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2021-2022 Section Annual Report

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Administrative & Regulatory Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	Eric Feldman
Title	Chair
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Meeting Dates.	05/23/2022 & 06/23/2022 - Council Meetings 08/31/2022 - Annual Meeting *Please note, our chair resigned, and therefore, I took over late May 2022.
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	06/02/2022 Michigan Public Service Commission 07/12/2022 Cannabis Regulatory Agency 09/28/2022 Michigan Tax Tribunal
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Agricultural Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Allison Eicher

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 10/01/2021 - Council Meeting
11/11/2021 - Council Meeting
12/17/2021 - Council Meeting

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Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Mary Anne Parks

Title Section Administrator

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Meeting Dates.

Full Council Meetings
 11/12/2021
 01/14/2022
 03/11/2022
 05/13/2022
 07/08/2022
 09/09/2022

10/08/2021 Annual Meeting

Executive Committee Teleconferences
 10/15/2021
 12/03/21
 02/04/2022
 04/01/2022
 06/03/2022
 08/05/2022

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03/10/2022 - Best Practices in Non-Administered Arbitrations
 04/05/2022 - DIAT-AILS Diversity Virtual Lunch
 04/20/2022 - Divided Community Project
 05/11/2022 & 05/18/2022 ADR Summit
 06/07/2022 - Disclosure Standards
 06/08/2022 - "Briefs" for Young Lawyers — The Fundamentals of Mediation (Erin and Bob panelists, Lisa O. and Alex co-moderators)
 06/15/2022 - "Briefs" for Young Lawyers — The Fundamentals of Arbitration (Tom McNeill and Betty panelists, Mike and James co-moderators)
 08/16/2022 - The Ins and Outs of Employment and Labor Arbitration for Arbitrators and Advocates
 09/30/2022 & 10/01/2022 ADR Annual Conference and Section Awards

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Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.

1. Submitted comments to the Justice Commission on implementation of ADR programs in Michigan.
2. Submitted suggested changes and comments to the Mediator Standards of Conduct to SCAO.
3. Submitted comments and testified at State Court Administrative Office hearing regarding changes to MRPC 1.8 (arbitration provisions in attorney/client agreements). Our comments and suggestions appear likely to be largely adopted by SCAO.

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1. Have been working on producing and promoting a series of videos using diverse mediators and parties.
2. 30th anniversary of the ADR Section
3. Have been hosting cross-section events each year with YLS and the Indian Law Section.
4. Continuing to monitor the implementation of the new case evaluation rules.
5. Have been hosting events to promote diversity in the ADR community including the addition of an annual presentation at our ADR Annual Conference

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American Indian Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	Lauren Mulhern
Title	Chair-Elect
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Meeting Dates.	10/22/21 - Council Meeting 11/29/21 - Council Meeting 12/16/21 - Council Meeting 01/20/22 - Council Meeting 02/17/22 - Council Meeting 03/17/22 - Council Meeting 04/21/22 - Council Meeting 06/02/22 - Council Meeting 06/16/22 - Council Meeting 07/21/22 - Council Meeting 08/18/22 - Council Meeting 09/09/22 - Council Meeting 09/09/22 - Annual Meeting
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Animal Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Katherine Brindle

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 01/19/22 - Council Meeting
05/18/22 - Council Meeting
09/21/22 - Annual Meeting

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The Animal Law Section Legislative Committee met on March 4, 2022 to discuss a number of bills. Based on the committee's recommendations, the council took policy positions on the following: SB 486, SB 549, SB 761-762, HB 5078, HB 5185, HR 155, HB 5358-5360, and HB 5390. The corresponding policy reports may be found at <https://connect.michbar.org/animallaw/publicpolicy>. Between the time of this report and September 30, 2022, the Animal Law Section will continue to evaluate any animal-related bills or resolutions introduced and submit policy reports as appropriate.

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The Animal Law Section hosted a ceremony for Ginny Mikita, JD, who earned the Brandi Award for her advocacy on behalf of animals. The event was held virtually, and featured a presentation by the Humane Society of Huron Valley— which Ginny designated to receive the Brandi Award honorarium — about their factory farm advocacy work. We also hosted an awards ceremony honoring Cooley Law School student Heather Silcott, who was awarded the Wanda Nash Award for her achievement in animal law. We're currently planning the Sadie Award ceremony. The Animal Law Section also presents the Animal Heroes Award.

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Antitrust, Franchising, and Trade Regulation Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Mark Burzych

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates.
 11/05/2021 - Council Meeting
 12/15/2021 - Council Meeting/Holiday Dinner
 01/14/2022 - Council Meeting
 02/12/2022 - Council Meeting
 03/11/2022 - Council Meeting
 04/08/2022 - Council Meeting
 05/13/2022 - Council Meeting
 06/10/2022 - Council Meeting
 07/08/2022 - Council Meeting
 08/13/2022 - Council Meeting
 09/2022 TBD - Council Meeting

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01/20/2022 Forum: Thomas Ayers: Employee/Independent Contractor Issues in Franchising and PRO Act
 06/10/2022 Section Social: Berkley Commons
 07/2022 TBD - Section Seminar

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None

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None.

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Appellate Practice Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	Stephanie Morita
Title	Chair
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Meeting Dates.	<p>11/19/2021 – Council Meeting 12/17/2021 – Council Meeting 01/21/2022 – Council Meeting 02/18/2022 – Council Meeting 03/18/2022 – Council Meeting 04/22/2022 – Council Meeting 05/20/2022 – Council Meeting — Petoskey 06/16/2022 – Council Meeting — Dinner Meeting 08/19/2022 – Council Meeting 09/22/2022 – Annual Meeting</p> <p>Committee Meetings: 02/28/2022 – Economics of Appellate Practice 03/21/2022 – Economics of Appellate Practice 10/05/2021 – Bench Bar Planning Committee 02/01/2022 – Bench Bar Planning Committee 03/15/2022 – Bench Bar Planning Committee 04/19/2022 – Bench Bar Planning Committee</p>
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	<p>Good Deeds 05/07/2022 Greening of Detroit</p> <p>Economics of Appellate Practice Webinars 06/16/2022 – Free Resources for Legal Research 03/24/2022 – Use of Technology in Appellate Practice 01/27/2022 – Fees on Appeal</p> <p>The 2022 Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference was held May 11–13, 2022. Lifetime Achievement Awards were given by the section to Mary Massaron and Justice Stephen Markman at the Bench Bar Dinner.</p>
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	<p>ADM File No. 2019-16: On January 6, 2022, the section, with the State Bar’s permission, advocated its position on proposed amendments to MCR 7.212 to “establish word limits for briefs, motions, and other documents submitted to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.”</p>

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Donations:

Furniture Bank of Southeast Michigan: \$500

Access to Justice: \$500

Publications

Three issues of the Appellate Practice Journal were/will be published.

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Aviation Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Jeff Whalen

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 09/15/2022 - Annual Meeting

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08/14/2022 KPTK Air Show Section Event

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Business Law Section	
Name of Person Completing This Survey	Terri Shoop
Title	Administrator
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Meeting Dates.	10/14/2021 - Special Council Meeting 10/19/2021 - Regulation of Securities Committee Meeting 12/03/2021 - Council Meeting 01/11/2022 - Nonprofit Corporations Committee Meeting 02/23/2022 - Corporate Laws Committee Meeting 02/23/2022 - Nonprofit Corporations Committee Meeting 03/03/2022 - Council Meeting 03/15/2022 - Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee Meeting 04/06/2022 - UCC Committee Meeting 06/09/2022 - Council Meeting
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Murphy v Inman:

The Michigan Supreme Court issued its decision in *Murphy v Inman* (case no. 161454), 2022 WL 1020127 on April 5, 2022. At the invitation of the Michigan Supreme Court, the Business Law Section and the Litigation Section submitted amicus curiae briefs.

