MI
Concert Event	August 2013	Sterling Heights, MI
Dealing with the Press	September 20, 2013	Lansing, MI

**Legislative issues:** Nothing to report



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### **Recommendations for next Council:**

- 1) Set a goal to have all financial transactions coordinated through the State Bar financial area.
- 2) Develop a more collaborative and web based approach in communicating with section members. Currently, and in the near future, the State Bar site will be only useful as an initial portal for future information and does not meet the immediate or real-time collaborative needs of the council or committee communications. The ACES portal development efforts should be continued and delivered to all members for section member and public information. This could be enhanced by a budgeted and focused Section, Social, & Website Information area
- 3) The Section Bylaws should be reviewed and modifications presented. The State Bar is immediately available to assist and must be involved in the process from the beginning in order to affect a smooth and legal change with all members.
- 4) The State Bar coordination of Law Student development for individual section membership should be reviewed to evaluate future section member growth and development. The current cessation of Law Student interaction as a section focus could prove to be detrimental for the section as a whole in developing law student interest in the section's focus and mission
- 5) Pro Bono services should be exclusively coordinated through the State Bar efforts. The feed through for specific Pro Bono requests based on section members areas of practice or expertise should be tracked, monitored and evaluated to identify if the section membership could better serve the State Bar and public as a whole
- 6) Section Development & Seminars, including the ICLE partnership should be surveyed and reviewed for future seminars. The recent legal issues concerning the press, privacy and copyright issues could prove to be an area of rapid growth and development for the section and its membership.
- 7) Civic Affairs & Public Engagement, the stellar efforts and coordination by Duane Lewis should serve as an inspiration for all members. The section should take an even more active approach in the ground breaking areas Mr. Lewis identified and participated in the past years.
- 8) Annual Hensel Award & Reception – This area should be continued and a future budget identified. It should also be an event that is publicized and open to the public at large.
- 9) Professional Development & Mentoring – The section is primed to develop a more collaborative approach to the development and practice of law in our area of interest. The further refinement of this area could set the section apart from the other sections in development of new members. It could also be integrated with the Member & Affiliate Development efforts, cooperating with “cross-over” sections of similar focus (i.e. – I.T., Intellectual Property) and out-of-state bar organizations with multi-jurisdictional members.
- 10) Strategic Planning – The future officers should renew this exercise and present a proposed plan to improve council and section functionality, focus and mission for 2013 - 2014.

### **Other Information: Nothing to add**

Thomas N. Doty, 2012 - 2013 Chairman  
State Bar of Michigan - Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section

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**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2013 to:**

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**Aviation Section  
State Bar of Michigan  
2012-2013 Annual Report**

The Section this year continues our past traditions while breaking ground with a new outreach.

Traditionally our Section has designed and presented seminars targeting members of the aviation community. Targeted groups include not only licensed pilots and mechanics but also persons who manage airports and airport services. The idea is to help all aviation professionals better cope with the many layers of regulatory and statutory law.

This year the Section gave such a seminar in conjunction with the Great Lakes International Aviation Conference in January. Assisting with the program were Section members: Steven M. Chait, Donald C. Frank, Dean G. Greenblatt, and Charles J. Senger. The audience at this seminar was drawn from all parts of the aviation community.

The Section's new outreach takes the form of a joint meeting with the Ohio State Bar Association Aviation Law Committee, the counterpart to our Section. The June 29th, 2013 meeting will be held at the Port Clinton, OH Liberty Aviation Museum. Planning for the meeting has been coordinated with William Hayes, Chair of the Ohio Section and Jeff Sondles of the Liberty Museum.

Hopefully this meeting starts a new tradition of informal interaction between the aviation law sections of our two states. Since we seek the same goals, our joint efforts can maximize the help that we can provide to lawyers, to our aviation communities, and to our states. This has been a great year and the future is even brighter.

Charles J. Senger, J.D., Ph.D.  
Chair, Aviation Section  
State Bar of Michigan

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**BAR YEAR:**

2012-2013

**SECTION NAME:**

Business Law Section

**SECTION MISSION STATEMENT:**

The mission of the Business Law Section is to foster the highest quality of professionalism and practice in business law and to enhance the legislative and regulatory environment for conducting business in Michigan. To fulfill this mission, the Section shall: (1) expand the resources of business lawyers by providing educational, networking and mentoring opportunities; (2) review and promote improvements to Michigan's business legislation and regulations; and (3) provide a forum to facilitate service and commitment and to promote ethical conduct and collegiality within the practice.

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Member	Term Expires	Member	Term Expires
Matthew A. Case P34248	2013	Marguerite Donahue P40758	2013
David C.C. Eberhard P53324	2013	Jeffrey J. VanWinkle P40894	2013
Kevin T. Block P56136	2013	Douglas L. Toering P34329	2014
Matthew P. Allen P57914	2014	Jennifer Erin Consiglio P68496	2014
H. Roger Mali II P64617	2014	Christopher C. Maeso P54086	2014
D. Richard McDonald P37220	2015	Thomas R. Morris P39141	2015
Mark W. Peters P48917	2015	James L. Carey P67908	2015
Julia Ann Dale P63904	2015		

**SECTION COMMITTEES:**

Complete contact information for committee chairpersons is available on the Section’s website at: <http://www.michbar.org/business/leaders.cfm#council>

**Commercial Litigation Committee**

The Commercial Litigation Committee assists litigators as well as business and corporate counsel in addressing issues that may lead to or arise in business-related litigation. The Committee sponsors seminars and other programs that address such issues and that are designed to enhance the practice of those involved in commercial litigation.

**Corporate Laws Committee**

The Corporate Laws Committee monitors and reviews matters relating to corporate law statutes and developments in the law of corporate governance. The committee also works with the Business Corporation Act Revision Subcommittee, which reviews the Michigan Business Corporation Act for the purpose of keeping it current with developments in corporate law and which assists from time to time in drafting and advocating proposed changes to the Act.

**Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee**

The Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee focuses on issues of insolvency, such as bankruptcy, state law alternatives to bankruptcy, secured lending (Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code), and state law exemptions.

**Financial Institutions Committee**

The Financial Institutions Committee focuses on legislative, regulatory and judicial developments and issues of interest to financial institutions (primarily banks) and their affiliates.

**In-House Counsel Committee**

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The In-House Counsel Committee is committed to addressing the professional interests of in-house counsel by sponsoring continuing legal education programs, informing members about issues of particular interest to them, and offering social and professional networking opportunities.

### **Law Schools Committee**

The Law Schools Committee is designed to promote an interest in business law among students at each of the law schools located in Michigan. The Committee represents a collaborative effort between the Section and the business law societies at the University of Michigan Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Wayne State University Law School and Thomas M. Cooley Law School. The Committee supports programs initiated by the business law societies within the law schools and provides a forum for networking among law students and members of the Section.

### **Nonprofit Corporations Committee**

The Nonprofit Corporations Committee's principal responsibility is to review and update laws relating to the organization of nonprofit corporations in Michigan. The principal focus has been on the Nonprofit Corporation Act, but it also reviews other legislation, such as bills regulating the solicitation of contributions by charities. The committee also assists with sponsoring continuing legal education programs directed at nonprofit organization issues.

### **Regulation of Securities Committee**

The Regulation of Securities Committee is concerned with federal and state laws and regulations relating to the offer, sale and trading of securities. The Committee also supplies a liaison to the Securities Law Advisory Committee of the Michigan Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau. Activities are designed to inform members of current developments and issues and provide input to appropriate administrative and legislative bodies.

### **Uniform Commercial Code Committee**

The Uniform Commercial Code Committee monitors developments and issues under all Articles of the UCC and related commercial statutes. In October of each year, the Committee presents a seminar on recent developments in commercial law. Additionally, the Committee prepares an annual survey of case law involving the UCC and commercial law.

### **Unincorporated Enterprises Committee**

The Committee remains active in conducting seminars regarding unincorporated enterprises, focusing principally on limited liability companies. The Committee has also assisted in informing members of the bar from other sections as to legislation affecting unincorporated enterprises. Membership in the Committee is open to all members of the Business Law Section. The focus of the Committee's activities has been to present seminars in conjunction with ICLE and the Business Law Section. Membership and the opportunity to play a significant role in the Committee's activities is and will continue to be open to all members of this Section. As with most other committees, the Unincorporated Enterprises Committee schedules meetings primarily in the Western region of the

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Detroit metropolitan area. It is hoped that continued efforts to attract interest to the Committee will be successful.

**Small Business Forum**

The Small Business Forum, established by the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan in 2006, specifically caters to business owners, attorneys, accountants, and other professionals who work with closely held businesses. The Forum hosts 3 to 4 highly productive, time efficient and fun educational events throughout the year. Every event includes a networking portion to mingle with other business professionals.

**SECTION MEMBERSHIP:**

The Section consist of 3,376 members.

**SECTION BYLAWS:**

The Section's Bylaws were last revised on November 18, 2011. A copy of the Bylaws can be found on the Section's website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/bylaws.pdf>.

**SECTION PUBLICATIONS:**

The *Michigan Business Law Journal* is published three times per year and is sent to members via U.S. mail and electronically. The Journal is posted on the Section's website.

The Section distributes a monthly e-newsletter. The e-newsletter is also published on the Section website.

**MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND SEMINARS:**

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council	December 1, 2012	Detroit, MI
Council	March 7, 2013	Lansing, MI
Council	June 8, 2013	Grand Rapids, MI
Council and Annual	September 26, 2013	Novi, MI

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Growing Your Clients' Business and Yours: How to Help You and Your Clients Succeed	October 25, 2012	Troy
Basics of HIPAA for Non-Health Care Lawyers	October 25, 2012	Webcast
An Evening at Angelina's	December 11, 2012	Detroit

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2013 LLC and Business Entity Update	February 5, 2013	Plymouth and Webcast
Best Practices with Business Valuation	February 7, 2013	Plymouth and Webcast
Advising the New Startup Company	April 11, 2013	Detroit and Webcast
Protect Your Client's IP: Strategies for the Business Lawyer	April 11, 2013	Detroit and Webcast
Crain's General and In-House Counsel Summit	April 16, 2013	Detroit
UCC Amendments: Secured Lending and More: How Will These Changes Affect Your Clients?	May 2, 2013	Troy
What U.S. Business Lawyers Need to Know About Canadian Insolvency Proceedings	May 7, 2013	Southfield
25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Business Law Institute	June 7, 2013	Grand Rapids
Business Breakups and Owner Buyouts: Legal, Tax and Accounting Issues	July 16, 2013	Troy

Information concerning future events and seminars is available on the Section's website at: <http://www.michbar.org/business/calendar.cfm>

**SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY:**

The Section was asked by the Government Relations Office of the State Bar of Michigan to comment on the proposed amendment of Rule 2.112 of the Michigan Court Rules concerning business court litigation practice. After review, the Section supported the amendment 10-0-0 with additional suggested comments.

The Section was asked by the Government Relations Office of the State Bar of Michigan to comment on Proposed Administrative Order 2013-X. After review, the Section supported the Administrative Order 10-0-0 with additional suggested changes.

The Corporate Laws Committee reviewed proposed Amendments to the Business Corporation Act. The Section has engaged Karoub Associates to have a bill introduced in the 2011-2012 legislative session that would implement the Section's requested legislative changes regarding amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act and Professional Service Corporation Act. The bill was signed into law in January 2013, and is now contained in Public Act 569 of 2012.

The Nonprofit Corporation Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Nonprofit Corporation Act and the amendments to the related statutes. The Section supports the proposed amendments and related states. The Section has engaged Karoub Associates to have a bill



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introduced as soon as possible in the 2013-2014 legislative session that would implement the BLS requested legislative changes regarding amendments to Michigan's Nonprofit Corporation Act.

**AWARDS:**

**Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award**

The Section established the Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award in 2006, to be presented annually. The award honors Michigan business lawyers who consistently exemplify the characteristics the Business Law Section seeks to foster and facilitate: the highest quality of professionalism, the highest quality of practice, an unwavering dedication to service, ethical conduct, and collegiality within the practice of law. The Section honored Jeffrey S. Ammon at its Annual Meeting on September 20, 2012, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi. The Award for 2013 will be presented at the Annual Meeting on September 26, 2013 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Budget Information: Please see the December 2012 Treasurer's Report at:  
<http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/minutes/treasurer1212.pdf>

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Members can follow the Section on LinkedIn.

**FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:**

Please see the Section's Strategic Plan revised in June of 2010 at  
[http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/Strategic\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/Strategic_Plan.pdf).

# State Bar of Michigan – Children’s Law Section (SBM-CLS)



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Chair: Robin Eagleson  
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Treasurer: Jack McKaig  
Secretary: Megan Mertens

May 31, 2013

State Bar of Michigan  
306 Townsend Street  
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: 2012-2013 SBM-CLS Annual Report

To Whom It May Concern:

Below please find the State Bar of Michigan-Children’s Law Section 2012 to 2013 Annual Report. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**SECTION NAME:** Children’s Law Section

## **SECTION MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Children’s Law Section works to strengthen the delivery and enhance the quality of legal services for children through continued education and trainings, improve the court systems and agencies that serve children’s needs through representation of parents and children, and advance the rights of children through changing legislation and policy. We are involved in the court system to represent juvenile offenders and the victims of abuse and neglect and we work to improve the lives of children and families ensuring that they all receive justice.

## **OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/OFFICERS:

Chair: Robinjit K. Eagleson, P70499  
Chair-Elect: Christine P. Piatkowski, P56492  
Treasurer: John H. McKaig II, P24701  
Secretary: Megan E. Mertens, P73806

### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Term Expires 9/30/2013:

Referee Kathleen Walton Allen, P38081  
Stephanie M. Cardenas, P71306  
Erin K. House, P65203  
R. William Schooley, P29329  
Stacey L. Truesdell, P69311

Term Expires 9/30/2014:

Karen Gullberg Cook, P26141  
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Robbie L. Powelson, P43326  
Shannon L. W. Schlegel, P63191  
Suzanne C. Stephan, P57289

Term Expires 9/30/2015:

John R. Ceci, P64636  
Alicia M. Fabiano, P62872  
Referee Deborah L. McNabb, P41440  
Lynn M. Perry, P36406  
Tobin L. Miller, P56601

## **SECTION COMMITTEES:**

### AMICUS COMMITTEE:

Chair of the Amicus Committee: Jodi Latuszek

Description of Committee: The amicus committee reviews pending Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court cases before them at any given time. When the committee feels strongly on an upcoming case due to our interests or views on the subject matter, the committee may petition the Court for permission to file a brief to provide a rationale consistent with our own views. In addition, the Courts may also invite our section to file a brief due to its subject matter. Such briefs are usually filed concerning broad public interest. The Children's Law Section is not a party to the action in which it files briefs on. Instead, through its briefs, it educates the court on points of law that are in doubt, gathers or organizes information, and/or raises awareness about some aspect of the case that the Court might otherwise miss. We are required to have some knowledge or perspective that makes her or his views valuable to the court. The briefs walk a fine line between providing added information and advancing the cause of one of the parties.

Committee Activities: On April 5, 2013, the Michigan Supreme Court granted an application for leave to appeal in *In re Sanders, Minors.*, SC 146680. Within that order, the Children's Law Section was invited by the Michigan Supreme Court to file a brief amicus curiae. This case pertains to the one-parent doctrine and whether it violates the due process or equal protection rights of unadjudicated parents. The committee is currently researching the topic and is the process of filing an amicus brief in regards to this controversial topic. That Order can be seen as attached to this report. The committee has filed amicus briefs in important cases such as *In re Rood*, *In re Mays*, and *In re Beck*.

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair of the Legislative Committee: John H. McKaig

Description of Committee: The legislative committee focuses on determining and organizing the legislative priorities of the Children's Law Section in the State of Michigan. As the legislative session approaches each year, the committee holds regular meetings to establish effective strategies for supporting or opposing bills. The committee reviews a number of pending bills which they are responsible for reading, summarizing, and determining whether the Section would support or oppose the bill. The committee members also write and deliver testimony on bills, attend hearings, lobby with the assistance of our esteemed lobbyist, and communicate the progress with the Section.

Committee Activities: The committee is currently working on legislation regarding best interests in child protective proceedings. The Section is working closely with legislators, Judges, prosecutors, the Department of Human Services, and our own members to create legislation that would best serve our families. The committee is further working on legislation regarding medical marijuana as it relates to child protective proceedings based on the recent attorney general opinion that was released. The questions presented in the attorney general opinion were thought up and created by the legislative committee and brought to the attention of Senator Jones who posed the questions on our behalf. The committee is also working on evaluating the current adoption package as proposed and has proposed changes to said legislation. The committee also successfully opposed Senate Bill 694 regarding jurisdiction based on future harm through correspondence to the Senate Judiciary Committee as well as through hearing testimony. The committee has continuously educated legislators regarding proposed bills and the effect it would have on child protective proceedings such as allowing a criminal court to terminate parental rights at a sentencing hearing or by allowing termination of parental rights based merely on a parent's admission without evaluating the reasoning of that admission. The committee further advised the legislature on the juvenile delinquency competency issue and voiced its concerns regarding the age of the child as well as the qualifications needed for the evaluators. This committee continues to work tirelessly to ensure that effective legislation assists our families in the State of Michigan.

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Chair of the Education Committee: Christine P. Piatkowski

Description of Education Committee: The role of the education committee is to develop educational programs surrounding the practice of child welfare. The committee focuses on identifying critical needs of child welfare and juvenile delinquency and what upcoming and hot topic issues need to be addressed within the legal community. They are given the responsibility to explore and present ideas and viewpoints discussed among the legal community and provide a valuable training program for child welfare and juvenile delinquency practitioners. The topics must represent and encompass all roles within these systems to improve the quality of representation.

Committee Activities: The education committee puts together an annual meeting in the Spring presenting a myriad of topics. The latest meeting was on Thursday, May 16, 2013 held at Shanty Creek. The title of the conference was the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Transforming Child Welfare Through

Representation Conference. This event was co-sponsored by our esteemed colleagues at SCAO-Child Welfare Division, the Referees Association of Michigan, and the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. This year the topics were child trauma and the services needed to address the trauma presented by Dr. Henry and Dr. Sloane from CTAC along with Frank Vandervort from U of M, recent updates to case law and legislation that impacted our fields presented by Referee Jenifer Kitzmiller, and a comprehensive perspective on effective use of motion practice in child welfare cases presented by a panel that included the Honorable Susan L. Dobrich of Cass County, Robin Eagleson, L-GAL of Ingham County, Keith Watson, parent's attorney of Ingham County, and Eric Scott, prosecuting attorney of Sanilac County. The education committee is currently in the process of planning the Section's annual State Bar of Michigan meeting being held on Friday, September 20, 2013 from 10am to 12pm at the Lansing City Center. The committee will also be focusing on mini-trainings in the near future.

#### BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

Chair of the By-Law Committee: Suzanne Stephan

Description of By-Law Committee: The by-law committee periodically reviews the by-laws of the Section to ensure that the effectiveness of the Section is being utilized and to propose any changes to the Section's by-laws that could assist in increasing the productivity of the Section.

Committee Activities: The by-law committee has recently proposed changes to the current existing by-laws which have been approved by the Section. This changes will be published in the bar journal prior to the State Bar of Michigan's annual meeting in September and will be voted on at the annual meeting. Further, the committee is currently reviewing the electronic voting provisions to make the voting more streamline for our members.

#### LIAISONS:

Liaison for Referees Association of Michigan: Christine P. Piatkowski

Liaisons for Family Law Section: John Ceci, Jodi Latuszek, Bill Schooley, and Christine Piatkowski

Liaison for Criminal Law Section: Liaison to be appointed

Description of Liaisons: The liaisons communicate and cooperate with the various sections to facilitate a close working relationship between the Sections. The liaisons are persons who act as links to assist in communication and cooperation between the Sections so that all Sections are aware of changes that may affect the Children's Law Section as well as another Section.

Committee Activities: The Referees Association of Michigan has worked with the Section most recently on the training held in May as well as the amendments to MCR 3.913, MCR 3.963, MCR 3.965, and MCR 3.974. We continue to work with the Referees Association on legislation as well as educational needs. The Family Law Section has worked with the Section most recently on referring legislation intended more for family law custody rather than child protective proceedings as well as the family law also filing an amicus brief in the *In re Sanders* case. The Criminal Law Section has worked with the Section most recently on the competency

issue for juvenile delinquency. Due to these long-standing relationships, the Section is able to be effective and ensure that we are productive in all aspects of the law.

### **SECTION MEMBERSHIP:**

Our section membership continues to grow. Currently, we have 497 members of the Children's Law Section. We always welcome and encourage attorneys, Referees, and Judges to join our section. How to join can be found on our section website.

### **SECTION BYLAWS:**

This past year, one of the things that we have focused on was amending our bylaws to assist our membership and to enter into the technological age. Therefore, the amendments that the By-Law Committee have proposed are attached for your review which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in September.

