



# Section Annual Reports

2010-2011

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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2010**

**Section Name:** Administrative & Regulatory Law

**Mission Statement:** The section provides education, information and analysis regarding issues of concern to its members through meeting, seminars, its web site, and publication of a quarterly newsletter. Membership is open to all member of the State Bar of Michigan. Newly admitted members may join without payment of dues for two fiscal years.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Richard A. Patterson	MI Administrative Hearing System 525 S. Allegan St. P.O. Box 30473 Lansing, MI 48909	(517) 335- 4226	pattersr@michigan.gov
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Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael S. Ashton	2011	Richard A. Patterson	2011
Kristin M. Smith	2011	Michael J. Watza	2011

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Richard J. Aaron	2012	Jon. P. Christinitis	2012
Timothy J. Lundgren	2012	Michael. F. Matheson	2012
Kimberly A. Breitmeyer	2013	Mark. J. Burzych	2013
Gary P. Gordon	2013	Christopher L. LaGrand	2013

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual business meeting and program	September 3, 2010	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids
Council dinner meeting	October 20, 2010	Kellogg Center
Council dinner meeting	November 17, 2010	Kellogg Center
Council dinner meeting	January 19, 2011	Kellogg Center
Council dinner meeting	February 16, 2011	Kellogg Center
Council dinner meeting	March 16, 2011	Kellogg Center
Council dinner meeting	April 20, 2011	Kellogg Center
Council meeting	May 19, 2011	University Club

**General Budget Information:** The section is financially sound with a balance on hand of slightly in excess of \$39,000 with no major expenditures planned.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Tax Tribunal held jointly with Public Corporation and Tax Sections	December 17, 2010	Kellogg Center
Attorney General Bill Schuette held jointly with Public	May 19, 2011	University Club

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Corporation and Environmental Sections		

**Legislative issues:** Council did not take any official positions on pending legislation

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue monthly council meeting and periodic seminars or programs of interest to section members. Build upon LinkedIn site and continue publication of quarterly journal.

**Other Information:** The section discontinued its subscription to the list serve and is now communicating with members through a LinkedIn site.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2011 to:**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION  
OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

**2010-2011**

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) Section began its fiscal year by surveying its members and affiliates regarding their needs and expectations. The ADR Council’s intent was to discover what activities members and affiliates thought were important to them as practitioners and to find out how effective the ADR Section was in accomplishing certain activities.

The results of the survey served as a basis for planning the agenda of the ADR Council for fiscal year 2010 – 2011. Based on the survey results members and affiliates felt the following activities were very important to them:

- Provide educational training for ADR providers
- Provide skill building training for ADR providers
- Provide information to the public about the value of ADR
- Work with courts to increase the use of ADR

In addition to the ongoing work of the various actions teams of Judicial Access, Membership, Nominating, Publications, Section to Section and Skills, the ADR Council felt that given the results of the survey and the current environment in the state of Michigan, there were real opportunities to introduce the use of ADR processes as a means of resolving and preventing disputes, as well as facilitating change within the executive, legislative and judicial branches of State government. With this in mind, the ADR Council established the Governmental Task Force, with its mission to introduce the various branches of government to the positive aspects that ADR processes can bring to the table.

Governmental Task Force -- Over the last few months members of the Governmental Task Force have fanned out and met with the key players in the executive, legislative and judicial branches. Meetings have been held or are scheduled with the following State departments and agencies.

- Agriculture
- Attorney General
- Natural Resources & Environment
- Tax Tribunal
- Treasury
- Counsel to the Supreme Court
- House and Senate Chairs of the respective Judiciary Committees
- Legal Counsel to the Governor

As a result of these discussions, there have been overwhelmingly positive responses by the departments and agencies. Most agencies and departments see the value of using ADR processes to move agendas forward and do so in cost-effective ways. For the

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ANNUAL REPORT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

**SECTION MISSION STATEMENT:** A Sections' 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.

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

**SECTION COMMITTEES:** Descriptions of the various committees provides a clearer picture of a section's work, especially if the name of the chairperson 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.