The Court unanimously adopted the positions that the Business Law Section and the Litigation Section advocated in their respective amicus briefs. In this cash-out merger case, the Court's key holdings include:

- Corporate directors owe direct, common-law fiduciary duties to shareholders that were not abrogated by the adoption of the Michigan Business Corporation Act.
- The distinction between direct and derivative claims is determined by a two-step analysis: (a) who suffered the alleged harm; and (b) who would receive the benefit of any recovery or other remedy. See *Tooley v Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, Inc*, 845 A2d 1031 (Del, 2004).

The members of the Amicus Committee were Douglas Toering, Ian Williamson, Justin Klimko, Marguerite Donahue, Michael Molitor, William Horton, Jennifer Grieco, and Brian Markham. Hon. Christopher Yates also served on the committee in an advisory capacity.

Soaring Pine Capital v. Park S. Group:

The Michigan Supreme Court ("Court") has invited interested groups to move the Court for permission to file briefs amicus curiae on, among other issues, "whether a usury-savings clause is void as a violation of public policy" in *Soaring Pine Capital Real Estate and Debt Fund II, LLC v. Park Street Group Realty Services, LLC*, SC: 163320 (March 18, 2022). If usury savings provisions – common in all transactional documents – were invalidated by the Court, it could have a tremendous impact on business transactions in Michigan.

The Business Law Section has approved the filing a motion for permission to file an amicus brief ("Motion") with the Court to support the enforceability of usury-savings clauses. The committee is currently working on drafting and filing the motion and the brief.

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Business Law Section

Michigan Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act:

The Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee has been actively involved in the development of revisions to the Michigan Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act ("Receivership Act") that would apply to operating businesses and the UARA. The UARA was recently adopted by the Michigan legislature.

Business Corporation Act and Limited Liability Company Act:

The Corporate Laws Committee monitors legislation that could affect Michigan corporation law. The committee has begun the process of assembling material for the next round of amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act. The Committee determined to bifurcate that effort and to first focus on preparing proposed draft benefit corporation legislation. That effort is in process. A subcommittee has been established to prepare a draft of proposed legislation, which has met several times and exchanged draft proposals and comments.

The committee assembled a study group to examine the oppression provisions of both the Business Corporation Act and the Limited Liability Company Act., to consider whether changes should be recommended to make it easier to understand and apply. The task force met sporadically for over two years. The task force created subcommittees to study discrete issues arising with regard to the oppression statutes which conferred separately and produced discussion material and recommendations to the larger group. The committee determined to explore whether the business court judges would be interested in amendments giving them expanded abilities to enter preliminary orders in oppression cases and sent a letter to them.

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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 will honor Mark High at its annual meeting on October 7, 2022, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Michigan Business Law Journal.

The Section publishes the Michigan Business Law Journal three times each year in conjunction with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Each issue of the Michigan Business Law Journal has a different primary, legal theme focused on articles related to one of the standing committees of the Business Law Section, although the section welcomes articles concerning any business law related topic for any issue. The primary themes of the issues of the Michigan Business Law Journal published (or to be published) during the 2021-2022 bar year were: UCC Committee (fall 2021), Commercial Litigation Committee (spring 2022), and LLC & Partnership Committee (summer 2022). The Michigan Business Law Journal is sent to section members via U.S. mail and electronically, and is posted on the section's website.

Section Strategic Plan/Survey

The activities of the Business Law Section and its council are guided by the section's strategic plan. The current plan, adopted in March 2017, articulates the mission and goals of the section. The plan was adopted with the idea of being revisited and refreshed every five years, and this is its five-year anniversary. The section has formed a committee, chaired by Michael Khoury, to take on that task, and the committee has conducted its first meeting.

In addition, the section will be sending a survey to our members, to help assist and inform the strategic planning process.

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Mentorship Program

In its June meeting, the Business Law Section council approved the implementation of a section mentorship program, which will connect newer business lawyers with experienced practitioners willing to serve as mentors.

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Cannabis Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Jennifer Hinze

Title Executive Director

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Meeting Dates.

- 10/07/2021 - Young Lawyers Committee
- 12/08/2021 - Philanthropy/Social Equity Committee Meeting
- 01/12/2022 - Legislative/Rules Committee Meeting
- 01/12/2022 - Philanthropy/Social Equity Comm. Meeting
- 01/18/2022 - Legislative/Rules Committee
- 01/18/2022 - Council Meeting
- 01/25/2022 - Legislative/Rules Committee
- 01/28/2022 - Legislative/Rules Committee
- 02/04/2022 - Legislative/Rules Committee
- 02/08/2022 - Legislative/Rules Committee Meeting
- 02/11/2022 - Legislative/Rules Committee Meeting
- 02/15/2022 - Legislative/Rules Committee Meeting
- 02/15/2022 - Council Meeting
- 03/15/2022 - Council Meeting
- 04/04/2022 - Young Lawyers Committee
- 04/19/2022 - Council Meeting
- 05/17/2022 - Council Meeting
- 06/21/2022 - Council Meeting
- 07/19/2022 - Council Meeting
- 08/19/2022 - Council Meeting
- 09/20/2022 - Council Meeting
- 09/29/2022-10/01/2022 - Annual Meeting

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- 12/02/2021 Webinar
- 01/21/2022 Webinar
- 02/17/2022 Webinar
- 04/07/2022 Webinar
- 04/28/2022 Spring Training Seminar
- 05/26/2022 Webinar
- 06/30/2022 Webinar
- 09/09-10/2022 Fall Seminar
- 09/29/2022-10/01/2022 Annual Conference

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Cannabis Law Section

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On February 8, 2022, the Legislative/Rules Committee provided recommendations to the the legislative Joint Committee on Administrative Rules on the Marijuana Regulatory Agency's (now Cannabis Regulatory Agency) proposed Marihuana Rule Set (draft Administrative Rules 420.1 to 420.823).

On February 16, 2022, the Legislative/Rules Committee provided recommendations to the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (now Cannabis Regulatory Agency) on the agency's proposed Industrial Hemp Rules for Marihuana Businesses (draft Administrative Rules 420.1001 to 420.1003b).

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The section developed a scholarship program in memory of former council member Allen Peisner. A scholarship will be awarded in his name for each section event that has a fee for members. One was granted for both the Spring Training event and three will be granted for the upcoming Annual Conference to include lodging and travel costs. Ongoing work is being done to raise funds aimed at assisting new attorneys to gain the requisite knowledge to develop their law practice in the cannabis space.

The section will collaborate again with the MI Association of OWI Attorneys to provide a two-day training seminar in September.

Allen Peisner will be recognized at the Annual Conference with a Trailblazer Award that will be hung in a yet-to-be-determined location.

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Children's Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Tiffany Burks

Title Secretary

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Meeting Dates.
10/01/2021 - Annual Meeting
10/01/2021 - Council Meeting
11/18/2021 - Council Meeting
01/20/2022 - Council Meeting
03/17/2022 - Council Meeting
05/19/2022 - Council Meeting
07/21/2022 - Council Meeting
09/22/2022 - Annual Meeting

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Consumer Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey DANIEL O MYERS

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates.
12/07/2021 - Council Meeting
02/03/2022 - Council Meeting
04/07/2022 - Council Meeting
06/16/2022 - Council Meeting
07/07/2022 - Council Meeting
08/04/2022 - Council Meeting
09/01/2022 - Council Meeting
09/29/2022 - Annual Meeting

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Outreach to law school consumer law departments to facilitate interest in consumer law

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Frank J. Kelley Consumer Advocacy Award to be awarded to Michiganders for Fair Lending at the Annual Meeting

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Criminal Law Section

Name of Person Completing
This Survey

Ryan Zemke

Title

Chair

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Meeting Dates.