### **SECTION PUBLICATIONS:**

This past year, the Section has gone green! With the wonderful assistance of the State Bar of Michigan, we have made access to The Michigan Child Welfare Journal much easier. Instead of receiving the publication via print, the Section has gone digital starting with its most recent edition of the Journal. The Journal can be viewed on your computer, your phone, and on your tablet. Members also have the option of printing the publication should they choose to and they also have the option of only printing the article(s) that they want in print. The publication has been a hit and we are very proud of it! The Section is currently working on providing more legal articles in the Journal and welcomes and encourages any person from any Section to submit an article for the Journal that includes the area of child welfare or juvenile delinquency. The Section would like to thank the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect as well as the Michigan State University Chance at Childhood Program for their partnership with the Section in completing this Journal every quarter. To receive a digital copy of The Michigan Child Welfare Journal, any person may do so by joining the Children's Law Section.

### **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS:**

The Children's Law Section Council meets on the third Thursday of every month at the State Bar of Michigan at 5:30pm. The meetings usually last about an hour to an hour and a half depending on the agenda. Any member or potential member is welcome to attend these meetings.

The Section just completed the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Transforming Child Welfare Through Representation Conference at Shanty Creek on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Section will soon begin to plan the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference; location to be determined. If any person has requests or recommendations in regards to the conference, please do not hesitate to contact any person on the council. If any member would like to assist in the planning of any of the conferences or trainings, please do not hesitate to contact the chair of the education committee or any member of the council so they may get you in touch with the correct person.

The Section will be a part of the State Bar of Michigan's Annual Meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. The presentation will commence at 10am. The speaker will be Ms. Charlotte J. Smith, J.D. from The Office of Children's Ombudsman. The title of the program is What's New at the Ombudsman Office speaking on what the office is currently working on and what trends they are seeing through the child welfare area. At 11am, the business meeting will commence where we will be having an overview as to what the Section has done over the past year and what its plans are over the coming year. We will also be electing officers and council members. Should any member be interested in being a candidate for either an officer or a council position, please let the Chair know as soon as possible.

### **SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY:**

The Section is currently working on legislation regarding best interests in child protective proceedings. The Section is working closely with legislators, Judges, prosecutors, the Department of Human Services, and our own members to create legislation that would best serve our families. The Section is further working on legislation regarding medical marijuana as it relates to child protective proceedings based on the recent attorney general opinion that was released. The questions presented in the attorney general opinion were thought up and created by the legislative committee of our Section and brought to the attention of Senator Jones who posed the questions on our behalf. The Section is also working on evaluating the current adoption package as proposed and has proposed changes to said legislation. The Section is continuously working on new legislation, policy, and training opportunities as they come forward. The Section is also currently researching and in the process of submitting an amicus curae on the *In re Sanders* case as requested by the Michigan Supreme Court.

### **SECTION AWARDS:**

The Section is currently in the process of planning our Annual Meeting. At this Annual Meeting, awards are presented to the members that have stood out over the last year and have made tremendous strides in the child welfare and juvenile delinquency areas. If any person would like to nominate any member, they are encouraged to do so. Please provide that nomination to the Chair or to the Vice-Chair of the Section no later than August 10, 2013 for consideration. This award has been given every year to section members that have shown they excel in this area and are committed to providing excellence for our families.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Section's finances have remained steady over the past year. The Section will be saving costs on the Journal going electronic by decreasing that cost from \$2000 to \$350 per quarter. The Section continues to use the assistance of our esteemed lobbyist in furtherance of the Section's legislative agenda. We continue to pay dues in maintaining the listserv, meetings, seminars, and telephone services during meetings. As of April, 2013, the ending fund balance of the Section was approximately \$12,400.

### **FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:**

What the future holds for the Section is always changing. However, at this time, the Section will be working on increasing our membership, reach out to the younger members of the State Bar to provide mentorship in the area of child welfare and juvenile delinquency, and to increase cooperation between attorneys and agencies who work in the child welfare area. We will also be working on more involved cooperation with other Sections and organizations as well increasing our standing within the legislature when it comes to child welfare and juvenile delinquency. Further, we will be working on not only providing one big conference but also smaller trainings as the law continues to change. We will further be working on bridging the gap between children's attorneys, agency attorneys, and parents' attorneys for a more in-depth dialogue as to how we can make the system better for every member of the family. Suggestions by any person, member or not, are always welcome.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide the Bar with information regarding the Children's Law Section and welcome any feedback, insight, and/or suggestions you may have. We would like to thank all attorneys, Referees, and Judges for their continued commitment to the service of our families and of our Section.



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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** Consumer Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The Consumer 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 Section newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

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Rex C Anderson P47068	2014		
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Lorray S.C. Brown P60753	2014		
Adam G. taub P48703	2014		
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Karen M. Tjapkes P58467	2015		

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	November 8, 2012	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Council Meeting	January 10, 2013	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Council Meeting	March 28, 2013	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Council Meeting	May 23, 2013	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Council Meeting	July 11, 2013	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	SBM Annual Meeting, Lansing, Mi

**General Budget Information:** As of April 30, 2013, we had an ending fund balance of \$26,765.25.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Consumer Law Financial Protection Bureau(Annual Meeting Program)	September 20, 2012	SBM Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, Mi

**Legislative issues:** The Section Council has taken positions on legislative issues including opposing bills to shorten the statutory redemption period in foreclosure.

**Recommendations for next Council:** The Section Council should continue in its role to increase awareness within the Bar, the legislature, and the general public regarding the importance of consumer protection and consumer rights. The Council is planning a "citizens law school" for the fall of 2013 focusing on consumer issues including auto sales and debt collection. We plan to develop a program that can easily be replicated at other events

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2013 to:**

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**General Budget Information:** The fund balance of the section at the end of April 2013, was \$101,854.08. Expenditures for the Fall conference generally start in the mid to late summer and trickle into early winter, and those expenses of approximately 24,000-27,000 dollars reduce our balances during those times.

In late fall, however, section dues come in and that bolsters our balance typically in the amount of 35,000 or so—which in addition to Fall seminar income, means an approx. steady state budget. Our Spring conference is typically a modest money maker, with seminar income exceeding expenses.

The section has historically helped fund litigation, and as much as 50,000 dollars has been allocated for that in the past, and we also make donations to non-profit programs serving the elderly and those with disabilities. We have expenses as well for a newsletter, and for lobbying, and other more modest expenses for such things as telephone conferencing, list serve maintenance, etc.

Dues are 35 dollars a year for most members—a discounted membership is available for senior attorneys and students. Also, for new attorneys, who opt in, membership is “free” for the first two years after their admission as an attorney. As a consequence the section, with approx. 1800 members, has about 1100 paying members. Our membership has held relatively steady for the past few years, and may even be growing slightly after a slight membership dip in 2008/2009./2010

**Events and/or Seminars:**

A team of individuals, in the form of a small committee, have revitalized and enhanced our Fall Conference in many ways, and the latest Spring Conference drew the most registrants ever.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Fall Conference	Oct 3-5, 2012	Crystal Mountain, MI
Spring Conference	March 15, 2013	The Inn at St. Johns, MI
Fall Conference	Oct 2-4, 2013	Crystal Mountain, MI

**Legislative Issues:** Our public policy positions are listed on the State Bar website. We have been active in pooled trust issues, the Blue Cross conversion legislation, DNR changes, licensing of adult

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foster care, Medicaid expansion, changes in Michigan's DPOA laws, enhancement of criminal penalties for those who abuse vulnerable adults, and more.

**Recommendations for Next Council:**

**Other Information:**

We are on the verge of some bylaw changes, which may actually be adopted on the cusp of the new fiscal year.

Our newsletter is delivered electronically now, and our list-serve, kept up in part by a long-standing and able volunteer coordinator, is widely used by about 2/3rds of our membership.

Our supported litigation focus has been on various Medicaid qualification issues of late—particularly when we think the state of Michigan administrators have strayed from federal or state mandates.

Most notably our recent focus has been on the issues of nursing home dual bed (Medicare/Medicaid) certification; Medicaid eligibility and pooled trust issues, and interpretation of the DHS Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 401 and 405; community spousal retirements and IRA's when the other spouse needs the nursing home or similar care.

**Reports must be submitted by May 31, 2013, to:**

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P68470 Cynthia Jill Goodell, Grand Rapids

P15910 J. David Kerr, Mount Pleasant

P72152 Sara Ann Schimke, Troy

**Term Expires 9/30/2014**

P53316 Michele P. Fuller, Sterling Heights

P53546 Robert J. Longstreet, Hastings

P30832 Michael A. Mestelle, Sturgis

P48221 Kelly J. McNerney Quardokus, Kalamazoo

P74319 Christopher Michael Smith, Mount Clemens

P23098 James B. Steward, Ishpeming

P72724 Beth A. Swagman, Grand Rapids

**Term Expires 9/30/2015**

P44945 Jane A. Bassett, Ann Arbor

P74165 Christine Caswell, Lansing

P71940 William David Lucius, Hurley, WI

P52362 Erma S. Yarbrough-Thomas, Redford

**Immediate Past Chair**

P33185 Caroline M. Dellenbusch, Grand Rapids

**Commissioner Liaison**

P28958 Jules B. Olsman, Berkley

## Meeting Schedule 2012-2013

### **Council Meetings**

Council meetings are normally on the first Saturday of every month, between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and the meeting locations rotate.

**October 4, 2012**—Annual Meeting at Crystal Mountain

**November 3, 2012**—Meeting in Grand Rapids

**December 1, 2012**-- Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

**February 2, 2013**— Troy, MI 48098.

**March 2, 2013**—Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

**April 6, 2013**—Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

**May 4, 2013**—Troy, MI 48098.

**June 1, 2013**—E Lansing, MI 48823.

**July**—no meeting planned

**August 3, 2013**—Central Upper Peninsula,

**September 7, 2013**—Grand Rapids, 49505.

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**Section Name: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, our website, public service programs, and publication of the Michigan Environmental Law Journal. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan and to law students. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

**OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**OFFICERS 2012-2013**

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**COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Annual Meeting	September 20, 2012	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	November 14, 2012	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	January 16, 2013	Southfield, MI
Council Meeting	April 17, 2013	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	June 21, 2013	Bath, MI
Council Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing, MI

**GENERAL BUDGET INFORMATION:** As of April 30, 2013, the Section has an ending Fund Balance of \$59,638.52. Budget expenses seem to be in line for this point in the year.

**EVENTS AND/OR SEMINARS:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
“Environmental Litigation: Michigan compared to Illinois – Life on the other side of the pond.”	September 25, 2012	Clinton Township, MI
Michigan’s Environment in 2012 and Beyond: Developments and Emerging Issues in the Management and Regulation of Air, Water, Energy, and Waste. Joint Conference of the Air Quality Committee together with the East and West Michigan Chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association	November 14, 2012	Lansing, MI
Meeting of Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Subject Matter Committee Definition (Sustainability and Energy Committees).	January 8, 2013	Conference Call
The Lender's Perspective on Borrowers, Lawyers, and Environmental Risks	February 19, 2013	Webinar
Council Retreat Regarding Committees	March 5, 2013	Lansing, MI
Section Member/Student Mixer with Ann Arbor Area Law Schools	March 11, 2013	Ann Arbor, MI
“Update of the MDEQ Remediation and Redevelopment Division’s Objectives, Its Activities and the Priorities for Allocation of the Division’s Resources,” with RRD Chief Bob Wagner	March 19, 2013	Webinar
Section Member/Student Mixer with Lansing Area Law Schools	April 8, 2013	East Lansing, MI
“Emerging Air Quality Laws and Policies: What's on the Horizon in Michigan” – Joint conference with Michigan Manufacturers Association	April 11, 2013	Lansing, MI
“The K.I.S.S. Principle in Environmental Litigation,” with Charles Denton	May 21, 2013	Webinar
"In Search Of . . . Judicial Guidance under Part 201	June 11, 2013	Webinar

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ELS Annual Summer Program: Topic Regarding Energy and Sustainability	June 21, 2013	Bath, MI
Annual Meeting and Program	September 19, 2013	Lansing, MI

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:** Numerous individual members of the Section actively work on legislative issues, as advocates, spokespersons and experts. Those members regularly share their experiences with the Section and offer their opinions and outlooks. However, the Section itself is not presently active with respect to any pending legislative issues.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT COUNCIL:** The next Council is encouraged to continue the focus on the growth and diversity of Section membership, starting with law school students and continuing through newer practitioners. Continued outreach through multiple media adds value for the existing members and encourages new members to be involved as recipients and providers of a wide spectrum of programming. Cooperative efforts with other sections of the State Bar and other affinity organizations, as well as among the Committees of this Section, can bring synergistic effects. Also, continuing the ongoing efforts to secure more stable committee leadership and to develop more committee/section member interaction and continuing to increase value for section members, with a focus on effective transitioning from committee membership to effective leadership, should remain in the forefront to assure continued growth for the Section and its membership.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** The Section is on a sound financial footing despite a net loss of membership during the economic downturn. Several multi-year initiatives continue to show progress, including to significant headway toward completion of a second edition of its online Deskbook and the transition of the Deskbook to systems preferred by the State Bar of Michigan.

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**SECTION NAME:** Have there been any changes in the section name? Details provided may be interesting to the public and other readers.

**There have been no changes to the section name.**

**SECTION MISSION STATEMENT:** A section's mission statement is a critical description of the goals the section sets for the whole of its membership. Including the statement in an Annual Report serves as a yardstick by which to measure progress.

**See above.**

**OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Including P#s; accurately identifies officers and the council.

**See above.**

**SECTION COMMITTEES:** Descriptions of the various committees provides a clearer picture of a section's work, especially if the name of the chair and description of committee activities are included. Including meeting schedules allows potential future volunteers for committee work to better understand the frequency with which the committee meets.

**THE AIR COMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION** is composed of attorneys interested in federal, state, and local air pollution control laws and policy. Air laws and policies continue to evolve and raise significant issues for government, business, and citizen organizations in Michigan. The Air Committee meets several times a year to discuss emerging air-related topics, organize air-related programs, and conduct other types of outreach to Environmental Law Section members, including sponsoring site visits.

The Air Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in air issues to participate in upcoming activities, which are typically publicized through the Environmental Law Section e-mail distribution list, calendar, and social media outlets.

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE COMMITTEE** is responsible for legal issues that relate to environmental disputes in administrative, state, and federal jurisdictional forums. The committee periodically arranges programs on these topics. The environmental litigation committee welcomes any Section member interested in the foregoing issues and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**THE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND BROWNFIELDS COMMITTEE** is responsible for legal issues that relate to the treatment, storage, disposal, and remediation of hazardous substances (including hazardous wastes) under both federal and state law, including CERCLA, RCRA subtitle C, and Parts 111 and 201 of NREPA. It is also responsible for the topics of liability under those statutes for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs and natural resource damages, related contribution actions, and associated claims for insurance coverage. Finally, it is responsible for the topic of managing transactions that are

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complicated by the real or potential presence of hazardous substances by environmental investigations, baseline environmental assessments and related mechanisms, environmental insurance, and incentives for brownfield re-development.

The Hazardous Substances Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in the foregoing issues and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL/PUBLICATIONS:** The Journal Committee publishes a quarterly electronic newsletter that includes scholarly articles about environmental issues, as well as information about section activities and events, important decisions by Michigan and federal courts in environmental cases, and new Michigan environmental regulations and legislation. The committee increases the level of interest in environmental law by sponsoring an annual writing competition among law students at all Canadian and U.S law schools. Winners of the writing competition receive generous cash awards and have their articles published in the section's Michigan Environmental Law Journal.

**THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** mission is to: (1) assist the Section and each of the other committees in their respective functions by providing useful information about the membership of the section and its needs and interests; (2) increase Section membership; and (3) promote race/ethnic and gender diversity in the membership and leadership of the section. The Membership Committee encourages any interested Environmental Law Section members to join this committee or attend the next meeting.

**THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE** tracks developments in federal state and local laws and regulations that relate to issues concerning natural resources, including wetlands, oil and gas, mining, forestry, and fisheries. The Committee periodically arranges programs on these topics.

**THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE** plans educational programs for the benefit of Section members. The Committee meets monthly by phone for about an hour to discuss the needs and interests of the members. The programs are designed to provide members with information on important new developments and opportunities for socializing and networking with other Section members. The length and content of programs vary widely, from informal lunch roundtables covering one topic to multiple day seminars that cover numerous topics. The committee selects dates, locations, and general themes for the programs, and one or two committee members will chair or co-chair the programs. The chair/co-chairs arrange for speakers and other details of the programs. Certain program committee members also function as liaisons to the subject matter committees to facilitate programming for those committees. This year the Committee has increased the Section's utilization of webinars as one of its programming methods.

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In short, the Program Committee provides opportunities for members to be kept informed on important new developments in the environmental legal landscape. Planning those opportunities is an effective and fun way to participate in Section activities. The Program Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in keeping Section members up to date on current events and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** supports the Section's use of Bar-provided resources such as the list serve and the website, and investigates, develops and supports the use of newer communications technologies as suggested by the Section. The Technology Committee also investigates and prepares presentations for the Section on new environmental technologies. The Technology Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in the section's technology related issues, and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**THE WATER COMMITTEE** tracks developments in federal, state, and local regulation of discharges to and use of surface water and groundwater. The Committee periodically arranges programs in which experts in water law discuss important developments in surface water or groundwater regulation. These programs also offer an opportunity for Section members to meet and benefit from learning about other attorneys' experiences in working on water-related matters. The Water Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in the foregoing issues and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**THE ENERGY COMMITTEE AND THE SUSTAINABILITY/CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** have been reorganized into a single Committee and will post the combined Committee mission on the website as soon as it is finalized.

**SECTION MEMBERSHIP:** Section membership fluctuates from year to year. Tracking the membership numbers at a set time of year, such as the Annual Report deadline, can provide a good picture of changes in the section membership.

**We have initiated a new form of outreach to section members about lapsed membership and the benefits for members of participating in the section listserv, and are seeing positive results from that outreach.**

**571 Members as of May 29, 2013**

**SECTION BYLAWS:** Awareness of bylaw changes can be critical for understanding a section's operation. Including the most recent revision date of the bylaws will allow readers familiar with the bylaws to ensure they have the most current version at hand. Additionally, if there are any forthcoming changes, this is a good opportunity to summarize plans briefly.

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Visit [www.michbar.org/environmental](http://www.michbar.org/environmental) to obtain the most current version. There have been no recent revisions.

**SECTION PUBLICATIONS:** Some of the most frequent questions for sections are in regard to publications the section has produced. Providing a list including publication information for journals, newsletters, and other publications creates a valuable resource.

**The Section has published the second edition of the Michigan Environmental Law Deskbook, consistent with our educational mission and this valuable resource is available electronically and is being updated for the benefit of all interested readers. Similarly, our respected Environmental Law Journal is in electronic format and with renewed energies and talents has been published regularly during the Bar year. Access to both publications is available on our website.**

**MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS:** This is critical information for the Annual Report. Describing meetings, activities and seminars can be detailed, or brief. Suggestions for information to include are the date, location, and a minimum of one paragraph describing the event.

**Current and past event information is available on our website. Events are shown above on the template.**

**SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY:** The section's involvement in legislature, policy, or *amicus curiae* is a matter of great interest, many questions are asked regarding the sections involvement in such. A brief description of any such involvement is requested, as this falls under the heading of section activities.

**See above.**

**AWARDS:** Many sections present awards, honors, or scholarships. The Annual Report is another opportunity to laud the recipients, as well as detail any awards presented to the section itself. A description of the history of the award, or why the award is given, is useful.

**The Environmental Law Section sponsors an annual environmental law essay contest open to students in U.S. and Canadian law schools. First place prize is \$2,000, second place is \$1,000 and third place is \$500.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Section finances vary from simple to complex. A brief statement of general budget information would be very appropriate to include in any Annual Report, or a reprinting of an annual treasurer's report if the section feel it is necessary.

**See above.**

**FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:** Because the Annual Report is often used as a resource for future planning, and is viewed by members of the public who may be considering membership in the

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section, a brief description of future goals and activities is recommended. This may also serve as a recommendation to the next council.