**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.

**SECTION BYLAWS:** Awareness of Bylaws 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**Section Name:** American Indian Law Section

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

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Melissa L. Pope	P.O. Box 70004 Rochester Hills, MI 48309-0004	248-805-6322	melissaesquire@gmail.com
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Treasurer	Same			

Member	Term	Member	Term
Donna L. Budnick	2011		
Sally Lee Foley	2011		
James A Keedy	2011		
John F. Petoskey	2011		
Kristen A. Stone	2011		
Elizabeth Joan Cook	2012		
Cameron Ann Fraser	2012		
Tanya Sue Wanageshik	2012		
R. John Wernet	2012		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Strategic Planning	TBA	TBA





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**Other Information:**

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**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, this site, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Anna Scott	2487 S. Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827	(517) 663- 7909	scott@scottlaw.biz
Chair- Elect	Mary Chartier	535 N Capitol Ave Ste A, Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 482- 2000	mary@alanechartier.com
Secretary	Jennifer L. Pierce	32750 S River Rd, Harrison Township, MI 48045	(586) 764- 7059	Jpierce333@me.com
Treasurer	Donald Garlit	49651 Shenandoah Cir Canton, MI 48187	(734) 451- 9950	donaldgarlit@yahoo.com

Member	Term
Mary Ann Kozlowski	Ending 2011
Denise Noble	Ending 2011
Alice Anna Phillips	Ending 2012
Richard C. Angelo, Jr.	Ending 2012
Beatrice Friedlander	Ending 2012
Margo Miller	Ending 2012
Brandon Scott	Ending 2013
Amy C. Slameka	Ending 2013
Thomas M. Boven	Ending 2013
Sara Rose Chisnell-Voigt	Ending 2013

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Teleconference	July 9, 2010	
In person annual meeting with Teleconference Technology	October 1, 2010	Annual Meeting – Grand Rapids SBM: Animal Law Section Business Meeting
Teleconference	November 5, 2010	
In Person meeting with Teleconference Technology	December 12, 2011	Alane and Chartier, PLC, Lansing, MI
Teleconference	Feb. 4, 2011	
Next Teleconference	June 8, 2011	

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**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, 2011 (the most recent report available), the section fund balance was \$15,920.51.

**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 Symposium	April 21, 2011	Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI

**Legislative issues:** The Animal Law Section took a formal position on twelve pieces of legislation during the 2009-2010 session, including HB 4263, HB 4570, HB 4663, HB 4803, HB 5127, HB 5128, HB 5655, HB 5656, HB 5762, HB 6042, HB 6043, and SB 1013. Public Policy Reports have been submitted to the State Bar and are available on the Section’s website.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

- Seek collaboration with other sections on legislation; programs; symposia;
- Involve more section members in activities;
- 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; and
- Encourage the development of the Prosecutor and Litigation Committee.

**Other Information:**

- Published newsletters
- Submitted one amicus brief
- Testified at House/Senate Committee hearings
- Assisted various Michigan residents with legal issues involving animals, via our “Animal Legal Lifeline.”

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**Bar Year: 2010 – 2011**

**Section Name:** Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section

**Mission Statement:** The Antitrust, Franchising, and Trade Regulation 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 and students attending any Michigan law school. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail
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Treasurer	David Janis (P68641)	Troy	248.687.5300	<a href="mailto:david.janis@bowmanandbrooke.com">david.janis@bowmanandbrooke.com</a>

Member	Term	Member	Term
T. Blair Renfro (P), Immediate Past Chair	2011	Vacant, Office of the Attorney General	n/a
Justin Hakala (P72996), Publications Officer	2011		
Atleen Kaur (P66595)	2011	Fred Herrmann (P49519)	2011
Paul Novak (P39524)	2011	James Adams (P23963)	2011
Brock Swartzle (P58993)	2011	Kimberly Kefalas (P64949)	2011
Craig Essenmacher (P56985)	2011	Keith Essenmacher (P60945)	2011
Patrick Cafferty (P35613)	2013	Lance Young (P51254)	2013
Rick Juckniess (P64032)	2013	Ari Lehman (P68862)	2013