10/19/2021 - Council Meeting
11/16/2021 - Council Meeting
12/21/2021 - Council Meeting
02/15/2022 - Council Meeting
04/18/2022 - Council Meeting
05/17/2022 - Council Meeting
08/16/2022 - Council Meeting
09/23/2022 - Council Meeting

Mid-Winter Committee Meetings — Various Dates
Spring Conference Committee Meetings — Various Dates
Annual Meeting Committee Meetings — Various Dates

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02/18/2022 Mid-Winter Conference
06/04/2022 Spring Conference
09/23/2022 Annual Meeting

05/04/2022 Lunch & Learn with SBM YLS
06/10/2022 TopGolf Networking Event

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Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Robert Mannor

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. Annual Meeting 10/05/2021 – Annual Meeting
 11/06/2021 - Council Meeting
 12/04/2021 - Council Meeting
 02/12/2022 - Council Meeting
 03/05/2022 - Council Meeting
 04/02/2022 - Council Meeting
 05/07/2022 - Council Meeting
 06/04/2022 - Council Meeting
 08/06/2022 - Council Meeting
 09/10/2022 - Council Meeting
 10/25/2021 - Legislative Committee
 11/05/2021 - Legislative Committee
 11/29/2021 - Legislative Committee
 01/31/2022 - Legislative Committee
 02/28/2022 - Legislative Committee
 03/28/2022 - Legislative Committee
 05/02/2022 - Legislative Committee
 06/27/2022 - Legislative Committee
 07/27/2022 - Legislative Committee
 08/29/2022 - Legislative Committee
 09/26/2022 - Legislative Committee

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

10/04-06/2021 Fall Conference
 03/25/2022 Spring Conference
 07/08/2022 Medicaid Planning using the Disabled Child Exception Webinar
 09/21/2022 SSA Disability Determinations Webinar
 05/26/2022 Administrative Hearings Webinar
 01/18/2022 Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Benefits for Vietnam Veterans (Agent Orange) Webinar

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Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.

HB5117 Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Funeral Representative: Oppose with recommended amendments. The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section of the State Bar of Michigan opposes House Bill 5117 with the recommendation to amendment to more clearly define "good faith effort" on page 5 lines 2 and 3 and to reconcile the conflicts between the time frames that an individual is notified and required to act or decline to act on pages 4 line 26 and 5 lines 4-8.

HB5751 Regulate the Certification of a Person with a Disability's Need for an Emotional Support Animal. Oppose: The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section opposes HB 5751 because it does not comport with current HUD regulations, creates a too-narrow definition of doctor-patient relationship for tenant applicants, and ignores non-ESA assistance animals, creating an unfair barrier for individuals with mental or psychological needs.

HB5758 Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Allowing Electronic Signing. Support: The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section of the State Bar of Michigan supports House Bill 5758, as written.

HB5759 Michigan Law on Notarial Acts, Electronic Notarizations. Support: The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section of the State Bar of Michigan supports House Bill 5759, as written.

SB0033 Public Health Code, Electronic Monitoring Devices. Support in Concept but Oppose in Present Form: ELDRS supports SB 0033 in concept for allowing electronic monitor devices in nursing homes as resident rights but ELDRS opposes SB 0033 in its present form as it is substantially unchanged from 2020's final version of SB 0077 regarding cameras in nursing homes. SB 0033 does not allow for the effective use of cameras in residents' rooms or for such video recordings to be used as evidence in a court proceeding. In its present form, SB 0077 better serves the nursing home industry than the residents.

SB0315 Uniform Securities Act (2002), Certain Account Disbursements. Oppose: The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section of the State Bar of Michigan opposes SB-0315, as passed Senate, September 14, 2021, based upon its lack of due process and the overbroad nature of setting the bright line age of 65.

SB0597 The Social Welfare Act, Specialty Integrated Plan. Oppose:- The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section opposes Senate bill 597 but supports the concept of the legislature taking action to help improve access to supports and services to persons with disabilities.

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SB0598 Mental Health Code, Specialty Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans.

Oppose: The Elder Law & Disability Rights Section opposes Senate Bill 598 but supports the concept of the legislature taking action to help improve access to supports and services to persons with disabilities.

SB1148 A Bill to Make Uniform the Law Relating to the Designation of Agents to Act for Principals Under Powers of Attorney.

Support with Recommended Amendments: The Elder Law and Disability Rights Section of the State Bar of Michigan supports Senate Bill 1148 with amendments. The section will finalize its suggested amendments and provide at a later date.

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N/A

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Environmental Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Mary Anne Parks

Title Section Administrator

E-mail Address parks.maryanne@gmail.com

Meeting Dates.

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

04/14/2022 Clearing the Air Spring Conference
11/03-08/2022 Fall Joint Conference

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Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023 bar year.

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Family Law Section	
Name of Person Completing This Survey	Christopher J. Harrington
Title	Chairperson
E-mail Address	harringtoncj@oakgov.com
Meeting Dates.	<p>Family Law Council meetings: 10/9/2021; 11/6/2021; 12/4/2021; 1/15/2022; 3/5/2022; 4/2/2022; 5/7/2022; 6/4/2022; 9/17/2022</p> <p>Legislative Committee meetings: 10/7/2021; 11/4/2021; 12/2/2021; 1/13/2022; 3/3/2022; 3/31/2022; 5/5/2022; 6/2/2022</p> <p>Court Rules Committee meetings: 10/5/2021; 11/2/2021; 11/30/2021; 1/11/2022; 3/1/2022; 3/29/2022; 5/3/2022; 5/31/2022; 7/12/2022</p> <p>Dedicated Family Court Committee meetings: 10/1/2021; 10/29/2021; 11/5/2021; 1/7/2022; 2/25/2022; 3/25/2022; 4/29/2022; 5/27/2022; 7/6/2022; 7/15/2022</p> <p>Amicus Committee meetings: 10/20/2021; 11/17/2021; 12/9/2021; 12/15/2021; 12/30/2021; 1/19/2022; 2/16/2022; 3/16/2022; 3/28/2022; 4/11/2022; 5/1/2022; 5/18/2022; 6/29/2022; 7/26/2022</p> <p>Adoption Committee meetings: 11/18/2021; 1/20/2022; 3/17/2022; 5/19/2022; 5/26/2022</p> <p>Domestic Violence Committee meetings: 11/1/2021; 11/22/2021; 1/10/2022; 2/28/2022; 3/21/2022; 4/25/2022; 5/31/2022</p>
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	<p>01/29/2022-02/05/2022 Family Law Section Mid-Winter Conference</p> <p>04/29/2022 Domestic Violence Webinar Re: Trauma Informed Practice in Family Law Cases via Zoom</p> <p>08/11-14/2022 Family Law Section Mid-Summer Conference</p> <p>09/17/2022 Family Law Section Annual Meeting</p>

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The section took the following positions on legislative bills and resolutions:

1. HBs 5191, 5192, 5193, 5196. These bills involve modification of statutes that need updating regarding gender neutral language, including statutes in the "secret marriage act," deletion of language barring recognition of same-sex marriages, the UCCJEA, and other statutes to be consistent with Obergefell. The section voted to support these house bills.
2. HB 5340. The section opposed this bill regarding family treatment court due to a lack of judicial discretion contained within the draft of the bill.
3. HB 5368. The section opposed this bill which would require an individual's date of birth to be included in publicly accessible "personal identifying information" in court proceedings.
4. HB 5443. The section opposed this bill which would substantially alter the way a bond is set for child support and spousal support contempt enforcement proceedings.
5. HB 5459, 5460. The section opposed these bills which would mandate equal parenting time and joint custody in all family law cases, which could only be rebutted by a showing of clear and convincing evidence that this is not in the best interests of the child(ren).
6. HB 5464. The section opposed this bill which sought to make food assistance benefits contingent on an individual's "cooperating" with the child support enforcement program.
7. HB 5758, 5759. The section supported these bills which made electronic signing, witnessing, and notarization of documents more permanent by eliminating sunset provisions.
8. HB 5860, 5861. The section opposed these bills which would mandate a percentage share for a father to pay health insurance premiums and hospital/birth expenses in child support cases. The Michigan Child Support Formula already governs the calculation of these expenses on a scale that accounts for "family income" and "ability to pay."
9. SB 856, 857, 858. The section opposed these bills due to the potential for abuse and overly-broad application in divorce or family court proceedings. Also, the existing PPO statute covers many of the problems this bill seeks to solve.