**See above.**

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**Section Name: FAMILY LAW SECTION**

**Mission Statement: To study the laws, court rules, and procedures regarding family law; to study and report upon and recommend legislation and court rules, and to promote throughout the State of Michigan the legal education of members of the Bar and the Public on the problems relating to the family; sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences regarding family law; preparing and sponsoring and publishing legal writing regarding family law. Family law includes issues associated with marriage, divorce, separation, adoption, paternity and the rights of minor children.**

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Elizabeth Bransdorfer	2013	Carol Breitmeyer	2014
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Antoinette Raheem	2013	Kristen Robinson	2015
Erika Salerno	2013	Christopher J. Harrington	2015
Gail M. Towne	2013	Allison Sleight	2015
Hon. Richard B. Halloran	2014	Daniel Bates	2015
Mathew Kobliska	2014	Robert Treat	2015
Steven D. Reinheimer	2014	Randy Velzen	2015
Ross F. Stancati	2014	Open seat expires 2013	
Rebecca Shiemke	2014	Open seat expires 2015	

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	Sept 20, 2012	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	October 6, 2012	Ann Arbor, MI
Council Meeting	November 3, 2012	E. Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	December 1, 2012	Grand Rapids, MI



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Council Meeting	January 26, 2013	Novi, MI
Council Meeting	March 2, 2013	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	April 13, 2013	Ann Arbor, MI
Council Meeting	May 4, 2013	E. Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	June 1, 2013	Novi, MI
Annual Meeting	Sept 19, 2013	Lansing, MI

**General Budget Information:**

The Family Law Section commenced FY 2012-2013 in September, 2012 with a budget surplus of approximately \$70,000.00. Expenses for the Section are rising, and Section dues have remained unchanged at \$60.00 per member per year. The Section is evaluating the merits of producing its Family Law Journal in electronic format, which will appreciably reduce what is the largest expense in its budget.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

The Family Law Section actively partners with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ann Arbor, MI and furnishes speakers and written materials for all of the ICLE Family Seminars during the year. In addition, the Family Law Section is a co-sponsor and furnishes nearly all speakers and written materials for the annual, Family Law Institute held in November each year. This 1 ½ day Seminar is the premier Family Law event in Michigan and was attended by 510 Attorneys, Judges, and Friend of the Court staff, of whom 82% were Family Law Section Members. There are approximately 8 to 12 ICLE family law seminars each year, as well as the ICLE Certificate Program.

**Legislative Issues:** The Legislative Committee of the Family Law Council includes not only its Chair Kent Weichmann, and Council members Traci Rink, Ross Stancati, Randy Velzen, Hon. Richard Halloran, Robert Treat, Erica Salerno, Rebecca Shiemke and Carol Breitmeyer, but non-Council members as well, including William Kandler, Lauran Howard, Sandy Glazier, Jules Hanslovsky, Hon. Lisa Sullivan, Hon. David Hoort, Hon. John Hammond and others. Every single legislative proposal involving Family Law is reviewed by this Committee, recommendations submitted to Council, and positions on the legislation published on the State Bar website. This is a key committee, and its input is critical to protection of families and children in Michigan.

**Court Rules Committee:** This is also a key committee. Every proposed Court Rule, or Court rule Amendment involving Family Law is considered by this Committee. The Chair Matt Kobliska and Co-Chair Carol Breitmeyer, and members Kristen Robinson, Steven Reinheimer, Rebecca Shiemke, Christopher Harrington, and non-Council members Stephanie Benedict and Tina Yost make recommendations on Court Rules at every monthly Council meeting. The Committee actively supported amendments to Michigan Court Rules 2.107, 2.117, 3.213, and 2.302. The Committee also reviewed and made recommendations on every Court Rule proposal promulgated by the Michigan Supreme Court.

In addition, the Family Law Council has actively participated in a work group involving Hon. Joan Young, and the Hon. Kathleen Feeney, dealing with a major revision of Default Judgments in Family Law cases. This work group has spent over 3 years on this project, and the most recent consensus version of the Court rule is under consideration by the Michigan Supreme Court.

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**Amicus Committee:** The Amicus Committee is Chaired by former Council member Anne Argiroff and has filed Amicus briefs in a variety of major cases involving Family Law, including *In Re Mays*, *In Re Laird*, *Grange v Lawrence*. The Amicus Committee has also recommended and obtained Council support for amendments to MCR 7.313.

**Alternate Dispute Resolution:** The Committee Chair, Antoinette Raheem, and co-Chair Randy Velzen, and the many other committee members produced an excellent ADR Informational Brochure, to be distributed throughout the State of Michigan. It also produced an ADR Comparison Chart for Attorneys. Finally, it authored and produced a “Frequently Asked Questions” regarding the ADR process. The ADR Committee reaches throughout the Section, and has many non-Council participants, including Monika Saks, Veronique Liem, Rebecca Decoster, Nina Abrams, Shelley Kester, Jeff Murphy, Zena Zumetta, Deborah Berecz, Lee Hornberger, and Robin Omer.

In addition the ADR Committee has continued its efforts regarding establishing “focus groups” in 9 regions throughout Michigan and set up 4 subcommittees to address the priorities of ADR: (public education, attorney education, education of the judiciary, and prepare an educational video).

**Domestic Violence:** The Committee Chair of the Domestic Violence is Rebecca Shiemke, and assisted by Council Members Toni Raheem, Hon. Richard Halloran, Daniel Bates, and former Council member Kent Weichmann, and Section members, Katherine Root, Michael Yales, and Kari Heming. The DV Committee was an active co-partner with the ADR Committee with respect to assisting with development and final form of the ADR Committee Brochure and the FAQ’s on ADR procedures. The Committee also is involved in an ongoing dialogue regarding issues arising out of Conciliation hearings and temporary custody and other initial orders in a family law case.

**Family Law Journal:** The Family Law Journal Committee, through its Chair, Antoinette Raheem, and Co-Chair Anthea Papista, and Council members Traci Rink, Barbara J. Kelly, Sahera Housey, Elizabeth Bransdorfer, and non-Council member attorneys, Lisa Damphousse, and Elizabeth Sadowski, has overall responsibility for the editing and production of the Family Law Journal, in conjunction with the Editor Norm Robbins. The Journal intends to produce a “special edition” of the Journal, which may be the last “paper” edition prior to going online with an electronic format; the Edition will focus upon “Family Law, Past – Present – Future”.

**Family Law List Serv:** While not a formal Council committee, the Family Law Council and the Section are deeply indebted to the tireless efforts of *ex officio* Elizabeth Sadowski who monitors and manages the Family Law Section List Serv, which is one of the most valuable components of Section membership. The collective wisdom of experienced Family Law Section members expressed through List Serv participation is a key component to the mentoring process which all Section members are committed to.

**Journal Advertising:** This is a critical Committee insofar as the Advertising in the Family Law Journal is a major source of funding for the Family Law Section. Council Member and Journal Advertising Committee Chair Kristen Robinson continues to do a terrific job year after year with the complex responsibilities associated with solicitation of advertisers for the Journal, Coordinating communication between advertisers and printers, proofing Journal advertisements, invoicing advertisers, and collection of fees and revenues and transmittals to the State Bar.

**MidSummer Seminar:** The annual MidSummer Seminar is the highlight of the Summer season for Section and Council members who attend this event. Co-chairs Elizabeth Bransdorfer and Traci

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Rink have scheduled the forthcoming seminar is scheduled for July 18-21, 2013 at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, and the speakers in the morning sessions are a select group of family law experts, including Hon. Jane Markey, CPA Bruce Knapp, CPA Jason LeRoy, Hon. Richard Halloran, and Attorneys Liisa Speaker, Anne Argiroff, Robert Treat, and Laura Eisenberg.

**MidWinter Seminar:** No Family Law Section Member has worked harder than Judith O'Donnell over the years to produce truly exceptional continuing legal education activities, in the warm and sandy surroundings of the Caribbean or Mexico during our long Michigan winters. This past February was no exception, as the participating 21 Family Law Section members, and a total group of 34 persons enjoyed a 7 day stay at one of the premier Sailing locations in the Caribbean: the Bitter End Yacht Club in Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands. The MidWinter Seminars are characterized by multiple high level family law presentations, and the attendees were the subject of competent and thorough presentations by Family Law experts Brent Bowyer, Kristen Robinson, Daniel Victor, Natalie Alaine, and Kathleen Goetsch. ; Plans for the 2014 Mid Winter Seminar are already well under way, with the venue scheduled for Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands.

**Conclusion:** The Family Law Section is an extraordinarily active component of the State Bar of Michigan. Space and time limitations preclude mention of all Committees and all Committee Members in this report. The Chair and the Officers acknowledge and thank all the Council Members who have assisted in advancing the mission of the Section this past year. Further, Council is particularly pleased to have active and significant participation in the Committees by attorneys or former Council members who are not presently members of the Family Law Council; this input is vital to the success of the Committees and the Council My term as Chair of the Section expires with the annual Meeting in September, 2013 and I will be succeeded as Section Chair by current Chair-elect, James J. Harrington, III of Novi, Michigan.

Sincerely,

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2012-2013

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**Section Name:** General Practice – Solo and Small Firm Section

**Mission Statement:** The General Practice—Solo and Small Firm 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.

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William Cataldo P 37673	2015	Martin Fried P 13712	2015
Maury Klein P 38062	2015		

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
The Council meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. There are no scheduled meetings for July and August. All Section members are invited to attend		Sweet Lorraine's 12 Mile and Greenfield Road Southfield MI

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**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Medical Marijuana – an Update	May 9, 2013	Ginopolis BBQ Smokehouse 12 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Marketing – Getting and Keeping Good Clients	June 11, 2013	Ginopolis BBQ Smokehouse

**Recommendations for Next Council:** Continue to seek out what Section members want and what benefits they can receive from the actions of the Section. Continue and expand upon the Committees established this year and encourage feedback and participation of the members.

**Other Information:** The Section is expanding its influence and activities through the establishment of a committee system to provide more services and events to our membership. We are instituting an annual Lifetime Achievement Award and Annual Cocktail party for our members. We are establishing a Law Day to provide the public with access to free legal advice and access to our members to potential clients they can help. The current line up of Committees and Committee Chairs is:

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### SBM General Practice Section to Present Marketing Seminar on June 11 in Farmington Hills

The State Bar of Michigan General Practice – Solo and Small Firm Section will present a seminar entitled “Marketing: The Art of Getting and Keeping Good Clients” at noon on Tuesday, June 11 at Ginopolis Bar B Q Smokehouse in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will teach attendees how to utilize Facebook, Twitter, blogs and other sites to target marketing directly to individuals and companies they want to represent. Seminar leaders include Julie Fershtman, former SBM president and a shareholder with Foster Swift Collins & Smith in Farmington Hills. Fershtman spent many years as a solo practitioner and utilized marketing techniques to turn herself into a renowned expert on equine law in Michigan and across the nation. The other seminar leader is Arnold Reed, principle owner and operator of Arnold E. Reed & Associates in Farmington Hills. Reed has obtained numerous multi-million dollar verdicts and has utilized marketing techniques and communications skills he acquired in his previous career as a journalist to attract and keep such big-name clients as entertainers R. Kelly, Aretha Franklin and Tavis Smiley.

"This seminar paid for itself many times over," said Marjory B. Cohen, an attorney with Mogill, Posner & Cohen in Detroit. "I received sound, practical advice as to how to maximize my presence on social marketing sites. I went straight to the office from the seminar and implemented the suggestions. As a result, I improved my profile on Avvo and LinkedIn and began getting more contacts from potential clients immediately."

The seminar will cost \$30 for members of the General Practice Section and \$40 for non-members. Visit [www.michbar.org/general/calendar.cfm](http://www.michbar.org/general/calendar.cfm) to register for the seminar. Contact Elizabeth A. Silverman at [asatty@aol.com](mailto:asatty@aol.com) or (248) 538-1177 for more information.

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#### About the State Bar of Michigan

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and build public understanding of our legal system. More information about the Bar can be accessed at [www.michbar.org](http://www.michbar.org).

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The General Practice - Solo and Small Firm Section Presents:

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA:  
THE CURRENT STATE OF THE LAW**

Thursday, May 9, 2013

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

GINOPOLIS' BAR B Q SMOKEHOUSE

27815 MIDDLEBELT ROAD

Farmington Hills, MI

Did you know that there are over 131,000 patients authorized to legally use marijuana and 27,000 registered caregivers in the State of Michigan? Voters endorsed the use of medical marijuana in 2008 to alleviate side effects of certain illnesses, such as cancer or chronic pain. But lawmakers said the law left too much open to interpretation and pushed through changes which went into effect on April 1, 2013. Are you familiar with the changes in the law? Get expert advice on the Michigan Medical Marijuana Law and what's going on in recent cases. Master the nuances of this evolving practice and give your clients the representation that they deserve. Come join us for lunch, networking and a valuable presentation on the current state of the law by two experienced and expert attorneys. This program sold out the last time it was presented, don't delay, register today.

**PRESENTERS:**

**Matthew R. Abel** has been a criminal defense lawyer with a special focus on **marijuana cases** for more than 20 years. Matthew Abel is the Founder and Senior Partner of Cannabis Counsel, P.L.C., a Michigan law firm entirely devoted to cannabis clients and cases. Mr. Abel's Detroit-based law office capably handles marijuana possession, trafficking and distribution cases throughout the state of Michigan providing both business advice and counseling as well as criminal defense in marijuana cases. The law firm client list includes patients, care givers, clubs, collectives, dispensaries, garden suppliers, physicians, publishers and others in the medical marijuana field..

**William L. Cataldo** is Chief of Homicide for the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. Prior to that, he was a criminal defense trial attorney. His prior teaching positions include staff instructor at Gerry Spence's nationally recognized Trial Lawyers College in Wyoming, staff instructor at the Annual Trial College at Thomas M. Cooley Law School and an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit-Mercy. Currently, he is a staff instructor at the Macomb Police Academy, adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and is a certified instructor teaching cognitive and analytical interviewing skills.

Registration fee: \$30.00 Members of the General Practice - Solo and Small Firm Section  
\$40.00 General Admission

Registration form: [www.michbar.org/general/calendar/cfm](http://www.michbar.org/general/calendar/cfm)

Questions? Contact Elizabeth A. Silverman at [asatty@aol.com](mailto:asatty@aol.com) or ( 248) 538-1177



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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012-2013**

Dear Section Members:

I am pleased to report that the Section has had a very busy and successful year. This report summarizes Section activities over the past year.

**Section Purposes:**

Serve as an educational resource for members of the Section for the purpose of fostering professional development and understanding of health care laws and issues; and

Provide education to members of the State Bar, members of the health care community and the general public with regard to health care laws and related issues; and

Advocate, comment on or provide input with respect to state and federal legislation, regulations and public policy that affect the practice of health care law, consistent with the Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan; and

Establish and maintain working relationships with attorney organizations and organizations of health care professionals, providers, consumers and other members of the health care community in this State and other states for the purpose of fostering better communication and understanding of health care laws and related issues and advocating Section interests; and

Promote awareness of the purpose and work of the Section among State Bar members, the health care community and the general public and encourage their participation in Section activities.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail
Chair	Steven Bender	Trinity Health 20555 Victor Pkwy Livonia, MI 48152	734-343-1000	benders@trinity-health.org
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Secretary	Jennifer Benedict	Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn LLP 660 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48226	313-465-7326	jbenedict@honigman.com

Council Members	Term Expires
Marta Hoffman	2013*
Steven Bender	2012
John Anderson	2014*
Thomas McGraw	2012
Abby Pendleton	2014
John Hazewinkel	2014
Trish Schabath	2014
Patrick Haddad	2014
Josh Moore	2014
Deb Williamson	2013
Jennifer Benedict	2012
Richard Bouma	2013*
Mark Kopson	2013
Laura Napiewocki	2012
Monica Navarro	2012
Donna O'Connor	2012
Joshua Moore	2014
Patricia Schabath	2014
Timothy Gutwald	2015
Cara Jansma	2015

\* Council member is term limited and not eligible for re-election.

**Council Meetings:** Council meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday of each month via teleconference.

**General Budget Information:** See attached unaudited interim financial reports and transaction history for the month ended August 31, 2013, as provided by Becky Hunter.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Date:	Event:
January 23, 2013	Teleconference: Electronic Medical Record Adoption: Pitfalls for the Unwary
February 13, 2013	Teleconference: Hot Labor Topics for Health Care Lawyers
February 28, 2013	Teleconference: Pros and Cons: Certificate of Need in Michigan
March 7-8, 2013	19th Annual Health Law Institute, jointly sponsored with ICLE, Plymouth
March 27, 2013	Teleconference: Health Care Related Reporting Obligations: “Who ya gonna call” (Part II)
April 9, 2013	Teleconference: Health Care Related Reporting Obligations: “Who ya gonna call” (Part II)
May 7, 2013	Teleconference: Medicare Fundamentals From Part A to Part D (Part II)
May 21, 2013	Teleconference: Medicare Fundamentals From Part A to Part D (Part II)
June 25, 2013	Teleconference: Practicing Telemedicine in Michigan
September 4, 2013	HCLS Annual Meeting and Educational Session at Detroit Athletic Club
September 25 2013	Teleconference: The Sunshine Act Final Rule

**Section Committees:** The Health Care Law Section features a Substantive Law Committee with four subcommittees consisting of the Medical Legal Subcommittee, Payors Subcommittee, Providers Subcommittee, and Technology Subcommittee. These Substantive Law Subcommittees are responsible for organizing various educational programs, which are typically teleconferences, which benefit the Section’s membership. In addition, the Health Care Law Section Council has a Publications Committee, a Students and New Lawyers Committee, a Law School Achievement Award Committee, a Legislative Committee, a Technology Committee, a Pro Bono Committee, an Annual Meeting Committee, a Nominating Committee, and the Fellows Committee.

**Legislative issues:** None of note for the Section this year except that the Section has continued to monitor ongoing developments with health care reform.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue to provide educational and networking resources to our membership, via programs and written materials. Continue to pursue the Section’s support of the Michigan Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion. Continue efforts with the New Lawyers outreach and continue to enhance affiliations with law schools. Continue to work on jointly sponsoring educational programs with other sections to reach members with cross over practices. Continue to support the Fellows Program.

**Other Information:** The Section once again hosted luncheon events at several Michigan law schools for the purpose of providing a forum for students to meet Section members and learn about the various opportunities for lawyers within the health care industry. This year, for the first time, the Section endowed a scholarship for each eligible Law School and will grant the award to a student enrolled at the school who exhibits high achievement in healthcare law courses or other upper level health-law-related courses approved by the Section and as

determined by the Dean of the school. The winners of the award will be announced at the Annual Meeting in September. The Section's efforts to enhance its affiliation with law schools is beginning to take hold, with Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, the University of Detroit Law School and the University of Michigan Law School reaching out to the section for speakers to speak to the student body on the myriad of opportunities within healthcare law.

The Publications Committee authored and posted updated articles on: the "Status of Health Insurance Exchanges in Michigan" to the Section website; a White Paper on ACOs and Michigan law titled "Affordable Care Organizations in Michigan"; Timeline for Key Provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for 2013-2014; Licensure & Certification: Process & Investigations; and Telemedicine, all of which have been posted to the section website.

In pursuit of its Diversity pledge, the Section contributed \$1250 to the ABA Council of Legal Education Opportunity College Prelaw Summer Institute and \$500 to the Just the Beginning Foundation High School Summer Legal Institute.

#### **Closing Remarks:**

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Section this year. The Health Care Law Section is one of the largest sections of the State Bar of Michigan and its size and success is due to the selfless efforts of many. In particular, I would like to thank the Council members, officers, Substantive Law Committee and subcommittee members, other committee members, our dedicated Section Administrative Assistant, Adrienne Nutter, and last but not least, the many volunteers who have contributed so much of their time and energy to the Section.

Steven B. Bender  
Chair, Health Care Law Section  
State Bar of Michigan  
2012-2013

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**Bar Year:** May 31, 2012 to May 31, 2013

**Section Name:** Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

**Mission Statement:**

Issues arising out of insurance contracts and indemnity agreements affect a broad range of practice areas. In addition, insurance is a regulated industry, and state and federal regulations present specialized questions. The membership of the Insurance and Indemnity Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan consists of those who have expertise in this area of practice, as well as those whose expertise lies in other practice areas that are affected by insurance and indemnity issues. The mission of the Section is to provide a forum for an exchange of information, views and expertise from all perspectives on both insurance coverage issues and indemnity issues, and to provide information and assistance to other persons or organizations on matters relating to insurance and indemnity.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
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Mark G. Cooper (P52657)	2012-2014
Hal O. Carroll (P11668)	2011-2013
Barry M. Feldman (P26434)	2012-2014
Deborah A. Hebert (P34964)	2011-2013
Catherine L. Heise (P41614)	2012-2014
Augustine O. Igwe (P40053)	2011-2013
Lauretta A. Pominville (P59072)	2012-2014
Kimberly J. Ruppel (P55138)	2012-2014
Daniel P. Steele (P34295)	2011-2013
James K. Thome (P25629)	2011-2013
Sarah E. Wohlford (P70567)	2011-2013

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	July 24, 2012	Southfield
Annual Meeting	September 20, 2012	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	November 14, 2012	Southfield
Council Meeting	February 26, 2013	Southfield

**General Budget Information:**

Cash balance is approximately \$33,000.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

At our annual meeting in September 2012, we presented a lively panel discussion featuring three speakers regarding the role of independent defense counsel when there is a coverage conflict between insurer and insured.