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10. SJR J. The section opposed this resolution because there is vague language with respect to what is meant in the resolution by the "best interests of a child." There is not one single statutory definition of the "best interests" of a child. The child custody act contains a "best interests" standard for both custody decisions and parenting time decisions. There is also a "best interests" standard in termination proceedings. The resolution did not make a specific statutory reference to which standard this would apply.

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The Family Law Section filed amicus briefs with the Supreme Court on three different cases and has a pending request to file a brief on a fourth case.

Through the Legislative Committee, the Family Law Council voted to approve language for a Premarital Agreement Act that closely follows the existing Uniform Premarital Agreement Act (UPMAA). The alterations from the UPMAA include: (1) language consistent with, and codifying, Michigan case law within the *Allard v. Allard* decision; and (2) modifying the language on waivers to require the waiver be more conspicuously displayed.

Honorable Jon A. Van Allsburg (20th Circuit) was awarded the Marilyn J. Kelly Award for Outstanding Judicial Service in Family Law.

Attorney James J. Harrington III (Novi) was awarded the Norman Robbins Lifetime Achievement Award for dedicated service to the family law community.

Gail Towne (Kalamazoo), a Family Law Council member, was named to Michigan Lawyer's Weekly "most influential women in the law for 2022."

The late Robert C. Treat Jr. was awarded (posthumously) the Blaine Johnson Award at ICLE's 2021 Family Law Institute for significant contributions to continuing legal education in the family law community.

The Family Law Journal published 10 editions through this fiscal year, with each edition including topics such as legislative updates, an article focusing on domestic violence issues in family law cases, case summaries for appellate decisions, and other cutting-edge articles on family law practice and legal developments.

The Family Law Section is seeking to collaborate with the Children's Law Section on a number of legislative proposals that would improve the practice when domestic law and children's law issues intersect.

A Guardian Ad Litem Committee was established to update the practice, training, and resources for family law practitioners who serve as a guardian ad litem in a custody/domestic relations matter.

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A Shared Parenting Committee was established to respond to the latest legislative proposal of "mandatory joint custody." The work of this committee included drafting an alternative legislative proposal to improve the child custody act and to help solidify the judiciary within the family division.

The Family Law listserv was converted to a new host server. There were significant content updates to the Family Law Section website over the past year to improve communication regarding FLS activity.

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Government Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	Helen Lizzie Mills
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	hmills@fsbriaw.com
Meeting Dates.	<p>10/09/21 - Annual & Organizational Meetings via Zoom</p> <p>11/13/2021 - Regular Council Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>12/04/2021 - Regular Council Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>01/08/2022 - Regular Council Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>02/11/2022 - Regular Council Meeting at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Canton (following Winter Educational Conference) and via Zoom</p> <p>03/05/2022 - Regular Council Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>04/02/2022 - Regular Council Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>04/13/2022 - Special Council Meeting via electronic vote</p> <p>05/07/2022 - Regular Council Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>06/24/2022 - Regular Council Meeting following Day 1 of Summer Educational Conference at Grand Traverse Resort</p> <p>09/10/2022 - Annual & Organizational Meetings via Zoom</p>
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	<p>02/11/2022 "Local Government Whack-a-mole: The Pounding, Preempting, and Constricting of Municipal Legal Authority in Michigan?" Winter Conference at Summit on the Park in Canton Township</p> <p>06/24-25/2022 Summer Educational Conference (joint with MAMA) at Grand Traverse Resort</p>
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	<p>The GLS provided amicus support in the matters of <i>Township of Fraser v Haney</i>, <i>Petersen Financial LLC v City of Kentwood</i>, and <i>Jacobson v Hornbeck</i> between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. The GLS also grappled with the decision in <i>F.P. Development, LLC v Charter Township of Canton</i> when it was released in October 2021.</p>

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The Government Law Section (GLS) Mission Statement is: To serve its members and the community at large by fostering public trust in the law, advancing the competent, civil, and ethical practice of governmental law, providing education, training, communication and support among its members, advancing government law understanding before all branches of government, and proactively encouraging public service.

Under the leadership of its section council and many volunteers, GLS has a long history of providing its membership with two valuable and highly attended educational events each year, starting with the winter seminar in February and culminating with the summer conference in June. This year's summer conference (held jointly with the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys (MAMA)) focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. The GLS was honored to have Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Welch attend and speak at this year's summer conference, among other extraordinary speakers. The GLS Council has been considering opportunities to improve itself: our service as members of the Bar, service to our clients, and commitment to our own communities.

The GLS will continue to:

- Include brilliant, engaged members in the council membership. We remain honored to have on our council the president-elect of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, Lori Grigg-Bluhm (city attorney for the city of Troy).
- Present educational seminars and possibly add webinars or other forms of continuing legal education for the membership on relevant topics. This includes exploring and affirming partnerships with other sections and associations whose interests align with the GLS mission statement.
- Promote and support its committees. For example, the GLS Council established, but will seek to utilize more, a Social Media Committee and Membership Committee with the objectives of identifying and implementing GLS sponsored social media platforms that will better connect the members with each other, provide valuable resources for the members and their law, and identify and engage members across the Bar. Similarly, the GLS will push forward with a Strategic Planning Committee to build on the establishment of the mission statement in 2021.

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- Promote and increase the number of Briefly publications issued by the GLS to better connect with the membership. During this year, it was published on December 6, 2021; February 4, 2022; March 25, 2022; and June 8, 2022 and is expected to be published twice more in 2022. Briefly's published articles addressed some of the most significant recent Michigan municipal law cases. Particularly noteworthy was the summary *F.P. Development, LLC v Charter Township of Canton* (author Joshua Thall), interview with Kristin Kolb addressing the *FP Development* case (author Jake Fox) and case summary of *Shurtleff v City of Bos., Massachusetts* (author Thomas H. Forshee). Briefly also welcomed a new co-editor (Sean Rucker of Miller Canfield) and added a new reoccurring article to the publication titled "Municipal Law Case Summaries" (provided by Debani T. Gordon-Lehman of the Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler law firm) to support the recurring summaries of Attorney General Opinions and legislative updates. Authors and topic ideas are always welcome.
- Meaningfully participate (through our Amicus Committee and council) in important amicus briefing on matters of statewide impact to governmental bodies, as occurred this year and in years prior. This year's highlights were the matters of *Township of Fraser v Haney, Petersen Financial LLC v Kentwood*, and *Jacobson v Hornbeck*.
- Continue efforts to update and maintain the GLS webpage more regularly, perhaps with the assistance of a designated volunteer from the GLS membership looking to contribute and become more active in the section.

We remain honored to share that GLS Council member Lori Grigg-Bluhm (city attorney for the city of Troy) is the president-elect of the International Municipal Lawyers Association.

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Health Care Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Nicole Stratton/Susan Stokes

Title Chair/Admin

E-mail Address sstokesmi@gmail.com

Meeting Dates.

- 10/07/2021 – Council Meeting
- 11/04/2021 – Council Meeting
- 12/02/2021 – Council Meeting
- 01/06/2022 – Council Meeting
- 02/03/2022 – Council Meeting
- 03/03/2022 – Council Meeting
- 04/07/2022 – Council Meeting
- 05/05/2022 – Council Meeting
- 06/02/2022 – Council Meeting
- 07/02/2022 – Council Meeting
- 08/04/2022 – Council Meeting
- 09/01/2022 – Council Meeting

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- 11/03/2021 What Does It Take to Be a Health Care Lawyer?
- 02/02/2022 Vaccine Rules for Health Care Organizations
- 02/24/2022 Navigating Information Blocking: What Health Care Providers Need to Know
- 03/08/2022 State Regulatory Update
- 03/23/2022 Fraud and Abuse Update
- 04/07/2022 Legislative “Hot Topics”
- 05/18/2022 Surprise Billing Overview
- 06/07/2022 Federal Coverage Mandate for At-home Over-the-counter COVID Testing
- 07/14/2022 Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PMB) Regulatory Update
- 09/22/2022 HCLS Annual Meeting

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none

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Health Care Law Section

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This year, the Committee published the following paper:

- Michigan and Federal Surprise Billing Legislation: Protection for Consumers, Increased Burdens for Providers, and Boon for Payors

These publications are in process:

- An updated paper on Michigan Certificate of Need, Health Professional Licensure, and Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner Licensure.
- A paper on the Information Blocking Rule.
- A paper on Michigan Health Facilities Regulations; and a
- A complication chart of lessons learned in healthcare law over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic (so far).