In November 2012, we had a program for our members in which our speakers addressed how to engage in a successful mediation, particularly when a coverage dispute is present. We invited members of the ADR Section to attend as well. The event was followed by a pre-holiday networking reception.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Insurance Coverage Conflicts and the Role of Independent Counsel	September 20, 2012	Grand Rapids
Successful Mediation: Is It All about the Money?	November 14, 2012	Southfield

**Legislative issues:** None identified.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

Continue to follow and implement the current two-year strategic plan and newly-adopted five-year strategic plan.

Continue to expand membership through networking with other sections and groups.

Conduct Section business through productive committees.

**Other Information:**

We continue to publish our quarterly *Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law*, and in addition to mailing copies to all members, we have also mailed copies to state circuit court and appellate judges, federal trial court judges, the chairperson of every other State Bar section, and some non-lawyer groups. The *Journal* is well-received and provides a wide breadth of articles and features for readers.



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We conduct business through the following committees: publications, strategic planning, membership, and programming.

We are now in our sixth year as a Section. Our membership has continued to grow steadily, and is approaching 600 members.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31 of each year, to:**

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**The Section—Who We Are**

**Section Name:** Intellectual Property Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The purposes of this Section are to study the laws and procedures pertaining to federal and state patent, trademark and copyright laws and to promote the fair and just administration of such laws; to study and report upon proposed legislation; to promote the legal education of members of the bar, and the general public on the problems of patent, trademark and copyright law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences devoted to the problems of patent, trademark and copyright law by the preparation and dissemination of pamphlets and brochures with respect thereto and by preparing, sponsoring and publishing legal writings in the patent, trademark and copyright field.

**Intellectual Property Law Section Membership:** 1,106

**Intellectual Property Law Section Publication:** At this writing, the Section has published two issues of *IPLS Proceedings* during this year. A third issue is planned for late June or early July.

**General Budget Information:** The Section continues to maintain a solid financial position, with a balance reported for May 31, 2013 of \$110,318.51. A net of \$38,888.22 remained from sponsorship money received for the Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office Grand Opening Gala held July 12, 2012. The USPTO requested that the excess sponsorship money be used to establish an intellectual property law pro bono program in Michigan. (Minutes of August 9, 2012 Council meeting.) The Council has worked through the year to establish such a program. Major expenditures this year were for a basic-level Fall Intellectual Property Law Seminar held October 10, 2012 (\$13,906.91) and for publication (at this writing) of two issues of the Section's newsletter, *IPLS Proceedings* (\$4,834.11).

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**The Council**

**Officers and Council Members:**

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<b>Council Member</b>		<b>Term</b>
Kristen I. Spano	P60370	Expires 9/30/2013
James J. Dottavio	P46089	Expires 9/30/2013
Amanda Conti-Duhaime	P48960	Expires 9/30/2013
David C. Berry	P65605	Expires 9/30/2014
Kendra S. Mattison	P71221	Expires 9/30/2014
Kristin L. Murphy	P57284	Expires 9/30/2014
Tamara A. Clark	P70376	Expires 9/30/2015
Steven R. Hansen	P69144	Expires 9/30/2015
Chad Kleinheksel	P66245	Expires 9/30/2015
The Institute of Continuing Legal Education (Ann Arbor) is represented by Stephanie Stenberg at our meetings. The Section cosponsors its seminars with ICLE.		

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Regular Council Meeting	August 9, 2012	Lansing
Interim Meeting	August 30, 2012	Telephone conference
Regular Council Meeting	September 13, 2012	Lansing
Regular Council Meeting	October 11, 2012	Lansing
Regular Council Meeting	November 8, 2012	Lansing
Regular Council Meeting	December 13, 2012	Telephone conference
Regular Council Meeting	January 10, 2013	Lansing
Regular Council Meeting	February 14, 2013	Telephone conference
Regular Council Meeting	March 14, 2013	Telephone conference
Regular Council Meeting	April 11, 2013	Telephone conference
Regular Council Meeting	May 9, 2013	Telephone conference
Regular Council Meeting	June 13, 2013	Telephone conference
Business Meeting of the Section	July 20, 2013	Mackinac Island

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**Events and Seminars**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office Grand Opening Gala	July 12, 2012	The Henry Ford, Dearborn
38th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute	July 19-21, 2012	Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Acme
Reception following USPTO AIA Roadshow	September 20, 2012	Detroit Institute of Arts
Fall Seminar (“Basic Trademark and Patent Practice for Lawyers and Paralegals”)	October 10, 2012	The Inn at St. John’s, Plymouth
2013 Spring IP Law Seminar	March 25, 2013	Kellogg Center, East Lansing
39th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute	July 18-20, 2013	Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

**Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office Grand Opening Gala held July 12, 2012 at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.** The Section organized a dinner-and-dancing gala event to celebrate the historic opening of the first ever US Patent and Trademark Office branch office, which opened in July 2012 in Detroit, Michigan. On June 6, the Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan was contacted by Bill Coughlin of Ford Motor Company, who had in turn been contacted by Director David Kappos about possibly having a party the evening before the “ribbon cutting” for the new office (to take place July 13, 2012). The event was organized as a strolling dinner and included entertainment. All areas of the museum were open to our guests; a number of museum interpreters were on hand to provide commentary on the exhibits. The gala was planned by the Council and interested section members and was sponsored by various Michigan companies and firms. 630 guests registered for this event. The venue, food, flowers, and entertainment were first class; a good time was had by all.

**38th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, held July 19-21, 2012 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Acme.** This year’s program received an overall rating of 6.54/7.0 from attendees, a very high mark. Attendance was down somewhat: we had 154 registered, compared to 211 in 2011 and 223 in 2010 for the Mackinac Island location and 187 in 2009, the last year that the Summer Institute was in Traverse City. As always, comments indicated that some of our members only come to the Summer Institute when it is in Traverse City. Others will only attend when it is on Mackinac Island. The Council strives to present a full slate of excellent speakers every year. At whichever location we hold the Summer Institute, please come and enjoy a top-quality seminar

**Reception following USPTO AIA Roadshow, September 20, 2012, Detroit Institute of Arts.** At the request of the USPTO, the Section sponsored a reception following the USPTO’s presentation on changes in patent law and office rules under the AIA, presented at the Detroit Public Library on September 20, 2012. The reception was held in a room at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The food and service were excellent. The reception was announced by email through SBM and at the PTO’s program. Approximately fifty people attended. The USPTO officials indicated their appreciation.

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**Fall Seminar (“Basic Trademark and Patent Practice for Lawyers and Paralegals”), October 10, 2012, The Inn at St. John’s, Plymouth.** After a hiatus of a few years, the Section again offered an introductory level seminar in the fall suitable for those new to the practice. Four experienced section members spoke on basic patent and trademark prosecution and litigation. Our lunch speaker was Robin Evans, director of the USPTO Elijah J. McCoy Detroit Patent Office. The seminar was offered live in Plymouth (80 attendees, 88 who registered) and as a webinar (11 attendees, 21 who registered). There was a good mix of IP practitioners (both experienced and new), legal assistants, students, and non-IP attorneys.

**2013 Spring Intellectual Property Law Seminar, March 25, 2013, Kellogg Center, East Lansing.** Our annual Spring Seminar was again held at the Kellogg Center. There were 259 registered, with 216 attending. The program received good ratings, higher than last year’s. This year’s lunch speaker was Martin Schwimmer, author of the popular “The Trademark Blog,” who spoke on 3-D printing and IP law. We again offered three breakout sessions after lunch, this year for the automotive industry, university technology transfer, and technology and management tools for IP practice.

**39th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, July 18-20, 2013, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island.** The 39th Annual IP Law Summer Institute will be at the Grand Hotel in July, with advanced patent and copyright sessions Thursday afternoon, updates Friday morning, and various topics Saturday morning. Teresa Stanek Rea, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the USPTO, is scheduled to speak on Saturday.

**Annual Business Meeting.** The Section’s annual business meeting will be held July 20 at 8 am at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island in conjunction with the 39th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute.

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### **Other Section Projects During 2012-2013**

**Intellectual Property Law Section’s Writing Competition for Michigan Law Schools:** The Section sponsored a writing competition for students at Michigan’s law schools who wish to write on an intellectual property law topic. This is the third year for the competition. We received four entries. A judging committee will be formed from the membership to award prizes of \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 for third place. The winning papers will be published in issues of *IPLS Proceedings* during the coming year. Last year’s winners were recognized at lunch at the 2013 Spring Seminar.

**Michigan Patent Pro Bono Program:** This year the Council worked on establishing an intellectual pro bono program in Michigan. The Council has gathered information, including a “best practices” publication from the Federal Circuit. An organizational meeting was held with interested section members.

**USPTO/Intellectual Property Law Section Relationship:** The Council met with a representative of the USPTO Elijah J. McCoy Detroit Patent Office to discuss ways in which the Section can support and work with the Office.

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**Looking Forward to 2013-2014**

**Planned Activities:**

- SBM Annual Meeting CLE program on intellectual property law basics Thursday, September 19, 2013. A new event for the section.
- Spring Seminar, March 2014, Lansing.
- 40th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, July 2014, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island.
- An introductory-level intellectual property law seminar, October, 2014. Training for new section members and an opportunity to network with business and corporate attorneys who do not attend our other seminars.

**Recommendations for Next Council:**

- Continue work to establish an IP pro bono program in Michigan.
- Invite the USPTO Elijah J. McCoy Detroit Patent Office to have a regular column in *IPLS Proceedings*.
- Consider establishing an annual program or social function with the USPTO employees at the Elijah J. McCoy Detroit Patent Office.
- Resume the tradition of a Student Roundtable for the 2014 Spring Seminar

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** International Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The International Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information, and analysis about the field of international law through meetings, seminars, the Section’s website, LinkedIn, public service programs, and publication of the *Michigan International Lawyer*.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
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Treasurer	Daphne A. Short	Con-way, Inc., 2211 Old Earhart Road, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48105	734-757-1871	Short.Daphne@con- way.com

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Law Student Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
Gregory H. Fox	2013	Eric Shovein (Wayne State University)	2013
Eve C. Lerman	2013	Weldianne Climo (Univ. Detroit Mercy)	2013
Aaron P. Ogletree	2013	Nathan Chan (Cooley)	2013
Linda J. Armstrong	2014		
Sonia A. Salah	2014		
Douglas F. Duchek	2014		
Tim A. Attalla	2015		
Debra Auerbach Clephane	2015		
Lara F. Phillip	2015		

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular	May 15, 2013	Brinks, Hofer, Detroit, MI
Regular	March 20, 2013	Dykema Gossett, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Regular	January 23, 2013	Butzel Long, Detroit, MI
Regular	November 14, 2012	Honigman, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Annual	September 12, 2012	Detroit Yacht Club, Belle Isle

**General Budget Information:** As of the seven months ending April 30, 2013, the Section reported revenues of \$13,005.00 and expenses of \$4,520.86 with a fund balance of \$25,752.69.

**Committees:**

- International Business and Tax: chair Colleen Freeburg, Tax Counsel of GM International
- Emerging Nations: co-chairs Richard Goetz, partner of Dykema Gossett PLLC, and Tim Kaufman, attorney at The Cronin Law Firm
- International Employment & Immigration: co-chairs Debra Auerbach Clephane, partner of Vercruyse Murray & Calzone, and Linda Armstrong, partner of Butzel Long
- International Human Rights: chair Andrew Moore, Associate Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
- International Trade Committee: co-chairs Christina Carey Howard, Chief of Export Compliance, General Motors and Aaron Ogletree
- International Dispute Resolution: chair Professor Troy Harris, University of Detroit Mercy
- Mentor-Mentee Committee: chair to be named

**Events and/or Seminars:**



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Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum. The Section also provides networking opportunities for its members at each of its seminars and programs.

The Section planned or sponsored the following programs and seminars this past year:

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Intellectual Property Infringement and Other Unfair Practices in International Trade – Panyin Hughes, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission	May 15, 2013	Brinks Hofer, Detroit, MI
Doing Business in Russia – Professor Bruce Bean and Randy Wright	March 20, 2013	Dykema Gossett, Bloomfield Hills, MI
International Cybercrime – FBI Special Agent Adam Maddock	January 23, 2013	Butzel Long, Detroit, MI
What International Lawyers Need to Know about Global Privacy Regulation – Robert L. Rothman, Privacy Associates International LLC	November 14, 2012	Honigman, Bloomfield Hills, MI
2012 Presidential Election – Impact on International Law and International Lawyers	September 12, 2012	Detroit Yacht Club, Belle Isle, MI

**Legislative issues:** None at this time

**Recommendations for next Council:** Will be reviewed and recommendations to be made by International Law Section Nominating Committee

**Other Information:** The Section publishes the *Michigan International Lawyer* approximately three times a year with assistance from Wayne State University School of Law. The mission of the *Michigan International Lawyer* is to enhance and contribute to the public’s knowledge of world law and trade with articles of contemporary international law topics and issues of general

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interest. The journal is mailed to all Section members and is also available on the Section's website at [michbar.org/international](http://michbar.org/international).

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**Bar Year: 2013**

**Section Name: Judicial Section**

**Mission Statement: The purpose of this organization shall be to join all judges of courts of record into one group to improve the efficient administration of justice in the various courts of this State and to further the relationship between the Bench and the State Bar.**

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Hon. Timothy G. Hicks	9/30/15	Hon. Fred L. Borchard	9/30/15
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Hon. Brian A. Oakley	9/30/15		

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**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Section Meeting	December 14, 2012	State Bar Building
Section Meeting	March 22, 2013	State Bar Building
Section Meeting	June 23, 2013	Mission Point
Section and Annual Meeting	September 20, 2013	State Bar Annual Meeting

**General Budget Information:** Balance as of March 2013 is \$18,820.34

**Events and/or Seminars: No Events or Seminars**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location

**Legislative issues:** We have a number of legislative issues we address at our meetings.

**Recommendations for next Council:** none

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION  
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***Mission Statement:*** The purposes of the Section shall be to study labor and employment law and to promote its fair and just administration; to study and report upon proposed and necessary legislation, to promote the legal education of members of this Section of the Bar and the general public by generating awareness of the problems and concerns of management, labor, and employee relations through sponsorship of meetings, institutes, and conferences, and by preparing, sponsoring, and publishing legal writing in the labor and employment field; to endeavor to assist in the development of rules and conduct based upon the rights and responsibilities of employees and management and labor and industry; and to promote justice, equal opportunity, and industrial peace.

***Officers and Council Members:*** Officers and Council Members are listed by practice emphasis: "M" references Management; "P" references Plaintiff; "U" references Union; and "N" references neutral.

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**2012-2013 Council Meetings:** The Council meets once a month, typically on the second Monday of the month, during every month except July. During the last year, the meetings were held in Detroit, Southfield and Bingham Farms with a telephonic attendance option.

**Section Publications:** Lawnotes continues to be published quarterly and can be found on our Section website as part of the SBM website.

**Events and/or Seminars:** We started the year with our Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids on September 20, 2012. Terry Morgan, Regional Director in the Detroit Regional Office (Region 7) of the NLRB and David Lopez, General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, were presenters. Craig Schwartz and David Radtke served as panel members to discuss the NLRB issues. Larry Murphy, Stephen Drew and Rhett Pinsky served as panel members to discuss the EEOC issues. David Calzone served as moderator for both panels.

The Section's Holiday party took place on December 13, 2012 at the Birmingham Country Club. We had 162 attorneys paid/registered for the event.

The Section's Mid-Winter Meeting took place on January 25 and 26, 2013 at the Detroit Athletic Club. The dinner speaker was Professor Kevin Boyle. He discussed his upcoming book about Sacco and Vanzetti. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Joe Golden. The Section also presented a seminar on January 26, 2013 with Legal Updates presented by Mike Shoudy, Gary Francis, Rob Boonin and Jeff Steele. John Runyan moderated a panel which included Greg Murray, Kathy Bogas



and featured EEOC Commissioner Victoria Lipnik to discuss the EEOC's new strategic enforcement plan.

On October 14, 2012, the Section co-sponsored the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bernard Gottfried Memorial Labor Law Symposium held in Detroit at Wayne State University Law School.

On March 12, 2013 the Section co-sponsored a west side event with the Grand Rapids Bar Association featuring a discussion of the recent right to work legislation.

The Section co-sponsored the ICLE "Labor and Employment Law Institute" with a new lawyer promotion in April.

On June 6, 2013, the Section will present the "Spring Board" seminar, focusing on practice before the EEOC to be held at the Big Rock in Birmingham.

**Awards:** The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Joe Golden in January of 2013.

**Financial Report:** The Section is now financially secure, and expenses are within budget.

**Future Goals and Activities:** The Section intends to continue providing excellent seminars and programs for members and its quarterly publication, "Lawnotes." The Section also plans to continue its drive for new members. The Section has implemented a recruitment and approval process for non-lawyer members which is off to a good start. The Section recently conducted a survey of its members to evaluate and improve programming. The Section is also planning a seminar directed to new lawyers for October 2, 2013 in Royal Oak.

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REPORT**

❖ ***Introduction:***

The State Bar of Michigan Law Student Section has been very active in the 2012-2013 academic year. Throughout the year, the section has strived to make changes that would effectively increase membership of students, and reach out to the student body throughout Michigan, and Toledo.

❖ ***Section Mission Statement:***

The mission of the Law Student Section Governing Council is to represent students of Michigan's law School, and to act as a liaison to the State Bar Sections. Moreover, the Section is there to increase student involvement in the State Bar of Michigan, and to actively support other State Bar sections' in their activities. The Law Student Section strives to strengthen and further professional opportunities among law students and the legal community.

❖ ***Officers and Council Members:***

<b>Chair:</b>	Marina K. Haddad
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Erin Bannister
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Andrea Rossi
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jillian Berndt
<b>1L Oral Advocacy Competition Chair:</b>	Veronica Perera

❖ ***General Council Members:***

Andrea Rossi; Lauren Elster; Anthony Chester; Veronica Perrera; Brittany Chulis; David Hamstra; Danielle Oliver ; Zane Hatahet; Cheryl Kennedy; Chelsey Marsh; Daniela Walters ; Klaudia Nikolli; Marianne Bohnlein; Christine Humphrey; Aaron Sohaski; Tiffany Brent; Marina Haddad; Jillian Berndt; Kyra Harris; Justin Strayhorn; Erin Bannister; Sarah Miller .

❖ ***Section Committees:***

**1L Oral Advocacy Committee:**

The committee assisted the Chair of the Section, and the Chair of the Annual 1L Oral Advocacy Competition to put on the successful event. The committee consisted of: Marina Haddad, Erin Bannister, Zane Hatahet, Veronica Perera, Cheryl Kennedy, Danielle Oliver, Kyra Harris and Jillian Berndt. The committee contacted local practicing attorneys in the Employment Section to judge the competition, which was hosted at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

❖ **SECTION MEMBERSHIP:**

Each law school was required to host two table events each semester to increase membership and inform students of the SBM Law Student Section.

After meeting with Mr. Lynn Ingram, we were able to transform the membership registration process from paper application to online registration. The launch date is yet to be determined, but will most probably be used for the 2013-2014 year. This will allow for an easier registration process, and the Section anticipates an increased membership as a result.

❖ **SECTION BYLAWS:**

There have not been any revisions or additions to the Section's bylaws.

❖ **SECTION PUBLICATIONS:**

Although the Section has not yet published anything on the SBM website, the section has published several articles in the InBrief newsletter of UDM Law School. In addition, the Section has participated in the Section updates posted in the monthly Newsletter of the State Bar of Michigan.

❖ **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS:**

**MEETINGS:**

The Law Student Section holds a conference call every first Sunday of each month. During the calls, upcoming activities and action plans are discussed. The conference call is only open to the governing council and the general council members.

The Chair of the Section has attended various meeting with Mr. Lynn Ingram in Lansing at the SBM to discuss idea's and programs to develop the section and programs the Law Student Section was interested in co-hosting.

In addition, the Chair of the Section has also attending a meeting as a member of the governing council with the Young Lawyers Section. The meeting was successful and a gap was bridged between the two sections. During the meeting, ideas were shared to host events that would be beneficial to both recent attorneys and students soon to graduate.

**ACTIVITIES**

**1L Oral Advocacy Competition:**

This year, the competition was held at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in Detroit Michigan. The School celebrating its Centennial anniversary was thrilled to host the Annual event. The winner of the competition was Shainee Shaf of the University of Michigan Law School. The runner up was David Drwencke of Detroit Mercy School of law. The topic of this year's competition was the Right to Work Legislation where the contestants argued both sides of the topic. Judges were invited from the master list as well as the young lawyer section, specifically from the Employment Section.

**Young Lawyers Section Conference:**

The Chair will be attending the Young Lawyers Sections Conference which will be held on June 8, 2013 in Greektown Casino as a member of the board.

**SEMINARS:**

**Bar Leadership Forum**

The Chair of the Law Student had the privilege of being asked to speak at the Bar Leadership Forum on June 15, 2013. Specifically, the Chair will be sharing her experience in the "Marketing member benefits" seminar session and discussing the usage of twitter and other social media to increase membership and reach more law students.

❖ **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Section started the 2012-2013 with a budget of \$7, 273.10, and ended the year with a budget of \$6,609.87. In an effort to cut section spending, the Chair reached out to Themis Bar Review. Themis generously sponsored the breakfast for the 1L Oral Advocacy, and gifted a full Themis Bar review course to the winner, and a \$500 credit to the runner up.

❖ **FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:**

The main focus of the upcoming year to increase membership to ensure students are aware of the services the SBM offers. Moreover, the upcoming year will be focused on having a more involved governing council so that the maximum number of students is involved and aware of the sections activities.

After speaking to the chair of the Young Lawyers Section, a mutual goal was reached to host a financial seminar for law students and new attorney's to make them aware of their financial obligations and options post-graduation.

The Section is in the process of inviting the SBM President to speak at each individual campus to make the students, especially third year law students, what the SBM is, and what they offer new attorneys.

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** Litigation Section

**Mission Statement:** The Litigation Section provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the State Bar of Michigan web site, public service programs, publication of a newsletter, and social media. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

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James D. VandeWyngearde	2013	Michael J. Butler	2014
Honorable Donald A. Johnston	2013	Thaddeus E. Morgan	2014
Gary K. Springstead	2013	Albert J. Dib	2015
James M. Straub	2013	Daniel J. McGlynn	2015
Sherry D.O. Taylor	2013	Bernard C. Schaefer	2015
Michael P. Cooney	2014	Kristopher K. Hulliberger	2015

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**Council Meeting Schedule:** Periodic council meetings are scheduled throughout the year in accordance with the following schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	November 8, 2012	Telephonic
Council Meeting	January 30, 2013	Telephonic
Council Meeting	March 14, 2013	Lansing, Michigan
Council Meeting	May 22, 2013	Telephonic
Litigation Summer Conference	July 26-27, 2013	Mackinaw Island, Michigan
Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing, Michigan

**General Budget Information:** The Litigation Section remains very strong financially. As set forth in the most recent Treasurer's Report which is through March 31, 2013, the Section has total year-to-date revenues of \$55,540.00, with a total cash in account of approximately \$145,677.55. Total expenses for the year are projected to be approximately \$84,020.00. A copy of the most recent Treasurer's Report and the Section's Budget for the fiscal year are also attached. The Section's projected surplus/balance, after deducting the budgeted items for the year, is approximately \$88,141.71. Based on current projections, the Section should remain strong financially as it moves into the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The Section has invested a portion of its budget surplus in areas targeted to benefit the Section membership, including enhancement of programs, broadening communications streams to better inform Section members on developments in the law, and to assist those in need with legal assistance. As in past years, the Litigation Section made a significant donation to the State Bar Foundation/Access to Justice program. This year, the Litigation Section continued its support with a recently approved donation of \$12,000. We are pleased to report our continued commitment in support nonprofit programs throughout Michigan that provide civil legal services to low-income families facing immediate legal issues.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

The Litigation Section continues to partner with ICLE to offer quality continuing legal education to Michigan attorneys. A listing of our 2012-2013 offerings is as follows:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Masters In Litigation Seminar	October 16, 2012	Plymouth, Michigan
Litigation Technology Seminar	March 11, 2013	Plymouth, Michigan
2013 Litigation Summer Conference	July 26-27, 2013	Mission Point Resort, Mackinaw Island, Michigan
Masters In Litigation Seminar	October 10, 2013	Plymouth, Michigan

The 2012 Fall Masters in Litigation seminar was entitled, The Lawyer's Winning Edge - What They Didn't Teach You in Law School featuring our popular return guests Lisa L. DeCaro and Leonard Matheo of Courtroom Performance, Inc. DeCaro and Matheo presented the common mistakes

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lawyers make in speaking and demonstrated why gestures and body language are critical in persuading your audience.

To continue the Section's enhanced trial skills programming, this year the Litigation Section was proud to debut the First Annual Litigation Technology Seminar. This inaugural conference was wildly popular and allowed participants to gain the skill and confidence needed to take a trial to the next level - taught by Paul Unger one of the nation's foremost litigation technology consultants.

The Section continues its tradition of hosting a quality summer conference at a Northern Michigan resort that is educational, motivational and family friendly. The conference also provides a unique opportunity for litigators and members of the judiciary from across the State of Michigan to socialize in a relaxed setting. This year, the Section awaits the return of ever-popular speaker, Robert Musante and his presentation, *Deposing the Artful Dodger – Master the Art of Deposition Cross-Examination*. Musante is one of the country's foremost teachers of deposition rules and tactics. This program teaches how to recognize and attack question-dodging and truth-dodging by even the most brilliant and wily of adverse witnesses.

Finally, our presenter for the 2013 Fall Masters in Litigation program is national jury trial consultant, Richard Gabriel. Mr. Gabriel will discuss the myths and truths about today's jurors and jury selection, including how to profile, select and communicate with your jury.

**Legislative issues:** The Litigation Section reviews proposed amendments and recent developments in court rules and legislation of interest to litigators. The Committee regularly reviews pending legislation and policy and provides comment and recommendations to the Litigation Section Council regarding whether or not the Section should take a public position on any given issue. Examples during the past year have included changes to the Michigan Rules of Court, developments and changes relating to the electronic filing in state court and proposed changes to the Michigan Rules of Professional Responsibility.

**Recommendations for next Council:** The Litigation Section is fortunate to have a strong foundation based upon active participation of its Council and committees. The Section has the following six (6) active committees: (1) Programs and Education, (2) Litigation Technology, (3) Publications and Social Media, (4) Legislative/Rules, (5) Nominating/Membership, and (6) Public Service. While the Section has remained strong for many years, we are constantly looking at ways to improve service to all members. This is evident from the newly-formed Litigation Technology committee, debuting its highly-attended First Annual Litigation Technology Seminar this year with great success. The Litigation Section continues to receive requests to join the Section's LinkedIn group, launched in 2012 and now nears 1,000 members! The Section is clearly responding to the demands of its members who seek to learn and grow in the technology age. The Section is currently evaluating ways to continually evolve both the committee level and Section level – including devising specific goals and objectives for long-term advancement to ensure we continue to answer the needs of our members.

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**Other Information:** The leadership of the Litigation Section is strong. I would like to thank the Executive Committee, Chair Elect M.J. Stephen Fox, Secretary Michael Donnelly, and Treasurer Marcy Taylor, for their dedication to the Section along with the Section's Council for their participation, guidance, and support.

*/s/ Dari Craven Bargo  
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State Bar of Michigan*



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TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 31, 2013

1. For the three months ending March 31, 2013.

Beginning Fund Balance.....	\$ 96,709.74
YTD Revenue.....	\$ 55,540.00
Beginning Fund Balance plus Revenue.....	\$152,249.74
YTD Expenses.....	\$ 6,572.19
YTD Net Fund Balance.....	\$145,677.55

2. The State Bar of Michigan provided the Litigation Section financial report ending March 31, 2013. It is unaudited and attached hereto.
3. Since the last report submitted for the period ending December 31, 2012 additional expenses that have been incurred and approved include the following:  
\$51.65 (Telephone); \$105.00 (List Serv)

Dated: April 10, 2013

Very truly yours,  
Marcy A. Tayler, Treasurer  
Litigation Section  
State Bar of Michigan

## Litigation Section FY 2012-2013 Budget

### REVENUES

Member Dues	\$54,087.50
Student/Affiliate Dues	\$410.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$54,497.50</b>
Cash Balance Forwarded	\$117,664.21
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$172,161.71</b>

### EXPENSES

Summer Program	\$23,000.00
Masters Program (includes \$1000 reception)	\$12,000.00
Technology and Trial Seminar	\$7500.00
Annual Meeting	\$500.00
Newsletter	\$15,000.00
Mock Trial	\$5000.00
Legal Aid Contribution	\$12,000.00
Website/Social Media	\$4000.00
State Bar Leadership Conference	\$1800.00
Postage	\$1800.00
Listserv	\$420.00
Council Meetings	\$500.00
Telephone	\$500.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$84,020.00</b>

**YEAR END BALANCE**                      **\$88,141.71**

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** Master Lawyers

**Mission Statement:** The Section's mission is to promote the particular interests of the members of the Section, to plan and carry out programs, publications, and activities of interest to members of the Section, to coordinate programs for members of this Section with national and local bar associations, to protect the public by providing resources on the ethical and practical issues related to transitioning from the practice of law, to be a resource for retirement planning, and to expand opportunities for contributions by members of this Section to the community. The goals of Section are to provide service to members of this Section, to aid in protecting the public, and to contribute to the community.

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Ronald Keefe	9/30/2015	Richard Ruhala	9/30/2015
Cynthia L.M. Johnson	9/30/2015	Gregory L Ulrich - Past Chair	9/30/2013

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council	10/18/2012	Michael Franck Bldg., Lansing
Council	11/15/2012	Telephonic
Council	12/13/2012	Telephonic
Council	1/17/2013	Telephonic
Council	2/21/2013	Telephonic

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Council	3/21/2013	Telephonic
Council	4/18/2013	Oakland County Bar Association, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Council	5/16/2013	Telephonic
Council	6/20/2013	Telephonic
Council	7/18/2013	Telephonic
Council	8/18/2013	Crystal Mountain Resort and Spa, Thompsonville, Michigan
Council	9/20/2013	Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan

**General Budget Information:** Active, inactive, and emeritus SBM members in good standing who have reached age 60 or completed 30 years of practice as members of the Bar automatically become members of the section free of charge. Active, inactive, and emeritus SBM members in good standing who have reached age 50 or have completed 20 years of membership in the Bar may join the section for the payment of annual dues in the amount of \$25. The Section is funded by the SBM.

The Section has been assisted in its work by staff liaisons Amy Castner and Dawn Evans. The Section is provided financial information relative to its revenue and expenditures by the Finance Division and receives staff assistance with electronic publications and communications from the Communications Division.

**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	12/21/2012	DeVos Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Summer Conference	8/16/2013- 8/18/2013	Crystal Mountain Resort and Spa, Thompsonville, Michigan

**Legislative issues:** Members of the Inventory Attorney Rule Subcommittee participated in presentations at two Representative Assembly meetings, seeking the Representative Assembly's approval of an inventory attorney rule. After a motion to approve the rule was defeated at the April Representative Assembly meeting, Council member David Kerr determined to go forward with preparation of form documents that could be used by lawyers on a voluntary basis in identifying a lawyer to take over and wind down a lawyer's practice in the event of death or disability – an approach favored by members of the Council.

**Recommendations for next Council:** The Section should continue to work on ways to involve and serve its membership, consistent with its Bylaws, by developing programming and disseminating information to its members in areas of interest. The Section anticipates both regular and periodic use of electronic and print forms of communication to make members aware of developments that impact them, as well as to solicit from members input about what type of programming would be helpful or well-received. In the coming year, the Section plans to continue to develop member interest in working on its various committees; promote participation in the online mentor program, linking Section members with young lawyers seeking guidance; educate the members about the importance of succession planning; and increase participation by members in the Section's annual meeting, summer conference, and other events.

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**Other Information:** At the annual meeting, a panel presentation about career changes was given by Ed Pugh, Elizabeth Joliffe, and Stuart Trager. The section elected officers and council members for the 2012-2013 year on the basis of recommendations made by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Richard Fellrath, including all of the officers and council members reflected above and Asher Tilchin. Greg Ulrich was thanked for his work as Chair of the Section by newly elected Chair-Elect Jim Loree on behalf of Chair Mary Ellen Crusoe Byrne, who was unable to attend. In April of 2013, Cynthia L.M. Johnson was elected to serve the unexpired term of Asher Tilchin, who had resigned his council membership in March of 2013.

The following persons served as chairs of the identified committees and subcommittees:

Nominating Committee – Richard Fellrath  
Service to Master Lawyers Committee – Jim Loree  
    Mentoring Subcommittee – Ron Keefe  
    Transition of Practice Subcommittee – Cynthia L.M. Johnson  
    Communications Subcommittee – Roberta Gubbins  
    Programs Subcommittee – Michael Long  
Protection of the Public Committee  
    Inventory Attorney Rule Subcommittee – Ed Pugh  
Community Contribution  
    Law Day Subcommittee – Richard Ruhala  
    Constitution Day – Fred Keywell  
Membership Committee – Roland Hwang

During the course of the year, the Law Day Subcommittee partnered with the LRE-PO Committee to promote section member knowledge and involvement in the State Bar's Law Day contest. The Constitution Day Subcommittee also liaised with the LRE-PO Committee and generated involvement in middle school programming throughout the state. The Mentoring Committee partnered with the Young Lawyers Section to promote involvement between the two groups in promoting mentoring. The section joined with Elder Law of Michigan to nominate a candidate for the ABA John H. Pickering Award. The Council communicated with its members by use of eblasts and its web site. Members of the Inventory Attorney Rule Subcommittee participated in presentations at two Representative Assembly meetings, seeking the Representative Assembly's approval of an inventory attorney rule. After a motion to approve the rule was defeated at the April Representative Assembly, Council member David Kerr determined to go forward with preparation of form documents that could be used by lawyers on a voluntary basis in identifying a lawyer to take over and wind down a lawyer's practice in the event of death or disability – an approach favored by members of the Council.

A section representative attended the New Chair orientation on September, the Bar Leadership Forum in June, the ABA Senior lawyer's Section meeting in August and two session of Sections Looking forward sponsored by the SBM.

The Section's summer conference is scheduled for August 16-18 at Crystal Mountain Resort and Spa in Thompsonville, Michigan. Scheduled speakers include John F. Reed, Nancy H. Welber, and JoAnn Hathaway on such diverse topics as making LinkedIn work for the member, enhancing a member's I-Pad capabilities, developing a personal brand, taking stock of talents and envisioning a new career, refreshing the way of approaching the timeless art of business relationship building, and understanding retirement benefits paid to trusts and beneficiaries.

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

**Mission Statement:** The Paralegal/Legal Assistant 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 qualified legal assistants and 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.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	September 21, 2013	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	November 10, 2013	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Council Meeting	January 26, 2013	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	March 9, 2013	(via telephone conference)
Council Meeting	May 11, 2013	Williamston, MI
Council Meeting	July 20, 2013	(via telephone conference)
Council Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing, MI

**General Budget Information:** As of March 31, 2013, total revenue was \$11,850 and total expenses were \$5,012.46. Therefore, net income was \$6,837.54. The ending fund balance as of the same date was \$19,395.96.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Metro Detroit Meet & Greet	March 19, 2013	Ferndale, MI
“Race for Excellence” Social	May 2, 2013	Lansing, MI
Annual Day of Education	May 3, 2013	Lansing, MI
Governor’s Proclamation – Paralegal/Legal Asst Day	May 3, 2013	(Statewide)
Council Retreat	May 11, 2013	Williamston, MI
Annual Meeting	September 20, 2013	Lansing, MI
Grand Rapids Meet & Greet	TBD	Grand Rapids, MI
Traverse City Meet & Greet	TBD	Traverse City, MI

**Legislative issues:** None.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

- Continue/expand the “Meet & Greet” event concept.
- Continue strategic planning work.

**Other/Additional Information:**

- **Events –**
  - Annual Day of Education - Co-sponsored by Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section of the State Bar of Michigan and Association of Litigation Support Professionals, this is a full day of legal education with multiple tracks. The Thursday evening networking event was held at the Lexington Lansing Hotel and Friday's seminar at Lansing Community College’s West Campus.
  - Annual Meeting – Held in conjunction with State Bar Annual Meeting, with speaker Margaret Nelson, Assistant Attorney General, to present regarding governmental immunity. There will also be an election and swearing in of officers and council members.

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- Meet & Greet events – Informal gatherings to promote networking and membership.
- **Publications** – “News Blast” (bi-monthly flyer of upcoming events), “Michigan Paralegal” (quarterly newsletter of articles and postings); new Facebook and LinkedIn pages established
- **Awards** – “Shining Star” award based on nominations to recognize outstanding paralegals in Michigan; Scholarships awarded in Summer of 2013 to deserving college students enrolled in ABA-approved paralegal program.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2013 to:**

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**Bar Year:** 2012-2013

**Section Name:** Prisons and Corrections

**Mission Statement:**

The purposes of the Prisons and Corrections Section are to:

- a) study and debate
  - 1) the operation of the criminal justice system as it affects incarcerated persons, their families, and the public;
  - 2) alternatives to incarceration;
  - 3) the functioning of jails, prisons and parole; and
  - 4) post-incarceration issues;
- b) educate its members and the general public; and
- c) make recommendations to the State Bar, public officials, the Legislature and the Judiciary regarding the adoption of rational, effective and fair policies in these areas.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Secretary	Pete Martel (Associate Member)	AFSC, Ann Arbor	248.807.7651	<a href="mailto:pmartel@afsc.org">pmartel@afsc.org</a>
Treasurer	Avar Laws-Wright P71704	611 W Ottawa St, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl Lansing 48933	517.241.6317	laws-righta@mich.gov
Immed.Past President	Patricia Streeter P30022			

Member	Term	Member	Term
Avar Laws-Wright (P71704)	2015		
Jessica L. Zimbelman (P72042)	2015		
Jacqueline C. Ouvry (P71214)	2015	<b>Ex Officio Council Members</b>	
Douglas B. Shapiro (P39827)	2015	Michelle VanDusen	n/a
Nicole George (Associate Member)	2015	Jessica Peterson (P69532)	n/a
Michael Marutiak (P30104)	2014	(vacant--MI Sheriff's Assoc.)	n/a
Dan Manville (P39731)	2014	Patricia A. Streeter (P30022)	2013
Paul Reingold (P27594)	2014		
Richard Stapleton (P38793)	2014		
Monica Jahner (Associate Member)	2014	<b>Representative Assembly Liaison</b>	
John A Shea (P37634)	2013	Bruce Barton (P10512)	
Sandra L. Bailiff Girard (P33274)	2013		
Gary M. Kasenow (P38304)	2013	<b>Commissioner Liaison</b>	
Ronald W. Emery (P24056)	2013	Brandy Y. Robinson (P66895)	n/a
Pete Martel (Associate Member)	2013		

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Membership Meeting & Program	09/22/12	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids
Monthly Meeting	10/06/12	MSU School of Law, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	11/03/12	MSU School of Law, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	12/01/12	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	01/05/13	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	03/02/13	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	04/06/13	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting & Program	05/04/13	State Bar Building, Lansing

**General Budget Information:** This year the Prison and Corrections Section had approximately \$6500 in revenues, \$6150 in expenses, and increased its end-of-year Fund Balance to approximately \$2000.00.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Training: Re-Entry Strategies--Preparing Your Client to Re-Enter Society Following Incarceration	06/01/13	State Bar Building, Lansing
Joint Program with the Young Lawyers Section: Identification, Classification and Treatment of the Mentally Ill Prisoner, and Representing Prisoners in Admin. Proceedings and the Courts	02/08/13	Tollgate Conference Center, Novi
Newsletter Publication, <i>Prisons and Corrections Forum</i> , Vol 13, No 1, Spring 2013	April 2013	
Newsletter Publication, <i>Prisons and Corrections Forum</i> , Vol 12, No 2, Fall 2012	December 2012	

**Public Policy issues:** The Council took or are in the process of taking positions on the following:

HB5804 (2012): supported legislation to create the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission, as an important first step in enacting reforms to Michigan's indigent defense service delivery system.

SB1214 (2012): opposed legislation to expand the right to appeal a grant of parole to include the State Attorney General, and establish an abuse of discretion standard for the review of the Parole Board's determination, when the proposed amendment did not provide a comparable right to prisoners to appeal when their parole is denied.

HB4186: supported legislation to expand opportunities for expungement of criminal convictions, consistent with the rehabilitation goals of corrections.

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HB4189: supported legislation which would eliminate a successor sentencing judge's ability to veto a Parole Board decision to grant parole to an inmate serving a parolable life sentence.

HB4264: opposed legislation that would permit consecutive sentencing for “vulnerable adult fraud” without standards or guidelines as to when such a penalty was appropriate.

SB0098: supported the SBM’s Criminal Issues Initiative’s position regarding compensation to the wrongfully convicted.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue policy review relating to Michigan corrections practices.

**Dated:** July 9, 2013

**Submitted to:** Candace Crowley, Dir. of External Development, [ccrowley@mail.michbar.org](mailto:ccrowley@mail.michbar.org)

**Bar Year: 2012-13****Section Name:** Probate and Estate Planning Section

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the Probate and Estate Planning Section is to enhance and improve the practice and administration of law pertaining to probate and estate planning by the study of statutes, cases, and procedures; by the consideration, drafting, and active support or opposition of proposed legislation; by the providing of advice to courts during the course of pending litigation; by the sponsoring of meetings and institutes (together with publishing and disseminating pamphlets, brochures, a journal of the Section, and legal writings) as a means of educating members of the Bar and the public, all in connection with advancing the proper preparation of wills, trusts, tax returns, and other documents; the efficient administration of trusts as well as estates of decedents, minors, incompetents, and missing persons; and the advance planning for the orderly disposition of property, minimization of taxes, and well-being of persons.