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Intellectual Property Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Matthew D. Kendall

Title Chair

E-mail Address kendall@gardner-linn.com

Meeting Dates.

- 10/28/2021 - Orientation Meeting for New Council Members
- 11/11/2021 - Council Meeting
- 01/13/2022 - Council Meeting
- 02/10/2022 - Council Meeting
- 03/11/2022 - DEI Committee Meeting
- 04/14/2022 - Council Meeting
- 04/20/2022 - DEI Committee Meeting
- 05/10/2022 - DEI Committee Meeting
- 05/12/2022 - Council Meeting
- 06/09/2022 - Council Meeting
- 07/11/2022 - DEI Committee Meeting
- 08/2022 - Council Meeting
- 09/2022 - Council Meeting

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03/03/2022 Spring Intellectual Property Seminar
07/21-7/23/2022 Property Summer Institute

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None.

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023 bar year.

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiative and committee formed.
- IPLS Proceedings publication, February 2022
- IPLS Proceedings publication, July 2022
- Previously-endowed scholarships awarded at Wayne State and Michigan State law schools.
- Excellence in IP Award to Normal L. Sims , July 2022.
- Sponsored Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Annual Meeting, June 2022.
- Sponsored National Association of Women Judges event.
- Continued support of Patent Pro Bono program.

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International Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	Reinhard Lemke
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	reinhardlemke@sbcglobal.net
Meeting Dates.	10/05/2021 - Annual Membership Meeting 12/06/2021 - Council Meeting online 03/23/2022 - Council Meeting in person 06/07/2022 - Council Meeting online August 2022 - Council Meeting scheduled tentatively
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In-person educational event at Automation Alley, 10/05/2021: Legal Implications of "Collaboratory Manufacturing" and the global response to supply chain interruptions, with representatives from industry and legal community. 2) Online webinar in collaboration with East Michigan District Export Council, 10/06/2021: "Understanding Tariffs." 3) Online webinar, 12/06/2021: "The Corporate Transparency Act" updates. 4) In-person event at banquet facility in Troy, 03/23/2022: 2022 Global Perspectives on Trade, educational and social exchange with international guests from the Consular Corps of Michigan, representing several countries' perspectives, including situation in Ukraine, together with representatives from Automation Alley. 5) Meadow Brook Connect 07/21/2022: Collaboration with several European Chambers of Commerce and Business Councils at Meadow Brook Hall, increasing the section's exposure to the international community
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	N/A

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International Law Section

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The collaboration with the international business community through Automation Alley, the Consular Corps of Michigan, the U.S. Commercial Services, and the District Export Council as well as the European Chambers of Commerce and Business Councils provided the opportunity for increased international involvement of our members and also provided increased exposure for our section.

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Information & Technology Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Karl Hochkammer

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 03/31/2022- Council meeting
06/23/2022 - Council meeting
8/18/22 - Council meeting (planned)
09/22/2022 - Council meeting and section annual meeting (planned)
06/14/2022 - Seminar Committee meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only. 09/22/2022 Annual IT Law Seminar (planned)

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022. None

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Judicial Section	
Name of Person Completing This Survey	Michelle Friedman Appel
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	appel@45dc.org
Meeting Dates.	09/10/2021 - Section Meeting 12/10/2021 - Section Meeting 03/19/2022 - Section Meeting 06/10/2022 - Section Meeting 08/23/2022 - Section Meeting
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	N/A
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	N/A
Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023.	N/A

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Labor & Employment Law Section

**Name of Person Completing
This Survey**

Keith Brodie

Title

Chair

E-mail Address

keith.brodie@btlaw.com

Meeting Dates.

Council Meetings:

10/11/2021 (Held)

11/08/2021 (Held)

12/09/2021 (Held)

01/10/2022 (Held)

02/14/2022 (Held)

03/14/2022 (Held)

04/11/2022 (Held)

05/16/2022 (Held)

06/13/2022 (Held)

07/14/2022 (Scheduled)

08/08/2022 (Scheduled)

09/12/2022 (Scheduled)

Section Meetings:

01/21/2022 Mid-Winter/Annual Meeting

Nominating Committee Meetings (Officers/Council Members):

11/17/2021

11/30/2021

12/07/2021

Nominating Committee Distinguished Service Award:

12/01/2021

Special Committee - Re. Section Survey

11/10/2021

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	11/04/2021 Mentorship Program Meeting Event Ravines, Birmingham
	12/09/2021 LELS Holiday Party Event, Brimingham Country Club
	01/21/2022 LELS Mid-Winter Meeting Seminar Event (Virtual)
	02/17/2022 Diversity & Wellness Luncheon Series: ADA Accommodations (Virtual)
	04/19-4/20/2022 ICLE Labor & Employment Law Institute Seminar
	05/12/2022 Zoominar Event: "Post-Pandemic Return to the Workplace" (Virtual)
	06/30/2022 Women's Law Association Michigan Event, Detroit Zoo (Sponsorship)
	06/22/2022 Mentorship Program Update & Mixer Event, Berkley Common
	07/14/2022 Spring (Summer) Board Event: Judges' Perspectives on Employment Litigation in a Post-Pandemic World, Townsend
07/21/2022 Summer Social Event Detroit, Detroit Shipping Company	
August/September: Zoominar Event	
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	Amicus Briefing: <i>Lakisha McMillan v. City of Kalamazoo</i>
	Comment on Michigan Eastern District Local Rule 7.1(a)

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Establishment and continuation of mentorship program involving eleven mentors and mentees (second year of program)

Completion of section survey as part of Strategic Plan review

Revisiting section Strategic Plan document priorities and formation of LELS Committee and ex-officio members

Revisiting of Young Lawyers programming/event initiatives

Development and implementation of social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter etc.)

Post-pandemic focus on in-person collegiality building opportunities/events

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Law Practice Management and Legal Assistants Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Ian Lyngklip

Title Chairperson

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Meeting Dates. 10/04/2021 Special Meeting to Reconstitute Section
 11/11/2021 Annual Meeting and Elections
 12/21/2022
 01/18/2022
 02/15/2022
 03/15/2022
 04/19/2022
 05/19/2022
 June: Scheduled but no meeting held; unable to convene due to logistic issues with Zoom account
 July: Scheduled but no meeting (no quorum due to continued connectivity issues and summer vacations)

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

At our annual meeting we conducted a program on Practicing Law in the Age of Zoom.

A second program was hosted in April with members of the Michigan Judiciary concerning the continued use of Zoom in the court system.

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.

None.

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023 bar year.

Our major success this past year was to reconstitute the section and its subcommittees, including Publications and Annual Meeting. In the upcoming year we hope to host more regular programs and begin publishing our newsletter.

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LGBTQA Section	
Name of Person Completing This Survey	Angie Martell
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	angie@iglesiamartell.com
Meeting Dates.	<p>Our council meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm.</p> <p>09/08/2021 10/06/2021 11/03/2021 12/01/2021 01/05/2022 02/02/2022 03/02/2022 04/06/2022 05/04/2022 06/01/2022</p>
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	<p>04/20/2022 08/17/2022</p>
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	None
Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023 bar year.	<p>Judicial Trainings January 20, 2022. Presented to Kalamazoo Bar Association May 19, 2022. Presented to State of Michigan Child Support Workers May 26, 2022.</p> <p>Amicus briefs filed: <i>Rouch World and Pueblo v. Haas</i>.</p>

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Litigation Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey

Fatima M. Bolyea

Title

Chair

E-mail Address

fbolyea@manteselaw.com

Meeting Dates.