**2012-13 Officers and Council Members:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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Treasurer	James B. Steward	205 S. Main Street Ishpeming, MI 49849	906.485.6311	jamessteward@stewardsheridan.com

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Teahan, Marlaine C.	2013	Schnelz, Rebecca A.	2013
Brigman, Constance L.	2013	Lentz, Marguerite M.	2013
Allan, Susan M.	2013	O'Brien Hon. Darlene	2013
Murkowski, Hon. David M.	2014	Kerr, J. David	2014
Taylor, Robert M.	2014	Ballard, Christopher A.	2014
Bearup, George F.	2014	Welber, Nancy H.	2014
Ard, W. Josh	2015	Ouellette, Patricia M.	2015
Clark-Kreuer, Rhonda M.	2015	Spica, James P.	2015
Lucas, David P.	2015	Skidmore, David L.	2015

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Probate Council and Section Annual	September 8, 2012	University Club, Lansing

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Meeting		
Probate Council Meeting	October 27, 2012	Haworth Inn & Conference Center, Holland
Probate Council Meeting	November 17, 2012	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	December 15, 2012	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	January 19, 2013	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	February 16, 2013	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	March 16, 2013	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	April 13, 2013	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	June 8, 2013	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	September 21, 2013	University Club, Lansing

**General Budget Information:**

**Revenue**

Membership Dues	\$115,000
Publishing Agreements	\$350
Other	\$350
Total Receipts	\$115,700

**Disbursements**

Journal	\$27,500
Chairperson's Dinner	\$6,500
Travel	\$18,000
Lobbying	\$30,000
Meetings	\$12,000
Long Range Planning	\$1,000
Publishing Agreements	\$0
Support for Annual Institute	\$13,000
Amicus Briefs	\$10,000
Electronic Communications	\$1,400
Postage	\$100
Telephone	\$250
Other	\$1,000
Total Disbursements	\$120,750
Increase (Decrease)	(\$5,050)

Cash Balance as of May 31, 2013 is \$242,921.31.

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**Events and/or Seminars:**

The Section has a strong partnership with ICLE and co-sponsors a significant number of seminars on a variety of estate planning and administration topics each year with ICLE and does not offer any seminars independent of ICLE. Programs are offered live at locations throughout Michigan, as well as via the internet. The Section also has co-sponsored a Probate and Estate Planning Certificate with ICLE.

Seminars co-sponsored by the Section with ICLE during the 2012-13 Bar Year included the following:

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Estate Planning Alert: New Uniform Principal & Income Act Amendments	12/5/2012	On Demand
Administration of Trusts under the Michigan Trust Code	12/6/2012	Plymouth and On Demand
22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents	1/24/2013 2/14/2013	Grand Rapids, Plymouth and On Demand
Fundamentals of Estate Administration	2/19/2013	Plymouth and On Demand
Drafting an Estate Plan for an Estate Under \$5 Million	3/19/2013 6/26/2013	Plymouth Plymouth
Medicare Advocacy: Hospital Discharge Planning	3/21/2013	On Demand
2013 Medicaid & Health Care Planning Update	4/10/2013 4/23/2013	Grand Rapids, Plymouth and On Demand
Handling Contested Estate Proceedings	4/23/2013	Plymouth and On Demand
Drafting Durable Powers of Attorney: Best Practices	4/30/2013	On Demand
Blattmachr Breaks It Down	5/8/2013	Acme
53 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Probate & Estate Planning Institute	5/9-11/2013 6/14-15/2013	Acme Plymouth
Basics of Advising Elderly Clients & Those with Disabilities	6/18/2013	Plymouth and On Demand
Veteran's Benefits and the Claims Administration Process	8/6/2013	On Demand
Michigan's Trust Decanting Rules	9/12/2013	On Demand

**Legislative Issues:**

The Section was very active with respect to legislation during the Section's 2012-13 Bar Year.

The Section drafted and arranged for introduction of the following bills, which were enacted by the legislature:

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SB 539 (PA 545, effective 1/2/2013). Establishes a mechanism by which the authority of an out-of-state guardian or conservator can be easily recognized in Michigan to enable the guardian or conservator manage the affairs of a minor or legally incapacitated adult/protected individual residing in Michigan.

SB 978-980 (PA 483-485, effective 12/28/2012). Creates two statutory bases for trust decanting.

SB 1296 (PA 582, effective 1/2/2013). Creates a statute of repose for malpractice claims against attorneys.

HB 5154 (PA 302, effective 3/28/2013). Enacts amendments to the Uniform Principal and Income Act related to the fiduciary accounting treatment of annuities and retirement plans and of pass through entities.

HB 5237 (PA 303, effective 9/25/2012). Corrects previous legislation regarding allocations under formula provisions in estate planning documents for people who died in 2010.

In addition, the Section sought to influence and/or took policy positions with respect to the following legislation:

SB 92 (PA 141, effective 10/1/2012). Requires attorney-in-fact to sign a written acknowledgment in order to exercise powers under a power of attorney.

SB 192 (PA 596, effective 3/28/2013). Allows a probate estate to deduct the amount of any mortgage debt when computing the probate inventory fee.

SB 461 (PA 173, effective 10/1/2012). Provides additional protections to legally incapacitated individuals.

SB 404-406. Sought to modify estate recovery rules.

SB 777. Would have created additional disclosure requirements regarding life insurance.

SB 907. Would allow principal residence exception to be claimed by a trust if a beneficiary of the trust is residing in the house.

HB 5427. Would have changed bankruptcy exemptions.

During the 2011-12 legislative term the Section also sought, without success, to have the following bill passed:

SB 1102-1103. Clarifying insurable interest of trusts.

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As of May 31, 2013, the Section is encouraging the legislature to pass the following bills, each of which was drafted by the Section:

SB 31-32. Clarifying insurable interest of trusts.

HB 4382-4384. Would make clear the ability of a guardian to execute a “Do Not Resuscitate” order and make it applicable in a variety of care settings.

As of May 31, 2013, the Section has taken policy positions favoring passage of the following:

SB 144. Would allow probate judges to schedule certain guardianship hearings for developmentally disabled individuals prior to the individuals reaching age 18.

SB 177. Would allow probate judges to schedule certain guardianship hearings for developmentally disabled individuals prior to the individuals reaching age 18.

HB 4013. Would exclude income from pooled trust arrangements from the amount of earned income used in determining eligibility for Medicaid.

Proposed legislation to enable an individual to appoint an individual who will have authority to make funeral arrangements.

In addition, the Section has Committees actively working on the following legislation, for which the Section expects to seek a sponsor and to have introduced in the legislature in the coming months:

Domestic Asset Protection Trusts. If enacted, this proposed statute would exempt from claims of creditors certain trusts created by a settlor and in which the settlor retains a beneficial interest.

Digital Assets. The Section is working on a statute to clarify and define the rights of personal representatives, trustees, guardians, and conservators with respect to so-called digital assets, including e-mail accounts, social media accounts, online photographs, music, and bank and other financial accounts.

The Section also has a committee reviewing the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (“**EPIC**”) to determine what modifications may be appropriate in light of amendments to the Uniform Probate Code since EPIC was enacted and based on Michigan’s experience with EPIC. These amendments could include changes to address some of the estate planning and administration challenges presented by various artificial reproductive technologies.

Finally, the Section’s Court Rules and Forms Committee has worked closely with the Supreme Court Administrative Office on a variety of amendments to the Michigan Court Rules and to various Probate Court forms. These include court rules to simplify and streamline appeals from the probate court directly to the court of appeals, rules to implement the registration of foreign guardianships as a result of the enactment of 2012 PA 545.



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**Other Information:**

In addition to matters reported elsewhere, the Section's activities during the past year included the following:

- The Chair of the Section consolidated and reorganized some of the Section's committees to reduce and streamline them. In addition, each committee was asked to prepare a short statement summarizing the purpose of the committee.
- The Section published three issues of the Probate and Estate Planning Journal. The Section has largely completed the conversion to electronic distribution of the Journal.
- The Section's Bylaws Committee is presently reviewing the Section's Bylaws. The Committee is giving special attention to whether to create one or more classes of associate members of the Section, and is updating and clarifying election procedures, the rules for electronic participation in meetings, and the means by which the Council of the Section can vote on matters requiring action between meetings of the Council.
- The Section's Electronic Communications Committee has been developing a code of conduct and a policy for participation on the Section's listserve.
- The Section's Specialization and Certification Committee has continued drafting rules and procedures that create a system for specialist certification in the probate and estate planning field. In recent months, the Committee has been discussing this issue with the leadership of the State Bar of Michigan and considering various fiscal issues associated with specialization.
- The Section is monitoring the Solutions on Self-help Task Force of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. The Council of the Section has significant reservations and concerns about this initiative and has so far refused to actively support or participate in this initiative. The Council is concerned that estate planning does not lend itself to "self-help" and that the cost of developing and maintaining a "self-help" program for the drafting of wills, trusts, disability documents, or other estate planning documents is beyond the resources of the Section or the State Bar of Michigan. In addition, some members of the Section are expected to strongly oppose any such initiative.
- The Section's Insurance Committee is considering whether to propose legislation addressing the duties and potential liability of trustees of irrevocable insurance trusts.
- The Section declined to financially support an organization based in Grand Rapids promoting advanced health care directives. The Section believes that the organization's mission included the promotion of physician orders for life sustaining treatment ("POLST") that are not legal under current law because Michigan does not have a family consent law.
- The Section has a Committee working with the Michigan Bankers Association Trust Counsel Committee on issues related to the fiduciary exception to the attorney client privilege.

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- The Section's Real Estate Committee is considering whether to propose changes to Michigan's real property tax laws to address inconsistencies in the way in which the uncapping rules operate and eligibility for the principal residence exemption.
- The Section's Guardianship, Conservatorship, and End of Life Committee has been especially active. This Committee drafted and/or lobbied for passage of 2012 SB 539 (registration of adult foreign guardianships), 2013 SB 144 and 2013 SB 177 (authority of probate judges to appoint guardians for developmentally disabled individuals prior to the individual attaining age 18), and HB 4382-4384 (concerning the ability of a guardian to execute a "Do Not Resuscitate" order). In addition, the Committee has led the Section's opposition to "Project Wildcat", which was an initiative from within the Department of Community Health and which the Section believes is misleading, inaccurate, and was improperly developed and released.
- The Section sent its Chair Elect and Vice Chair to the State Bar Leadership Forum in June 2012. It will send its Chair Elect to the Forum in June 2013.
- The Section sent a representative to the Young Lawyers Division meetings in the spring of 2013.
- The Section sent a representative to the State Bar's Diversity Summit in May 2013.

The Section's membership dues will not increase in the 2013-14 bar year.

The Section continues to seek opportunities to file *amicus* briefs. In addition to including funds in its budget to engage counsel to prepare and file briefs on behalf of the Section, the Section has earmarked \$25,000 of its fund balance for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. Harder  
Chairperson

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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** Real Property Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education and information about current real property issues through meetings, seminars, its website, pro bono service programs, and quarterly publication of a journal. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

As further stated in the Section's By-Laws, the Section's purpose is to study the laws and procedures pertaining to Real Property Law and to promote the fair and just administration of Real Property Law; to study and report upon proposed and necessary legislation, including, but not limited to, pending legislation and drafting and introducing legislation; to study and report on pending litigation, including, but not limited to, the filing of amicus curiae briefs; to promote throughout the State of Michigan the legal education of members of the Bar and the public on Real Property Law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences devoted to Real Property Law, by the preparation and dissemination of books, booklets, materials, pamphlets and brochures with respect thereto and by preparing and sponsoring and publishing legal writings in this field.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Melissa N. Collar P# 51781	2015	Gregory J. Gamalski P#36034	2014
Glen M. Zatz P# 37115	2015	Clay B. Thomas P#56927	2015
Lorri B. King P#42564	2013	Melissa B. Papke P#67083	2014
Richard D. Rattner P#19249	2013	Margaret Van Meter P#40960	2014
Nicholas P. Scavone P#47138	2013		
Jeffrey D. Weisserman P#40470	2013		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 10, 2012	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	November 7, 2012	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	December 5, 2012	Pizzeria Biga, Southfield
Council Meeting	January 9, 2013	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	February 6, 2013	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	April 17, 2013	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	May 8, 2013	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	July 13, 2013	Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville MI
Council Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing Center, Lansing, MI

**General Budget Information:** While the Section's finances remain strong, income and expenses are being closely monitored. In addition, the Section continues to evaluate opportunities for new initiatives and educational programs focused on newer members of the State Bar with an emphasis on finding new and more effective ways of providing them with access to Section's offerings.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS - Dealing	October 11, 2012	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham

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with Distressed Properties, Part I - Fight or Flight: The Lawyer's Guide to Analyzing Exit Strategies		
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Real Estate Joint Ventures	December 6, 2012	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – Dealing with Distressed Properties, Part II - The Lawyer’s Guide to Buying Distressed Property	January 17, 2013	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast "Construction for Non-Construction Lawyers from Commencement to Completion (or non-completion)	February 7, 2013	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
RPLS/ICSC	February 13, 2013	Suburban Collection Showcase, Novi
2013 Winter Conference Jazz, Jambalaya and Jeopardy – New Orleans, Katrina and Lesser Casualties	March 14-16, 2013	J.W. Marriott, New Orleans
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – Dealing with Distressed Properties, Part III - The Lawyer’s Guide to Negotiating/Renegotiating Commercial Leases	April 18, 2013	Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Condo Basics and Beyond”	May 2, 2013	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
2013 Summer Conference "Returning to our Roots - Conventional Real Estate Practice Fundamentals for 2013	July 10-13, 2013	Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa, Thompsonville, Michigan
<b>Other Programming:</b> Co-sponsor - Urban Farming Symposium	May, 2013	University of Detroit Mercy Law School, Detroit

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"Quick Hits" Residential Transactions Boot Camp Video "Closing Documents"	June 11, 2012	Dickinson Wright Offices - Troy & Grand Rapids
"Quick Hits" Residential Transactions Boot Camp Video "Everything you wanted to know about a CLOSING...but are afraid to ask"	October 22, 2012	Dickinson Wright Offices - Troy & Grand Rapids
Pizza & Property	November 28, 2012	University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor
Meet & Greet	April 25, 2013	Local Kitchen and Bar, Ferndale

**Legislative issues:** In addition to monitoring new legislation and responding to requests from the Michigan Supreme Court and others to file amicus curie briefs on real estate issues of importance, the Section has initiated a series of meeting with particular legislators to inform them of the Section's mission and expertise so that the Section can get involved with legislative real estate initiatives before new legislation is entered. In all cases, the Section tries to limit its comments and recommendations without bias toward any particular constituency (the Section strives to be neither pro borrower, pro lender, pro developer or pro municipality).

**Recommendations for next Council:** We believe that future Councils should continue pursuing outreach and educational programs for newer members of the State Bar and expand participation in the Section by real estate lawyers located outside of southeast Michigan. Future Councils should also continue to look for technologically based alternatives for the delivery of its educational offerings. This should include, among other things, continued support for the eNewsletter (which has proven to be an effective vehicle for providing timely real estate law updates to Section members). Future Councils should also continue to look for more effective ways of creating a continuous flow of peer reviewed articles for publication in the RPLS Review (the scholarly journal published by the Section) and continue to move toward delivering the RPLS Review electronically.

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**Other Information:** We have a large number of Special Committees which hold educational and networking meetings throughout the State of Michigan. The following is a list of the Special Committees:

Bankruptcy  
Commercial Leasing  
Condominiums PUDs and Cooperatives  
Commercial Development, Ownership and Finance  
Construction  
Eminent Domain  
Energy Law  
Federal Tax Aspects of Real Estate Transactions  
Residential Transactions and Finance  
State and Local Taxation  
Title and Conveyancing  
Water Law  
Zoning and Land Use

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name: SOCIAL SECURITY LAWYERS SECTION**

**Mission Statement:** TO ENHANCE ADVOCACY SKILLS THROUGH HIGH-LEVEL SEMINARS FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO PRACTICE BEFORE THE SSA-OFFICE OF DISABILITY ADJUDICATION AND REVIEW.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail
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Member	Term Expires	Member	Term
Jeffrey S. Appel, Southfield James T. Haadsma, Battle Creek Larry R. Maitland, II, Southfield Linda Perkins-Moore, Detroit Joseph F. Petrylak, Grand Blanc Charles A. Robison, Albion Victoria Irene Shackelford, Southfield	<b>September 2013</b>		
<hr/> Carl A. Anderson, Detroit Margaret A. O'Donnell, Troy Janice A. Stern, Marshall Marc J. Shefman, Southfield Annette E. Skinner, Lansing Edward M. Waud, Petoskey Lisa A. Welton, Southfield J. Gregory Frye	<b>September 2014</b>		
<b>Commissioner Liaison</b> Hon. James N. Erhart, Petoskey			



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**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Planning Meeting	November 07, 2012	MSU U-Club
Council Planning Meeting	January 09, 2013	Old Town Professional Building, L.L.C.
Council Planning Meeting	March 27, 2013	MSU U-Club
Council Planning Meeting	May 22, 2013	MSU U-Club
Council Planning Meeting	July 17, 2013	MSU U-Club
Council Planning Meeting	TBA	TBA

**General Budget Information:** Will have a surplus this fiscal year.

**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 Seminar	Future Date: October 18, 2013	Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center 39000 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI
Is There a Doctor in the House? A Health Check for Solos & Small Firms.	June 14, 2013	Grand Valley State University 301 W. Fulton Grand Rapids, MI
A Cornucopia of Social Security Practice Tips.	February 22, 2013	Kellogg Center 219 S Harrison Rd East Lansing, MI
Annual Seminar	October 12, 2012	Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center 39000 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI

**Legislative Issues:** NONE.

**Recommendations for Next Council:**

- 1) **CONTINUE PRESENTING PRACTICAL SEMINARS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP.**
- 2) **DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE SECTION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NANCY VROOMAN.**
- 3) **DEVELOP STRATEGY TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO THE PLANNING COUNCIL.**

**Other Information:** NONE.

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**Bar Year: 2012-2013**

**Section Name:** Taxation Section

**Mission Statement:** The Section, as a representative of the legal profession, shall serve its members and the public through education and leadership in efforts to achieve an equitable, efficient, and workable tax system. The purpose of this Section is to improve public understanding of, confidence in, and respect for the federal, state and local tax systems; to provide leadership in simplifying and improving the federal, state and local tax systems; to provide unbiased, thoughtful and timely input into the legislative and administrative process at the national, state and local levels; To promote and maintain an active, vigorous, growing and interested Section membership; To provide programs and services of unique quality which promote professionalism, competence and ethical conduct; to provide a forum for communication among Section members and interchange between the public and private sectors

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Tammie Tischler – P59516	2015		
Jackie Cook - 68781	2015		
Marla S. Carew – P58525	2013		
George V. Cassar – P55724	2013		
Alexander Domenicucci – P58898	2014		
Carolee Kvorciak Cameron – P57484	2014		
Andrew C. Lane – P71668	2015		

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 25, 2012	Dykema, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Officer Meeting	November 16, 2012	Telephone Conference
Officer Meeting	December 20, 2013	Telephone Conference
Council Meeting	January 10, 2013	Dykema, Lansing, MI
Officer Meeting	February 14, 2013	Telephone Conference
Council Meeting	March 21, 2013	Dykema, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Officer Meeting	March 28, 2013	Telephone Conference
Council Meeting	April 18, 2013	Honigman, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Council Meeting	June 20, 2013	Dykema, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Officer Meeting	July 18, 2013	Telephone Conference
Council Meeting	September 26, 2013	Novi Chop House, Novi, MI
Annual Meeting	September 26, 2013	Novi Chop House, Novi, MI

**General Budget Information:**

The Taxation Section started the fiscal year with approximately \$98,000 on hand and budgeted revenue of \$57,600 and expenses of \$75,370. Major budgeted expenses include \$16,000 for Committee Meetings, \$15,000 for the Annual Tax Conference, \$10,000 in grant assistance to low income taxpayer clinics, \$8,500 for the publication of the Section's *Michigan Tax Lawyer* journal, and \$5,000 in compensation for the Program Facilitator.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
After Hours Tax Law Series	October 4, 2012	Webcast
Michigan Tax Conference	November 6 and 7	Rock Financial Showplace
After Hours Tax Law Series	November 8, 2012	Webcast
Surefire Ways to Improve Legal Writing	November 12, 2012	U of M's Michigan Union Facility
After Hours Tax Law Series	January 10, 2013	Webcast
After Hours Tax Law Series	February 5, 2013	Webcast
Keeping Current-Washington Update with Ilene Ferenczy	March 21, 2013	Westin, Southfield, MI
Tax Court Luncheon	April 23, 2013	Westin Book Cadillac, Detroit, MI
Annual Tax Conference	May 23, 2013	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
Annual SALT Reception	August 22, 2013	Dykema, Lansing, MI

Each of the seven substantive committees held or hold two or more meetings consisting of educational seminars or presentations per year. Those involving guest speakers from outside of the Section are listed above.