10/20/2021 - Council meeting
 11/17/2021 - Council meeting
 12/15/2021 - Council meeting
 02/16/2022 - Council meeting
 03/16/2022 - Council meeting
 05/18/2022 - Council meeting
 05/18/2022 - Council meeting
 06/12/2022 - Council meeting
 07/20/2022 - Council meeting
 08/17/2022 - Council meeting
 09/21/2022 - Council meeting

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3/18/2022 Some governing council members attended Michigan Center for Civic Education's Mock Trial Reception to provide remarks.
 3/24/2022 Some governing council members attended and participated in Michigan Center for Civic Education's Mock Trial State Finals.
 04/5/2022 Sponsored (and members attended) and provided remarks at ICLE's Masters in Litigation.
 5/4-5/7/2022 Sponsored (and members attended) Michigan Center for Civic Education's Mock Trial Nationals.
 6/9/2022 Some council members attended Bar Leadership Forum.
 TBD: events with Young Lawyers Section and Business Law Section

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.

Drafted and submitted amicus brief in *Murphy v. Inman* (Docket No. 161454), in response to an invitation from Michigan Supreme Court.

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Litigation Section

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Provided scholarships for Litigation Section members to attend CDAM Trial College.

Continued publication of Litigation Section Journal.

Continued and strengthened support and partnership with Michigan Center for Civic Education.

Drafted and submitted amicus brief in *Murphy v. Inman* (Docket No. 161454), in response to invitation from Michigan Supreme Court.

Continued relationship with ICLE and Masters in Litigation program.

The section plans to collaborate with The Young Lawyers Section for an event during summer or fall 2022.

The section plans to collaborate with the Business Law Section for an event during summer or fall 2022.

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Paralegal / Legal Assistant Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Marianne Delaney

Title Treasurer

E-mail Address mdelane6@ford.com

Meeting Dates.
 09/25/2021 - Annual Meeting
 09/25/2021 - Council Retreat Paralegal Networking Event
 11/13/2021 - Council Meeting
 01/15/2022 - Council Meeting
 03/05/2022 - Council Meeting
 07/12/2022 - Council Meeting
 09/2022 - Council Meeting
 09/23-9/24/2022 - Annual Meeting
 09/24/2022 - Council Retreat

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11/04/2021 Paralegal Networking Event
 12/09/2021 Holiday Party
 04/28/2022 Inner Peace & Awareness Seminar
 09/24/2022 Seminar at Annual Meeting
 09/24/2022 Council Retreat

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Paralegal of the Year Award - to be given at the Annual Meeting.
 Partnered with "Our House," a Washtenaw County nonprofit that provides Washtenaw County youth you have been in foster care assistance with housing, employment, education and more.

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Prisons and Corrections Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	Marilena David
Title	Char
E-mail Address	mdavid@sado.org
Meeting Dates.	<p>Council Meetings:</p> <p>11/05/2021 12/03/2021 01/07/2022 02/04/2022 03/04/2022 04/08/2022 05/06/2022</p> <p>10/14/2021 - Annual Meeting</p>
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	<p>10/01/2021 Joint Program of the Children’s Law, Criminal Law, Immigration Law, LGBTQA Law, Prisons & Corrections, and Senior Lawyers sections</p> <p>06/04/2022 Katherine L. Root SBM Prisons and Corrections Section Conference in partnership with the SBM Criminal Law Section</p>
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	
Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023 bar year.	<p>We commented in support of Proposed Amendment to MCR 7.118.</p> <p>Our chair, Katherine Root, passed away very unexpectedly in February. Our council voted to name our June program after her.</p>

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Probate & Estate Planning Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	David Skidmore
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	dskidmore@wnj.com

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Meeting Dates.

Council Meetings: 10/09/2021, 11/12/2021, 12/11/2021, 01/14/2022, 02/05/2022, 03/11/2022, 04/09/2022, 06/10/2022, 09/09/2022

Annual Meeting 09/17/2022

Committee Meetings

Standing Committees:

Awards: 10/04/2021 acted by email to recommend to ICLE that Nancy Little be nominated for Cooney Award.

10/06/2021 Committee chair discussed with ICLE representative whether Cooney Award should be conferred on Nancy Little.

Budget: 10/22/2021 to prepare the proposed budget.
12/11/2021 to approve the budget.

Charitable and Exempt Organizations: 01/07/2022, 02/04/2022, 03/04/2022, 04/01/2022, 05/06/2022, 05/25/2022, 06/24/2022, 07/22/2022, 08/05/2022, 09/02/2022

Committee on Special Projects: Same as council meetings

Guardianship, Conservatorship & End of Life Committee: 10/13/2021, 10/27/2021, 12/08/2021, 01/27/2022.

Committee chair met with Kathryn Barron and other members of the guardianship legislative task force 01/28/2022.

Committee chair met with Representative Filler, 06/28/2022.

Legislation Development & Drafting (R. Tiplady; no response)

Membership : 11/01/2021, 02/17/2022

Nominating: 03/01/2022

Ad Hoc Committees

Nonbanking Entity Trust Powers: 09/22/2021, 10/06/2021, 10/20/2021, 11/03/2021, 11/17/2021, 12/01/2021, 12/15/2021, 01/12/2022, 01/26/2022, 02/09/2022, 02/23/2022, 03/09/2022, 03/23/2022, 04/06/2022, 04/20/2022, 05/04/2022, 06/01/2022, 06/15/2022

Undue Influence: 09/09/2021, 01/10/2022, 02/11/2022

Uniform Fiduciary Income & Principal Act: 09/08/2021, 06/15/2021, 10/13/2021, 10/27/2021, 11/10/2021

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Seminars

05/19-21/2022 Probate Institute in Acme, MI

06/16-17/2022 Probate Institute in Plymouth, MI

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HB4164: Revised Judicature Act of 1961, Online Attorney Access to Court Documents. Oppose.

HB4237: Michigan Estate Tax Act. Support. The section supports the repeal of the Michigan Estate Tax; the current law has no practical effect. The Michigan Estate Tax Act depends on the existence of the federal estate tax credit for state-to-state taxes. The credit was repealed in 2001 and is unlikely to be reenacted by congress.

HB4542. Michigan Law on Notarial Acts. Oppose.

HB4847. Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Requirements to be Appointed Guardian. Support the Principle, oppose as Drafted. We support the principle of protecting vulnerable adults.

HB4848. Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Duties of Guardians. Support the Principle, Oppose as Drafted. We support the principle of protecting vulnerable adults.

HB4849. Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Appointment of Guardians & Conservators. Support the Principle, oppose as Drafted. We support the principle of protecting vulnerable adults.

HB4850. Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Appointment of Temporary Guardian. Support the Principle, oppose as Drafted. We support the principle of protecting vulnerable adults.

HB5118. Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, Prepaid Contracts. Oppose.

HB5758. Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Allowing Electronic Signing. Support.

HB5759. Michigan Law on Notarial Acts, Electronic Notarizations. Support.

SB0315. Uniform Securities Act (2002), Certain Account Disbursements. Support.

SB0526. Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Duties of Guardians & Conservators. Oppose. The section has concerns regarding potentially unintended consequences in our focus on vulnerable adults.

SB0527. Estates & Protected Individuals Code, Requirements of Guardians & Conservators. Oppose. The section has concerns regarding potentially unintended consequences in our focus on vulnerable adults.

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Nancy Little was awarded the George Cooney Award.

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Real Property Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Karen Schwartz

Title Administrator

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Meeting Dates.

- 10/13/2021 - Council Meeting
- 11/17/2021 - Council Meeting
- 12/15/2021 - Council Meeting
- 01/12/2022 - Council Meeting
- 02/09/2022 - Council Meeting
- 04/13/2022 - Council Meeting
- 05/11/2022 - Council Meeting
- 07/22/2022 - Annual Meeting
- 07/22/2022 - Council Meeting
- 09/14/2022 - Council Meeting

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- 11/11/2021 Outlook 2021 (virtual)
- 01/27/22 & 03/24/22 Homeward Bound (virtual)
- 09/20-21/2022 Academy II, Grand Rapids
- 07/20-23/2022 SC22, Crystal Mt.
- 02/17/22, 04/26/22, 10/27/22 Ask the Expert (virtual)

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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 legislators, particularly committee chairs, 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 introduced. 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 bono, pro developer, nor pro municipality).