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### Legislative issues:

The Section has taken action or adopted positions regarding the following legislative issues during this year, most of which are available at <http://www.michbar.org/tax/publicpolicy.cfm> :

- **Offer in Compromise.** The Section reiterated its support of efforts to adopt a Michigan offer in compromise program similar to the program administered by the Collection Division of the Internal Revenue Service.
- **Tax Tribunal Reform.** The Taxation Section has recommended that the Tax Tribunal be modified so that its judges are not selected through only a political process without proper oversight (along with its resulting political pressures), and all judges should have BOTH legal and tax backgrounds. Toward this end, the statutory language set forth below is recommended. An advisory board with some members who are not attorneys is recommended to assist with judge selection.
- **Michigan Individual Income Tax Act (MITA).** The Taxation Section commented on issues relating to apportioning business income flowing to an individual from unitary sources and urged the adoption of combined reporting for apportioning unitary income.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue to focus on outreach to law students and young lawyers. Continue to develop sound and well-reasoned positions on tax law and administration at the state level, consistent with the Section's mission statement. Focus on the Committees, as they provide practice-focused service and the first point of access to the Section by many members.

**Other Information:** Michigan Tax Lawyer published 3 time a year and available on Lexis; co-sponsorship of After Hours Tax Seminars with ICLE; seven standing substantive committees with active programming or membership throughout the year (meetings and other educational programs for Section members); grants made to organizations assisting low-income taxpayers; awards given to law students; outreach meetings with area law students

### Standing Committees:

Business Entities  
Employee Benefits  
Estates and Trusts  
International Taxation  
Practice and Procedure  
State and Local Taxation  
Young Tax Lawyers

**Bar Year:** 2012-2013

**Section Name:** Worker's Compensation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan

**Mission Statement:** The Worker's Compensation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, a web 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.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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**Secretary**

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**Treasurer**

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**Council Member**

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P63345 Andrea Lynnea Hamm, Detroit  
P68997 Kristin Alana Lusn, Royal Oak

Term Expires 9/30/2014

P71194 Matthew R. Conklin, Saint Joseph  
P27971 J. Timothy Esper, Detroit  
P42082 Ella S. Parker, Grand Rapids

Term Expires 9/30/2015

P51299 Dennis P. Flynn, Grand Rapids  
P36395 Kevin P. Kales, Royal Oak  
P63105 Mark Mouhsin Sesi, Mount Clemens

**Ex Officio**

P27601 John M. Sims, Marshall

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type:

Annual Meeting	June, 2012	Mission Pointe, Mackinaw Island, MI
Section Council Meeting	September 7, 2012	Detroit/Lansing Offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	October 5, 2012	Detroit/Lansing Offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	November 2, 2012	Detroit/Lansing Offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	December 7, 2012	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
Section Council Meeting	February 1, 2013	Detroit/Lansing Offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	March 1, 2013	Detroit/Lansing Offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	May 10, 2013	The Majestic, Hartland, MI
Section Council Meeting	June 20-21, 2013	Boyne Highlands

**Events and/or Seminars:**

100 <sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Workers Comp Act	October 2012	Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
Winter Seminar	December 7, 2012	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
Seminar	February, 2013	Dominican Republic
Past Chairpersons' Golf Outing	May 10, 2013	The Majestic, Hartland, MI
Annual Meeting/Election of Officers	June 20-21, 2013	Boyne Highlands

Other Information:

In the course of this year, the Worker's Compensation Law Section Council has maintained various section committees dealing with events and activities sponsored by, or proposed by the Section. These committees include the Past Chairpersons' Golf Outing Committee, the Hall of Fame Criteria Committee, the Hall of Fame Nomination Committee, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Comemorization of the Act. Each of these Committees were assigned a particular task over the course of the year to improve the efficiency of activities of the Worker's Compensation Law Section and its council. These Committees exist in addition to the Committees that generally handle the yearly seminar, to-wit: the Winter Seminar, which provides an annual update with regard to Michigan Workers' Compensation Law and Practice, and the Spring Seminar, which is the annual meeting held in June with regard to the Section, dealing with the election of officers and members of the Section Council.

The Section has contributed to Kids Chance of Michigan, a non-profit organization which provides scholarships to the children of workers who have sustained life-ending injuries.

### **Membership:**

The Michigan Worker's Compensation Law Section has one of the largest memberships of any Section in the State Bar of Michigan.

### **By-Laws:**

The By-Laws of the Section were amended in the past year to allow for electronic voting. A Section By-Law Amendment was proposed and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

### **Publications:**

The Michigan Workers' Compensation Law Section has maintained a Newsletter published on a regular basis during the course of the year. Special mention must be made of Member Ella Parker who has worked diligently to maintain this particular Newsletter and to see to its production.

### **The Awards:**

The Workers' Compensation Law Section has maintained a Hall of Fame over many years. Most recently, we have reinitiated the practice of nominations and appointment to the Hall of Fame. A Hall of Fame Committee and Criteria Committee were created over the last year and we have again nominated and appointed to the Hall of Fame members who show distinction in the practice and/or administration of the Workers' Compensation Law in the State of Michigan. Michael Flynn will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Annual Meeting held at Boyne Highlands, June 20-21, 2013.

Teresa Martin, Chair  
Worker's Disability Compensation Section  
May 31, 2013

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**Bar Year:** 2012-2013

**Section Name:** Young Lawyers Section

**Mission Statement:**

The Young Lawyers 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. The YLS strives to continue the tradition of providing excellent educational, networking and public service opportunities to young lawyers.

The YLS By-Laws provide that membership is for attorneys under 36 years of age or with less than 5 years of practice. The YLS By-Laws provide that the objectives and purposes of the YLS "shall be to sponsor and carry on activities of particular interest and value to young lawyers in Michigan; to coordinate activities of the various local young lawyer groups in Michigan; to cooperate fully with, and as an integral part of, the State Bar of Michigan ("STATE BAR"); and to cooperate with the various local bar associations in the State of Michigan, and the American Bar Association, including its Young Lawyers Division, in the promotion of their programs."

**Officers and Council Members:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>
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P66537 Nicholas G. Even, Troy	P69572 Jade Jozzmenia Edwards, Flint
P74227 Stephanie Elena Farkas	P70658 Alana Marie Glass
P73846 Kara Hart-Negrich, Lansing	P71025 Andrea C. Irons, Clinton Township
P75564 Noah Page Hood, Detroit	P72279 Aysha Jamil Kasham, Ann Arbor
P70099 Mark William Jane, Ann Arbor	P70678 Shenique A. Moss, Lansing



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P74504 Donald Rencher, Lansing	P70559 Bonnie R. Shaw, Ann Arbor
P64116 Hope V. Shovein, Southfield	P73964 Mwanaisha Atieno Sims, Detroit
P68894 Robert Paul Vance, Flint	P71660 Lori Smith, Macomb

**YLS Committees:**

Inter Alia Committee - Hope (Chair and E-board liaison), Kara, Mwanaisha and Nick Even  
The goals for the committee are to publish editions of the YLS newsletter. Four editions have been issued since June 2012.

Media Committee – Lori (Chair), Alana, Noah, Laura, Jade and Mark (E-board liaison)  
The goals for the committee are to manage and improve the YLS Website, Yahoo Groups and Facebook. The committee will explore Google and LinkedIn accounts and will assist with advertising YLS programs.

Diversity Committee – Shenique (Chair), Donald, Derek, Paul, Stephanie, Syeda and Hope (E-board liaison). The goal of the committee is to explore ways to increase diversity and assist minorities in the section.

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting / First Meeting	Thursday, September 20, 2012	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids
YLS Annual Planning Retreat	Thursday, October 27, 2012	UofM Challenge Program and Campus Inn Ann Arbor
Regular Business Meeting	Thursday, November 29, 2012	Baronette Renaissance Hotel Novi
Regular Business Meeting	Thursday, January 17, 2013	State Bar Building, Lansing
Regular Business Meeting	Thursday, March 21, 2013	Hilton Garden Inn, Novi
Bowling and Business Meeting	Friday, April 26, 2013	Spare Time Entertainment Center, Lansing
Regular Business Meeting (Rescheduled)	Thursday, May 23, 2013	Conference Call
YLS Annual Summit	Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, 2013	Greektown Casino and Hotel, Detroit
Regular Business Meeting	Thursday, June 27, 2013	Conference Call
Regular Business Meeting	Thursday, July 25, 2013	TBA, Lansing
Annual Meeting	Thursday, September 19, 2013	Lansing Center Lansing

**General Budget Information:**

The Young Lawyer Section receives an annual allocation of \$62,100 from the State Bar of Michigan to fund its operations. The Section also is allowed to roll over any unused funds from the previous year to increase the amount of programming that can be undertaken by the YLS.

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The Section also raises revenue by securing sponsorships for programs and charging nominal registration fees to participate in certain programs throughout the year. The YLS Council strives to keep costs low so as not to unduly burden our members.

The budget is prepared by the incoming Chair each year and is divided between the following accounts: Meetings, Annual Meeting, the YLS Summit, Programming for the Bar, Public Service programming, ABA conference travel, newsletter and administrative costs.

### **Events and/or Seminars:**

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

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit, June 15-16, 2012, Westin Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit

The 2012 Summit lineup featured some of the Young Lawyers Section's strongest programs, so we expect a strong turnout and broad participation from our Southeast Michigan membership. Highlights from this year's program includes a keynote address by SBM Past President Julie Fershtman, a public speaking seminar from the Dale Carnegie Group, a persuasive writing seminar, and advice for developing business and starting one's own practice.

#### Networking and Pool Night at Sticks, August 23, 2012, Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town (Bonnie and Mark)

This event is part of social series to assist with the young lawyers with their networking skills.

#### Ethical Considerations for Young Lawyers, September 12, 2012, Auburn Hills (Stephanie and Derek)

Presented in conjunction with Thomas M. Cooley Law School. This program featured advice regarding the top ethical dilemmas faced in the profession, how to deal with and avoid those dilemmas, the attorney grievance process, and how to respond to and avoid grievances.

#### The 50-Year Celebration, September 21, 2012, Grand Rapids (Shenique)

Co-hosted by the Young Lawyers Section and the Master Lawyers Section. The YLS hosted the "Your on the Stand" quiz show portion of the luncheon.

#### The 313 Project's Return to Romanowski Park, September 30, 2012, Detroit (Kara)

This event was a part of the "Motion to Makeover" series to beautify local communities. The project include clean-up and renovations of a 26 acre park. The project gave young lawyers an opportunity to perform outside of the courtroom.

#### Kimberly Cahill Memorial Reading Program (Lori)

Launched in November of 2011 and held on a monthly basis, this program was designed to introduce area youth to reading and discussion groups, based on a book titled "The Fifth Witness." The program is run by Macomb County-based lawyers and local schools. Students will write essays about a relevant topic from the book. The program was formulated in honor of late State Bar President, Kimberly Cahill.

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Financial Planning and Loans Seminar for Young Lawyers, October 25, 2012, Thomas M. Cooley Law School – Ann Arbor Campus (Jennifer Harvey)

By popular demand this recurring seminar was back to focus on the financial and loan needs of the young lawyer. The seminar discussed how to best position yourself to qualify for a loan (home, auto, business), whether it's a good idea to pursue a loan under specific circumstances, scams that are aimed at attorneys, tips on how to avoid those trying to commit fraud against lawyers and a brief discussion of estate planning as a part of the financial picture.

YLS Council Retreat, October 27, 2012, UofM Challenge Program and Campus Inn Ann Arbor:

The annual YLS Executive Council retreat is designed to build relationships, encourage teamwork and motivate members to do their best. The retreat consisted of low-impact team building challenges that honed the communication, problem solving and leadership skills of council members. An intensive planning session was held later in the day to cover traditional YLS business, discuss potential programs and to develop an outline for the Summit.

New Lawyers' Seminar, December 4-5, 2012, Theodore Levin United States Courthouse Detroit (Felicia)

The seminar was co-sponsored by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and the Federal Bar Association. The seminar was a "nuts and bolts" how-to-do-it" approach to practice in federal and state courts. The program was designed to assist recent law graduates in understanding the fundamental procedures followed in those courts and is a voluntary educational program. The YLS Chair participated in the state portion of the program.

Holiday Breakfast, December 22, 2012, Pontiac (Derek)

This Oakland County meal service was held at Grace Centers of Hope. Each year members of the section and the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association prepare and serve meals at a local temporary shelter for the homeless. The event allows the participants to fellowship with other attorneys and with shelter residents. Through this annual program, we serve approximately 400 meals to those in need. The program included a legal presentation that addressed the needs of those in attendance.

Identification, Classification, and Treatment of the Mentally Ill Prisoner in the Michigan System, and Representing Prisoners in Administrative Proceedings and the Courts, February 8, 2013, Tollgate Education Conference Center (MSU Extension) Novi (Stephanie)

This joint program with the Prisons and Corrections Sections of the State Bar and the Michigan Corrections Association featured the following topics: identification, classification, & treatment of the mentally ill; county jails: identification, treatment programs, & diversion options and methods; recommendations for change; assisting the inmate in the parole review process; and contested hearings.

Meet and Greet, February 19, 2013, Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Café Detroit (Derek)

Co-sponsored by the Association of the Defense Trial Counsel this meet and greet allowed young lawyers to interact with Judges of the Wayne County and 36th District Bench and other attorneys. The program was designed to help young lawyers build confidence when interacting with judges and to foster relationships.

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YLS Information Pamphlet (Felicia)

The development of an informational pamphlet about the YLS. This brief but informative pamphlet provided information on the history, purpose, projects, and activities of and awards offered by the YLS.

Wayne State Law School Bar Association Networking Fair, February 19, 2013, Detroit (Mwanaisha, Hope and Felicia)

The YLS participated in this event to inform future lawyers about the Section and to answer any questions.

ABA Young Lawyers Meet and Greet, February 21, 2013, BlackFinn Royal Oak (Shenique)

The American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA YLD) hosted a free nationwide social gathering for *new* lawyers. The YLS hosted the Michigan event that provided a great opportunity for young lawyers to mingle with other young lawyers and to discuss the next steps in their careers with one another.

Community Information and Meal Service, February 23, 2013, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries – East Side Location, Detroit (Mwanaisha)

This community information and meal service was held at a local shelter for men. A panel of attorneys presented information on housing, what to do when interacting with law enforcement, child support and many more informative topics. The Wolverine Bar Association cosponsored this event.

I am YLS – Bar Exam, February 26-27, 2013, Lansing Center and Kellogg Center, Lansing (Mwanaisha)

This project addresses one of the primary goals of the Council. The Council strives to bring awareness to its existence and to reach its membership. A presence during the February bar exam demonstrates our support for the test-takers and lets them know that, when they pass that support will continue. YLS provided pencils, pens and earplugs along with YLS informational pamphlets and relevant information about exciting YLS programs on the horizon.

Learn the Art of Wine Tasting, April 18, 2013, Creekside Grill & Bar, Ann Arbor (Bonnie and Mark)

This charitable event offered lessons on how to engage in the art of wine tasting and to determine which foods go best with certain wines in an instructional wine tasting environment. Wines for Humanity is an organization that assists in hosting wine tastings and donates a portion of the proceeds of sales of wine to a charity. The Jean Ledwith King Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan was the recipient of charitable donations from the event. The event was a partnership between the YLS, the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan - Washtenaw Chapter, and Wines for Humanity.

Bowling Challenge - YLS vs. BOC, April 26, 2013, Spare Time Entertainment Center, Lansing (Shenique)

This annual gathering of the YLS executive council and the SBM Board of Commissioners is designed to develop relationships between the YLS and the BOC, and to raise money for Access to Justice. The SBM Board of Commissioners just narrowly defeated the YLS Council.

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Pathways to Success: Discovering the Leader and Rainmaker Within, May 11, 2013, the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University Law School, Detroit (Shenique and the Diversity Committee)

This one-day seminar was aimed at enabling women and minority attorneys to find effective ways to manage their career advancement. The seminar topics included, the ABCS of bar leadership, tips for taking your practice to the next level, developing your voice & brand, networking for success, and so you want to be a partner: rising in the ranks of your law firm.

College Prelaw Summer Institute, May 29, 2013, Thomas M. Cooley Law School Auburn Hills (Alana and Jerome)

The YLS organized and sponsored the opening luncheon of this phenomenal program. YLS Chair, Felicia Johnson, delivered the keynote address. She encouraged students to continue their education and to become a part of the professional world. Minority students come from throughout the country to live for a portion of the summer, and attend classes on law school coursework, writing, test-taking, LSAT preparation and other useful skills. This initiative is designed to build a stronger pipeline of minorities entering the legal profession.

I am YLS – Admission Ceremonies, May and June 2013 throughout region (Mwanaisha, Paul, Jade, Shenique, Bonnie, Andrea and Noah)

This is a part of the Council's continued efforts to bring awareness to its existence and to reach its membership. This project addressed primary goals of the Council. Council members attended, provided YLS information and in most cases presented at the Wayne, Oakland, Ingham, Macomb, Washtenaw and Genesee County admission ceremonies.

Intro to Practicing Law in Ingham County, May 31, 2013, Ingham County Circuit Court (Mark, Bonnie and Shenique)

This program is a spin off from the very successful and award-winning program "Intro to Practicing Law in Washtenaw County". Due to the popularity of the event it was expanded to Ingham County. The event will include a tour of the court, a panel discussion on establishing your practice and a networking reception.

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**Upcoming Events currently being planned:**

New Member Orientation, June 7, 2013, Greektown Casino and Hotel (Alana and Felicia)

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### Just the Beginning Foundation High School Summer Legal Institute, June 17-24, 2013, Thomas M. Cooley Law School Auburn Hills (Alana and Jerome)

This week-long discover law program for metropolitan Detroit high school students. The students will learn about the legal system, watch court proceedings, and participate in mock trials, oral arguments, and negotiations. Each student will be matched by the Honorable Victoria Roberts from the United States District Court with a lawyer-mentor to work with them during the upcoming school year. Judges and practitioners from both state and federal court interact with the students and guide them through lectures, mock trials, courthouse proceedings, law school courses, etc. The goal is to increase diversity in the profession. The Young Lawyers Section will organize and host two panel discussions of young lawyers.

### Go Comedy Improv Boot Camp, June 29, 2013, Ferndale (Syeda and Nick)

In its third year, this program is designed to teach young lawyers the finer points of persuasive advocacy through the use of actors and other instructors who equipped them to "think on their feet" and respond interactively to questioning.

### United States Supreme Court Admission Trip – November 5, 2013, Washington, DC (Brandy)

12 young lawyers will travel to DC to be sworn in at the United States Supreme Court.

#### **Legislative Issues:**

YLS did not take positions on any legislation during the 2012-2013 Bar Year.

#### **Inter Alia Newsletter:**

YLS issues newsletters to advise its membership of its activities and to provide informative and educational information. Editions were issued on June 4, 2012, December 11, 2012, March 12, 2013 and May 30, 2013.

#### **Awards:**

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**Recommendations for Next Council:**

My recommendations to the next council are to continue to evaluate ways to more effectively serve the membership; to further update the YLS website; to strengthen YLS's presence on social media; to actively seek content from sources other than council members for Inter Alia; to seek partnerships with other sections of the SBM. Plan early and stay motivated.

**Other Information:**

YLS ABA Representatives – The District Representative is Shenique Moss and the House of Delegates Representative is Mwanaisa Sims.

SBM Law School Section - The YLS by-laws appoints the Chair of the SBM Law Student Section (LSS) to the YLS Executive council. In recent history, the Chair of the LSS Section has not had any or has had very little participation in the YLS. This bar year, I reached out to the Chair of the YLS to get her involved in the Section. She is now included on communications, she has attend a regular meeting, will attend the summit and she is working with a councilmember to develop a joint program between the LSS and YLS.

Partnerships - The YLS Executive Council is working to increase efforts to collaborate with other sections of the state bar. The YLS membership is so diverse that it could benefit from partnerships with every section of the state bar. The Executive Council strives to provide the best information and services to its members.

**Submitted by:**

Felicia O. Johnson

Chair, Young Lawyers Section 2012/2013

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.



Founded in 1940, the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan ("YLS") is the oldest and second-largest section of the State Bar of Michigan. The YLS began as the "Junior Bar of Michigan." In 1961, its name was changed to the Young Lawyers Section.

Membership in the YLS is automatic for every member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan who is under the age of thirty-six (36) or who has been admitted to practice for five years or less, whichever period is greater.