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Real Property Law Section

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We continue to be guided by the section's 2017 Strategic Plan. The shutdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic have substantially altered the reality of section members. The section was well-positioned to leverage technology to provide educational, legislative, and pro bono service opportunities to its members. The section implemented an "Ask the Expert" program geared to attract newer attorneys and bring added value to members. We completed our 2022 Strategic Plan and plan on continuing our in-person Winter Conference this upcoming year.

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Religious Liberty Law Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	Erin Mersino
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	emersino@thomasmore.org
Meeting Dates.	11/09/2022 - Council Meeting 01/11/2022 - Council Meeting 02/08/2022 - Council Meeting 03/08/2022 - Council Meeting 04/12/2022 - Council Meeting 05/10/2022 - Council Meeting 06/14/2022 - Council Meeting 08/09/2022 - Council Meeting Committee Meeting (west side of state)- August 2022 TBD 09/13/2022 - - Council Meeting 09/24/2022 - Annual Meeting
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	03/11/2022 Section Webinar (A luncheon conversation with Robert Dunn) Fall Section Webinar September 2022 TBD

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Religious Liberty Law Section

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-request inclusion on Michigan Supreme Court's DEI Committee

-potential amicus briefs for cases pertaining to religious liberty law issues

Mission of Religious Liberty Law Section:

To further the interest of the State Bar of Michigan and of the legal profession as a whole in all ways related to religious liberty law.

To promote throughout the state of Michigan the education of members of the State Bar and the public about issues related to religious liberty law, by organizing presentations on various topics relating to religious liberty law, by sponsoring and by presenting lectures, workshops, and publications such as newsletters on religious liberty topics, and by presenting continuing legal education programs on topics related to religious liberty law.

To promote religious liberty law among Michigan attorneys as a specialized field of practice.

To provide a forum for developing relations and exchanges of viewpoints with persons and organizations having related interests in the field of religious liberty law.

To encourage and facilitate debate within the legal profession on religious liberty issues.

To cooperate with other sections of the State Bar of Michigan in matters concerning religious liberty law.

To encourage and to support mutual respect for, and understanding of, differing religious belief systems and practices and how they relate to religious liberty law.

To inform the Board of Commissioner on matters appropriate for Board action.

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Religious Liberty Law Section

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Tracey Lee represented the Religious Liberty Law Section at the Michigan Bar Leadership Forum.

Awarding achievements to founders of section, Tracey Lee and Tim Denney.

Continued publication of the section's newsletter to its members.

Continued mentorship opportunities for members.

Shared brief bank for members.

Devotion to and encouragement of pro bono practice.

New initiatives for 2022-2023 bar year:
David Campbell has begun planning a day at the Supreme Court for 2023.

More webinars with high profile attorneys.

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Senior Lawyers Section	
Name of Person Completing This Survey	Steve Olsen
Title	Secretary
E-mail Address	solsen1976@gmail.com
Meeting Dates.	10/08/2021 Special Council Meeting (later nullified for lack of notice) 10/15/2021 Special Council Meeting 10/20/2021 Council Meeting 11/08/2021 Nominating Committee Meeting (plus one additional meeting, date not recorded) 11/15/2021 Council Meeting 12/17/2021 Council Meeting 01/14/2022 Annual Meeting (full section membership) 01/28/2022 Special Council Meeting 02/24/2022 Annual Meeting (continuation; full section membership) 03/11/2022 Council Meeting 03/14/2022 Service to Seniors Committee Meeting (electronically) 04/01/2022 Section Meeting (full section membership) 04/05/2022 Nominating Committee Meeting (plus telephone meetings, dates not recorded) 04/05/2022 Bylaw Revision Committee Meetings conducted by telephone and electronically over several months (dates not recorded) 04/08/2022 Council Meeting (open to all section members) 05/12/2022 Council Meeting with SBM (Darin Day and Jenn Hatter) 05/13/2022 Council Meeting (open to all section members) 06/10/2022 Council Meeting (open to all section members) 07/15/2022 Council Meeting (to be open to all section members) 07/22 or 29/2022 Section Meeting (to be full section membership) 08/12/2022 Council Meeting (to be open to all section members) 09/16/2022 Council Meeting (to be open to all section members) 09/30/2022 Annual Meeting (to be full section membership)

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Senior Lawyers Section

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A joint social event with the Young Lawyers Section (YLS) is being planned.

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Senior Lawyers Section

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SLS members saved the SLS from dissolution. All SLS Standing Committees were repopulated and reported to SLS members. SLS joined the SBM SOLACE program. SLS Bylaw Revision Committee completed a comprehensive rework of the section's 2019 bylaw product. Its work product was approved by SLS Council and awaits approval by the SLS and SBM BOC. Ongoing efforts are being made to contact YLS leadership and plan joint events, including conducting joint legal assistance meetings at senior assisted-living residences. This work is headed up by SLS Treasurer Vincent Romano. SLS Nominating Committee has reported a slate of candidates for the 2022-2023 year, which has been published to the SLS membership via the Discussion Board, together with an invitation to submit alternative nominees. SLS members Mark Bucchi and John Brennan are finalizing a publication on the *Dobbs* and *Roe* SCOTUS decisions. Other similar publications are in the works. SLS is searching for an editor for possible revival of "The Mentor" publication. SLS Service to Seniors Committee has proposed the following possible SLS projects: collaboration with Probate and Estate Planning Section and Elder Law Section to produce written factual information of interest to seniors and senior lawyers (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, health situations, etc.) as well as documents and checklists for winding up a legal practice upon retiring; establishment of technology for seniors training; travel opportunities for SLS members and their families in 2022-2023; and social activities (card games, dinners, attending athletic or cultural events, etc.) among SLS members.

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Social Security Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey	Kerry Spencer
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	kerryspencer77@gmail.com
Meeting Dates.	We have had full board council meetings once a month (the last Wednesday of each month) at 5:30 p.m. starting October 2021. We also have a publication meeting (with the 4 members of Publication Committee) every other month on Fridays.
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	<p>We have had or are having the following seminars:</p> <p>02/11/2022 Hot Topics in the World of Social Security Disability: A Roundtable Discussion</p> <p>06/12-14/2020 A Deep Dive into the Current Practice Area of Social Security Disability</p> <p>09/27/2022 have not decided on title yet but have secured magistrate judges to speak.</p>
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	Many of the members are active in NOSSCR, our national organization which advocates for improvements in Social Security disability programs and to ensure that individuals with disabilities applying for Social Security Disability and SSI benefits have access to highly qualified representation and receive fair decisions.
Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023 bar year.	We have revised the bylaws concerning speaker reimbursement policy which was extensively reviewed by a committee so clear parameters will be given to speakers. We are setting up a program to encourage members to engage in pro bono Social Security cases such as review/cutoff cases which cannot be taken on a contingent fee as the disabled claimant is currently collecting benefits. We are planning articles for the Michigan Bar Journal that will focus on Social Security law.

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Solo and Small Firm Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Shawndrica Simmons

Title Chair

E-mail Address simmonslegal@lawchic.com

Meeting Dates.
09/23/2021 - Council Meeting
10/21/2021 - Council Meeting
04/21/2022 - Council Meeting
06/16/2022 - Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

12/05/2022 Judicial Campaign Seminar
01/30/2022 Judicial Appointment Seminar
04/19/2022 Financial Planning 101 Seminar
06/16/2022 Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation

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Vice chair submitted comments on ADM File No. 2002-37: Amendment of MCR 1.109

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023 bar year.

Gave away over \$15,000 in awards to section members for their service and dedication to the legal profession as solos; this included scholarships to assist in furthering their practice and paying for training.

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Taxation Section	
Name of Person Completing This Survey	Andrew MacLeod
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	amacleod@dickinson-wright.com
Meeting Dates.	<p>Tax Council Meetings Regular Meetings of Tax Council: 09/30/2021, 11/11/2021, 12/15/2021, 01/18/2022, 02/16/2022, 03/16/2022, 04/13/2022, 06/14/2022, 07/13/2022, 08/10/2022</p> <p>Annual Tax Section Member Meetings: 09/30/2021, 09/30/2022</p>
Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.	<p>09/30/2021 Virtual Wine Tasting</p> <p>02/16/2022 Understanding Michigan's New Elective Pass-Through Entity Tax</p> <p>03/10/2022 Council Meeting: Tax Planning for Real Estate Investments and Real Estate Professionals</p> <p>03/15/2022 Pursuing and Protecting Tax Advantages with Powers of Appointment</p> <p>03/23/2022 Current and Predicted Trends in Crypto Currency Taxation and Enforcement</p> <p>04/13/2022 Presentation by Blue J Legal: AI Tax Research Program</p> <p>04/28/2022 Employee Benefits Committee Retirement Plan Hot Topics</p> <p>05/26/2022 Annual Tax Conference</p> <p>06/09/2022 Tax Issues in Sale of S Corporations</p> <p>06/09/2022 Employee Benefits Network at Mex Bloomfield</p>
Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.	N/A

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Taxation Section

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Budgeted for grants of \$10,000 to Michigan-based low-income tax clinics

Publication of Michigan Tax Lawyer August 2022

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Workers' Compensation Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Jayson Chizick

Title Chair

E-mail Address jayson@jtrucks.com

Meeting Dates.

- 10/15/2021 - Council Meeting
- 11/12/2021 - Council Meeting
- 12/10/2021 - Council Meeting
- 01/28/2022 - Council Meeting
- 02/25/2022 - Council Meeting
- 03/25/2022 - Council Meeting
- 04/22/2022 - Council Meeting
- 05/20/2022 - Council Meeting
- 07/01/2022 - Annual Meeting
- 09/30/2022 - Council Meeting

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12/10/2021 Winter Meeting/Seminar
06/30/2022 Hall of Fame Dinner

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The council was involved in the crafting of revised Agency, Board of Magistrates, and Appellate Commission rules through the rulemaking process.

The Workers' Disability Compensation Agency and Board of Magistrates consistently took advice and input from our council and membership regarding rule changes, local practice and procedures, and other important issues.

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Workers' Compensation Section

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The Workers' Compensation Law Section was active and involved in the return to in-person hearings process and procedures through the WDCA. The hard work by council and section members ensured a reasonable reopening of hearing sites.

Rule changes resulted in the first plaintiff-side attorney fee increase in decades, adjusting fees in line with the requirements of representation under the Act.

The council inducted Michael Sanders, Rosa Bava, Steven Pollok, and Richard Warsh into our Hall of Fame on June 30, 2022. Milton Means has been honored with the Donald Ducey Award.

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Young Lawyers Section

Name of Person Completing This Survey Kristina Bilowus

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 10/01/2021 - Section/Council Meeting
11/27/2021 - Section/Council Meeting
12/18/2021 - Section/Council Meeting
01/22/2022 - Section/Council Meeting
02/26/2022 - Section/Council Meeting
03/26/2022 - Section/Council Meeting
04/23/2022 - Section/Council Meeting
05/21/2022 - Section/Council Meeting
06/25/2022 - Section/Council Meeting
07/23/2022 - Section/Council Meeting
08/27/2022 - Section/Council Meeting
09/24/2022 - Annual Meeting
Committee Meetings for the Bylaws, Disaster Relief, Diversity, Health & Wellness, Education, Inter Alia, Law Student Outreach, Media/Marketing Relations, Membership/Outreach, NTAC, and Summit would meet in regular intervals and as needed.
District meetings were conducted with each, respective district in the beginning of the bar year with plans to do an exit district meeting with each district before the Annual Meeting of 2022.

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Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

COMPLETED:

10/8-10/2021 Council Retreat & Training
10/15/2021 MCCE Reception & Award Ceremony
FEMA liaison during flood/Natural Disaster (complete in partnership with FEMA)
Survey young lawyers for topics and availability for opportunities to assist law students and new lawyers
Collaboration with ABA Men of Color and Women of Color Projects
12/02/2021 Meet Your Council Meet & Greet/Kzoo Bar Association
12/09/2021 YLS Financial Literacy & ICBA YLS
12/14/2021 State Bar Swearing-in Ceremony
01/11/2022 Meet the Chief Judges in Oakland County & OCBA NLC
01/20/2022 Estate Planning for Young Lawyers
01/22/2022 Small Business Workshop
01/26/2022 FBA Swearing-In Ceremony
01/26/2022 FBA Seminar Speaker
02/12/2022 ABA YLD Midyear
02/17/2022 Avoiding Grievances & Malpractice Claims with WLAM, WBA
02/23-24/2022 Welcome to the Bar (MI Bar Exam)
02/25/2022 Supercharge Word and Outlook with Tips and Add-Ins Webinar
02/26/2022 Lunch with Law Students & Mentoring with ICBA YLS & WLAM Mid Michigan
03/15/2022 Civility Matters with ICBA
03/18/2022 MCCE Mentor Session
03/24/2022 UMLI Scholarship Recipients
03/28/2022 Collaboration with MILW Women and Empowerment Webinar
04/02/2022 Expungement Clinic (in partnership with Delta Sigma Theta and Lakeshore Legal Aid)
04/08-10/2022 NTAC
04/16/2022 Health & Wellness Day
04/19/2022 Exploring Careers in State Government with Admin Section
04/21/2022 30 Tips in 30 Minutes/Reception with GRBA YLS
05/04/2022 Lunch and Learn with Criminal Law Section
05/04-07/2022 MCCE/NHSMT/Blue Ribbon Host
05/05/2022 MCCE Seminar Speaker
05/05-07/2022 ABA YLS Spring Conference
05/19/2022 The Brotherhood: Families Learning Together (in partnership with Ceasefire/Detroit Police Department)
05/20/2022 Mediation in Family Law Cases with WCBA
06/07/2022 ADR Section Lunch and Learn (Part 1)

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06/10-11/2022 BLF Attendance & Participation
06/15/2022 ADR Lunch and Learn (Part 2)
UPCOMING:
2022 Updates to Student Loans (July 2022)
Welcome to the Bar (July 2022)
After the bar exam, now what? (August 2022)
ABA Annual Meeting (August 2022)
Meet Your Council Member Mixer (August 2022)
Middle school/high school mock trial (August 2022)
Kayaking on the Huron River (August 2022)
Sports & Entertainment Law Panel (September 2022)
Medical School for Attorneys Event (September 2022)
Annual Brunch (September 2022)

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2021, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2022.

N/A

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2021-2022 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2022-2023 bar year.

Section Recognition: MCCE Partnership Award (fall 2021), Submission to ABA for Diversity Project (spring 2022), Blue Ribbon Host for NHSMTTC, host of two UMLI scholarship recipients (2022)
Partnerships: MCCE, SBM Criminal Law Section, SBM Admin Section, SBM ADR Section, SBM Insurance Section, SBM Litigation Section, SBM Negligence Section, WCBA, ICBA, OCBA, MCBA, GRBA, KCBA, MSU Law, Cooley Law, UDM Law, Wayne Law, FBA, WLAM, WBA, WLAM Mid-Michigan, Delta Sigma Theta, Lakeshore Legal Aid.
Achievements: Choi Portis, ABA YLD chair (2021-2022); Aaron Hall, MCBA Young Lawyer chair (2022-2023), Extraordinary Service Award Recipient (2022); Silvia Mansoor, OCBA NLCchair (2022-2023); Jake Eccelston MCCE Steering Committee (2021-2022); Alex Thibodeau GRBA 3-in-10 Ward (2021); NBL 40 under 40 (2022); ICBE Young Lawyers Advisory Board; Kristina Bilowus ICBA 5 under 35 (2022); MCCE Volunteer of the Year Award (2022); Miriam Saffo, WCBA Co-chair Family Law Section (2021-2022); Chris Wickman, ICBA Board of Directors (2019-2022, 2022-2025); Angela Baldwin, Rotary Club of Detroit Speaker (2022).