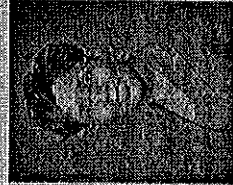
The Executive Council governs the YLS. It is comprised of a maximum of 23 members, of which 20 are elected by the general membership for two-year terms by districts. The chair, immediate past chair and the chair of the Law Student Section are members of the executive council pursuant to the YLS Bylaws. The Executive Council elects a chair-elect (who automatically succeeds to chair the following year), secretary, and treasurer. The chairperson is the chief executive officer who directs the activities, committees, and projects of the YLS.

The YLS provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, a website, public service programs, and publication of the *Inter Alia* newsletter.

The YLS bylaws provide that the objectives and purposes of the YLS "shall be to sponsor and carry on activities of particular interest and value to young lawyers in Michigan; to coordinate activities of the various local young lawyer groups in Michigan; to cooperate fully with, and as an integral part of, the State Bar of Michigan ("State Bar"); and to cooperate with the various local bar associations in the state of Michigan, and the American Bar Association, including its Young Lawyers Division, in the promotion of their programs."

Statements made on behalf of the YLS do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

Find out who we are and what we do



Get involved with the YLS to open your mind to knowledge, your arms to opportunities, and your heart to the community. You'll be glad you did."

— Felicia Johnson,  
2012-2013 YLS Chair

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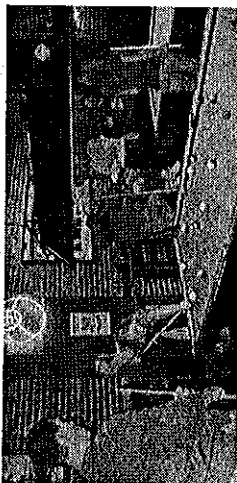


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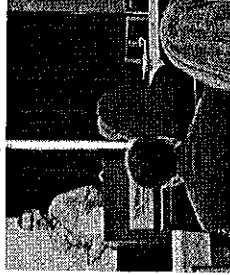


The YLS strives to continue the tradition of providing excellent educational, networking and public service opportunities to young lawyers.

## YLS Programs

The YLS offers programs to assist young lawyers with their transition into the practice of law and to teach them the nuts and bolts of practicing law in Michigan.

Programs offered by YLS include: tips for practicing in local courts, criminal law, evidence objections, persuasive writings skills, public speaking presented by Dale Carnegie, family law basics, ethics, US Supreme Court admission ceremonies, interview workshops, alternative careers and work/life balance.



## Community Service

Year after year members of the YLS and its dedicated volunteers reach out to individuals and families in need of a helping hand.

The YLS recognizes that it should not only address the legal needs of our communities, but the social-economic needs as well.

YLS public service projects include: providing basic estate planning documents to first responders, informational sessions with meal service for individuals living in shelters, equipping students and exposing them to the law, food and clothing drives, and assisting with the cleanup of neighborhoods and the building of habitat homes.

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Regeana Myrick

## Social Events

The YLS recognizes the impact that effective networking can have on an attorney's career. The ability to properly network could be the difference between being a good lawyer and being a rainmaker.

The YLS offers networking strolls for young lawyers, opportunities to meet local judges and seasoned practitioners and seminars to assist with the development of social skills and marketing techniques.

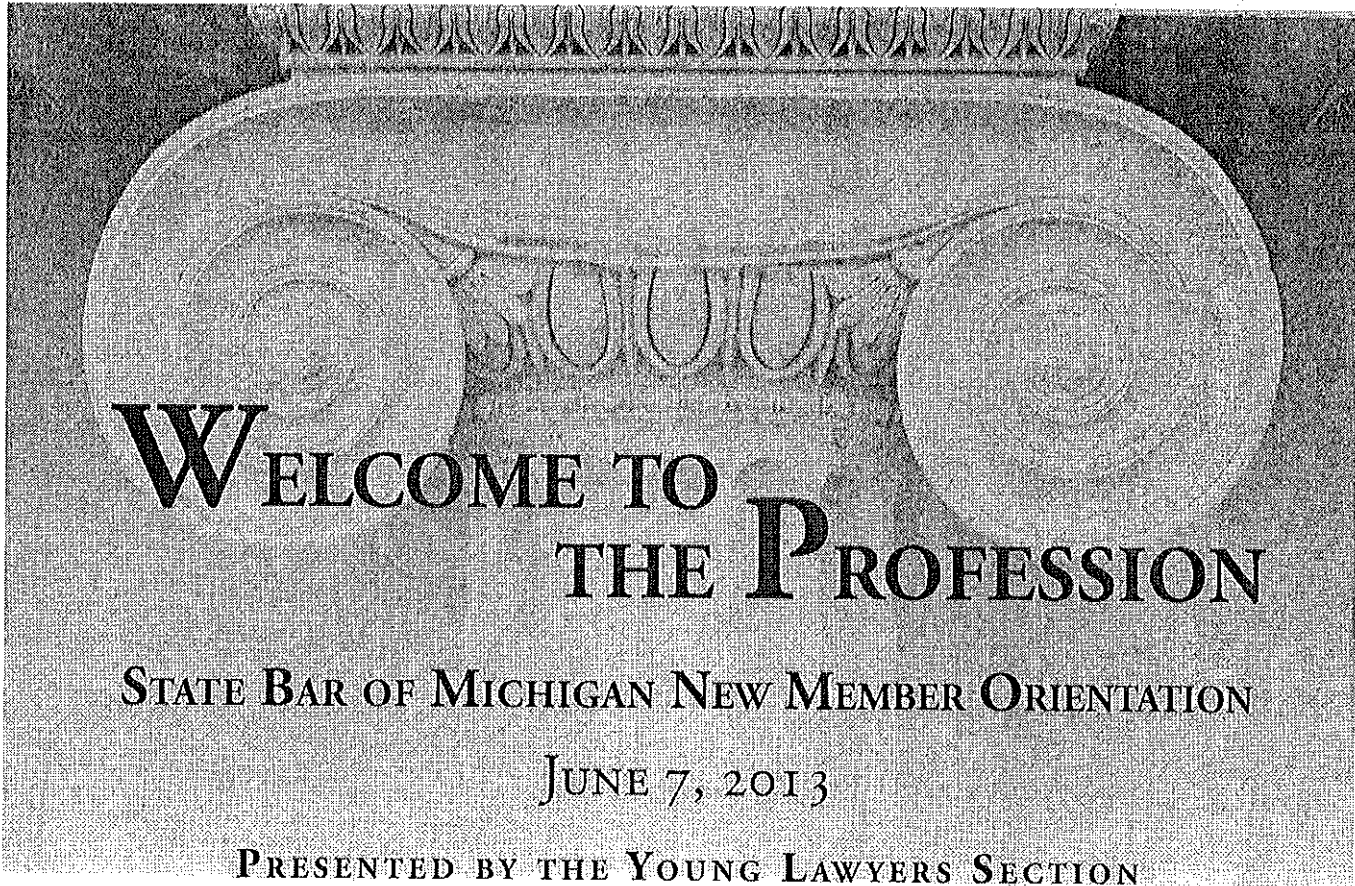
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For updates on ABA-YLD meetings visit [www.michbar.org/younglawyers/newsletter.htm](http://www.michbar.org/younglawyers/newsletter.htm) or [www.abayld.org/yld](http://www.abayld.org/yld)

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*cordially invites you to attend a  
New Member Orientation*

*Friday, June 7, 2013  
Greektown Casino & Hotel, Detroit  
Grand Ballroom*

*Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. Program 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.*

*This is a free event but registration is required. Space is limited. Register by June 5, 2013.  
Contact Alana Glass at [sbm.younglawyers@gmail.com](mailto:sbm.younglawyers@gmail.com) to register & for more information.*

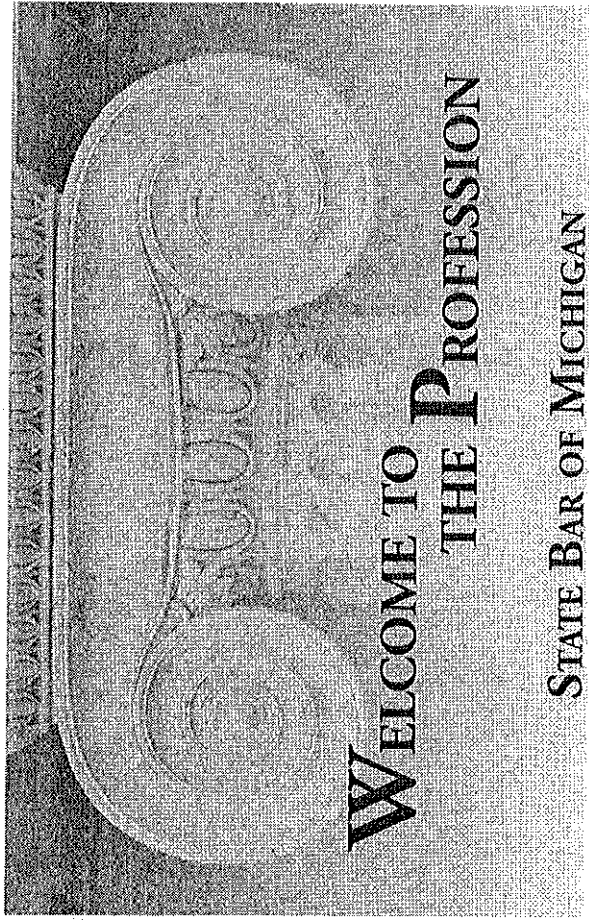
*We hope you will join us. Congratulations on passing the bar exam!*



**Added Bonus:** Attend the orientation and receive a discounted registration for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Lawyers Summit, June 7-8 at Greektown Casino and Hotel in Detroit. Join us to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Cleveland Indians on June 7.

## AGENDA

- 1:30 PM**      **REGISTRATION OPENS**
- 2:00-2:15 PM**      **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**  
Felicia Johnson, Chair, Young Lawyer Section  
Bruce Courtrade, President, State Bar of Michigan
- 2:15-3:05 PM**      **OVERVIEW OF SBM BENEFITS AND SERVICES --  
YOUR DUES AT WORK**  
Lynn Ingram, SBM Program Development & Communications  
Manager  
JoAnn Hathaway, SBM Practice Management Resource Center Advisor  
Dawn Evans, SBM Professional Standards Division Director
- 3:05-3:15 PM**      **QUESTION & ANSWER**  
Alana Glass, Thomas M. Cooley Law School
- 3:15-3:30 PM**      **BREAK**
- 3:30-3:55 PM**      **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS TO THE ETHICS HELPLINE**  
Nkrumah Johnson Wynn, SBM Professional Standards Service Counsel
- 3:55-4:05 PM**      **YOUNG LAWYER SECTION - WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO**  
Felicia Johnson, Chair, Young Lawyer Section
- 4:05-4:10 PM**      **QUESTION & ANSWER**  
Alana Glass, Thomas M. Cooley Law School
- 4:10-4:20 PM**      **BREAK**
- 4:20-4:45 PM**      **A YOUNG LAWYER'S PERSPECTIVE: THE TRANSITION INTO THE  
PRACTICE OF LAW**  
Panel Moderator: Kara Hart-Negrich, MSHDA Rental Development  
and Legal Affairs  
Aysha Kasham, AJK Law PLLC  
Donald Rencher, MSHDA Legal Affairs Division  
Bonnie Shaw, Vivacqua Law, PLLC
- 4:45-4:55 PM**      **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS OF SBM**  
Lynn Ingram, SBM Program Development & Communications  
Manager  
JoAnn Hathaway, SBM Practice Management Resource Center Advisor  
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- 4:55-5:00 PM**      **CLOSING REMARKS**  
Alana Glass, Thomas M. Cooley Law School



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2:00-5:00 PM PROGRAM  
(AGENDA ON REVERSE)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit**  
**Greektown Casino & Hotel**  
**555 E. Lafayette, Detroit**  
**June 7-8, 2013**

**Event Schedule**

Friday, June 7, 2013

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| 5:00–6:30 p.m. | Registration                          |
| 7:00 p.m.      | Tigers baseball game at Comerica Park |

Saturday, June 8, 2013

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| 8:00 a.m.        | Registration   |
| 8:30–9:20 a.m.   | Breakfast, Welcome and State Bar of Michigan Justice Initiative Presentation by Candace Crowley, Valerie Newman, and Michael Blau  |
| 9:30–10:20 a.m.  | Seminars   |
| 10:30–11:20 a.m. | Seminars   |
| 11:30–12:20 p.m. | Seminars   |
| 12:30–2:00 p.m.  | Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Address: Hon. Dennis W. Archer, former Michigan Supreme Court associate justice, past president of the SBM and the ABA, Dennis W. Archer PLLC/Dickinson Wright PLLC</li> <li>• Presentation of Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award</li> </ul> |
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| 3:10–4:00 p.m.   | Seminars   |
| 4:00–5:30 p.m.   | Reception  |
| 7:00 p.m.        | Music, Dancing, and Refreshments   |

**Seminar Topics**

*(Topics and speakers subject to change)*

- Evidence in the Courtroom
- Hon. Prentis Edwards Jr., 36<sup>th</sup> District Court
  - Michael Servitto, Macomb County Prosecutor's Office
- Know Your Audience: Practical Written Advocacy for Young Attorneys
- Mark Cooney, Thomas M. Cooley Law School
- Technology in the Court Room
- Michael Naughton, James C. Thomas PC
- Michigan Criminal Law Update
- Ronald Bretz, Thomas M. Cooley Law School
- Oral Advocacy Tips
- Barrington Wilkins, U.S. Attorney's Office
  - Gerald Gleeson II, Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone
- Improve your Image and Public Profile Through Social Media
- Julie Fershtman, past president, State Bar of Michigan, Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC
- Depositions: Seek and Destroy
- Vernon Johnson, Johnson Law PLC
- Supercharge Your Practice with Cutting Edge Technology
- JoAnn Hathaway, SBM Practice Management Resource Center
- How to Avoid Grievances and Other Ethical Considerations
- Martha Moore, Thomas M. Cooley Law School
- How to Succeed in Mediation
- Robert Wright, The Peace Talks PLC
  - Antoinette Raheem, Resolutions by Raheem

Questions: Contact Felicia Johnson at fojohnson@yahoo.com or (313) 549-6329.

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## Annual Summit Westin Book-Cadillac Hotel 1114 Washington Blvd., Detroit June 15-16, 2012

*Keynote Speaker: SBM President Julie Fershtman*

### Event Schedule

#### Friday

- 4:00-7:00 p.m. Registration and Check-In  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Welcome Reception  
Sponsored by the State Bar of Michigan  
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#### Saturday

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration, Breakfast, and Welcome  
(Welcome at 8:45 a.m.)  
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School
- 9:00-12:15 p.m. Seminars
- 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. Lunch  
Project Salute Overview  
Keynote Presentation—State Bar of  
Michigan President Julie Fershtman
- 2:00 - 5:15 p.m. Seminars
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour
- 7:30 -9:00 p.m. Dinner and Regeana Myrick Outstanding  
Young Lawyer Award Presentation
- 9:00 p.m. In-house Entertainment

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### Seminars

#### *Stand and Deliver: Becoming a Better Public Speaker*

- Carol Coker, Dale Carnegie Training

#### *Divergent Paths to the Bench: You Can Get There, Here's How!*

- Hon. Mark Randon, Magistrate, Eastern District of Michigan
- Hon. Douglas Shapiro, Michigan Court of Appeals
- Hon. Edward Ewell, Wayne County Circuit Court
- Hon. Denise Langford Morris, Oakland County Circuit Court
- Hon. Susan Moiseev, 46<sup>th</sup> District Court
- Jennifer Pilette, Wayne County Juvenile Court Referee

#### *Meet the Rainmakers: Business Development Tips for Solos & Aspiring Partners*

- Steve Fishman, Criminal Defense Attorney
- Bonnie Mayfield, Partner, Dykema
- John J. Conway, John J. Conway PC

#### *Slaying Goliath: Ways to Tackle Your Students Loans AND Save Money*

- Gail Perry Mason, Author of "Money Matters for Families" and "Girl, Make Your Money Grow"

#### *Alternative Careers for Young Lawyers*

- Matt Clayson, Director, Detroit Creative Corridor Center
- Charlie Langton, Legal Analyst for Fox 2 News
- Corina Pena Andorfer, Acting Director of Program Policy & Market Research at MSHDA

#### *Counsel for the Counselor: Negotiating the Work / Life Balance and Avoiding Burnout*

- Timothy Batdorf, Tim Batdorf PC

#### *Knowing Your Evidence Objections*

- Timothy Baughman, Chief of Appeals, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

#### *Starting Your Own Practice on a Limited Budget*

- Patricia Nemeth, Nemeth Burwell
- Raymond Correll, Raymond A. Correll PC

#### *Developing Your Mediation / Arbitration Skills*

- Antoinette Raheem, Law & Mediation Offices of Antoinette Raheem

#### *Persuasive Writing Seminar*

- Mark Cooney, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Associate Professor

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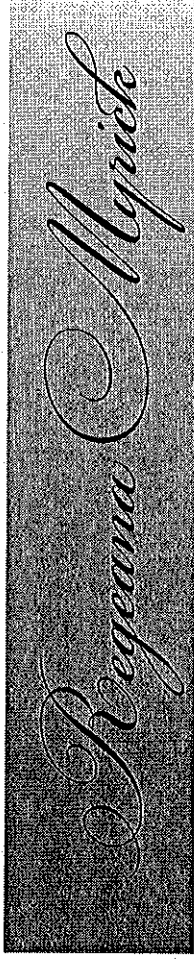
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Detroit, Michigan



In 1997, the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section (YLS) renamed their "Outstanding Young Lawyer Award" in honor of Regeana Myrick, an Executive Council member of the YLS, who passed away in August of that year.

In addition to serving on the Executive Council of the YLS, Regeana was a dedicated member of many bar associations. A cum laude graduate of every prestigious school she attended (Cranbrook, the University of Michigan, and the Detroit College of Law), Regeana balanced her studies with her commitment to public service.

Regeana's dedication to the legal profession and public service spanned many years. She is remembered by her family, friends, and colleagues as a bright and charitable woman with many talents who was always mindful of those less fortunate than herself.

Tonight, we present this year's award to an outstanding young lawyer who truly embodies Regeana's excellence and devotion to others. On behalf of the State Bar, the YLS Executive Council, and Regeana's family, we are proud to honor **Michelle A. Carter** as this year's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recipient.



Regeana Myrick

**M**ichelle A. Carter is general counsel of Allied Human Services, Inc., which provides management and consulting services to healthcare companies. Allied, a premier healthcare consulting organization dedicated to performance improvement, helps healthcare systems nationwide achieve their goals and missions. Prior to joining Allied, Carter was a member of Bodman PLC, where she practiced complex commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution. She also clerked for the Honorable Theodore Z. Davis, presiding judge of the General Equity Division for the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Since becoming an attorney in 2002, Carter has built an impressive leadership resume. As a young attorney, she joined the National Bar Association and served one year on the Young Lawyers Division Council as the Young Lawyers Division's "National Representative" to the American Bar Association. In 2009, she moved on to become one of the youngest presidents of the Wolverine Bar Association, one of the oldest and largest

special interest bar associations in Michigan, where she still serves on the Board of Directors.

In recognition of Carter's legal and professional accomplishments, former Chief Justice Marilyn J. Kelly appointed her to serve on the Supreme Court of Michigan's Solutions on Self-Help Task Force (SOS) in April 2010. As a member of the SOS Task Force, Carter works with the chief justice and other prominent leaders across the state to develop, create, and implement centralized resources that can better help local communities and courts assist and support self-represented litigants in Michigan.

The peer-review journal *Michigan Super Lawyers* named her a "Rising Star" for three consecutive years in the Business Litigation category. Detroit's premier business journal, *dBusiness*, named Carter as among Michigan's "30 in Their Thirties" in its September 2010 edition for her exceptional professional achievement. *Who's Who in Black Detroit* named Carter to its inaugural edition, and again as among Michigan's "Most Influential" in its 2010 edition. Carter also received the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's first ever "The One to Watch" award in 2010. In 2011, Carter received Legal Aid and Defender Association's Pro Bono Spirit Award for her many hours of pro bono service to the Wayne County community.

Carter currently serves as a board member of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's Litigation Advisory Board, where she helps identify the most useful legal education projects and tools to educate the members of the State Bar of Michigan. She also serves as a director of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, and currently as Secretary of the Board of Directors of Volunteers of America—Michigan. She also is also a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association, and the Oakland County Bar Foundation (Fellow).



Michelle A. Carter

Such a spirit of leadership, commitment to the legal profession, and commitment to the community at large is worthy of great honor, and for that we recognize Michelle tonight. We are confident that her work and the legacy she is creating would make Regeana Myrick and her family quite proud.

The State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section congratulates Michelle and all of the other extremely qualified nominees for their service to the bar and the public.



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