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
General, open to Council	October 1, 2011	Dickinson Wright, PLLC
General, open to Council	November 5, 2011	Dickinson Wright, PLLC
General, open to Council	January 14, 2011	Dickinson Wright, PLLC
General, open to Council	February 21, 2011	Conference call
General, open to Council	May 2, 2011	Cafferty Faucher LLP
General, closed, Morganti/Zinn	May 17, 2011	Dickinson Wright, PLLC
General, open to Council	June 3, 2011	Cafferty Faucher, LLP
General, open to Council	July 22, 2011	tba

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General, open to SBM members	September 16, 2011	Dearborn Hyatt SBM Annual
General, open to Council	September 30, 2011	tba

**General Budget Information:** As of March 31, 2011, the Section had \$20,975.99 in funds. During April and May, less than a few hundred dollars were spent on law school presentations and a Council Meeting.

**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 Winter Dinner	December 9, 2010	Table 5, Northville, MI
Cooley Law School Presentation	March 4, 2011	Auburn Hills, MI
U of M Law Presentation	March 11, 2011	Ann Arbor, MI
U of D Law Presentation	April 6, 2011	Detroit, MI
Annual Spring Social Event	June 30, 2011	Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, Ann Arbor, MI
Wayne State Law Presentation	September [tba], 2011	Detroit, MI
Section is sponsoring a guest speaker	September 16, 2011	SBM Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI
MSU Law Presentation	October [tba], 2011	East Lansing, MI

**Legislative issues:** 1Q 2011, we examined and discussed ADM File No. 2008-18, proposed amendment to Rule 3.501 of the Michigan Court Rules. Ultimately, the Council members decided that the Section could not provide an official position.

On March 18, 2011, writing on behalf of myself, I sent a letter to Hon. Robert P. Young, Jr., Chief Justice and Elizabeth Lyon, Director of Governmental Relations, State Bar of Michigan, expressing opposition to ADM File No. 2008-18. On May 17, 2011, the Supreme Court issued an Order, after accepting public comments and listening to statements provided on May 11, 2011, declining to adopt either proposal and the file was announced closed without further action.

**Recommendations for next Council:** (1) Promote awareness of the Section and the scope of "Trade Regulation;" (2) increase the participation of inhouse counsel; (3) develop relationships with other Midwest state Bar antitrust sections and/or overlapping ABA Antitrust Section members, and (4) possibly consider expanding into electronic media, e.g., Linked-In Group.

**Other Information:** The Section voted and agreed to increasing annual dues to \$25 from \$15.

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**Section Name: Appellate Practice Section**

**Mission Statement: To promote the skillful, effective and efficient practice of appellate law by providing education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, website, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter.**

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
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Chair-Elect	Liisa Speaker	230 N Sycamore St, Lansing, MI 48933	517-482-8933	lspeaker@speakerlaw.com
Secretary	Phillip DeRosier	500 Woodward Ave, Suite 4000, Detroit, MI 48226	313-223-3866	pderosier@dickinson-wright.com
Treasurer	Marcia Howe	34405 W Twelve Mile Rd, Ste 200 Farmington Hills MI 48331	248-489-4100	mhowe@jrlaf.com

Member	Term	Member	Term
Geoffrey M. Brown	2011	Stephen J. Rhodes	2012
Stuart G. Friedman	2011	Danielle C. Schoeny	2012
Gaetan Gerville-Reache	2011	Graham K. Crabtree	2013
Stephanie Simon Morita	2011	Lauren DuVal Donofrio	2013
Elizabeth L. Sokol	2011	Noel D. Massie	2013
Jill M. Wheaton	2011	Gerald F. Posner	2013
Anthony F. Caffrey III	2012	Beth A. Wittmann	2013
Judith A. Curtis	2012	Christina A. Ginter*	2011
Nancy Vayda Dembinski	2012		
Ronald S. Lederman	2012		

\*Past Chair

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	September 30, 2010	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	October 22, 2010	Farmington Hills, MI
Council Meeting	November 19, 2010	Farmington Hills, MI
Council Meeting	December 17, 2010	Telephone Conference
Council Meeting	January 21, 2011	Farmington Hills, MI
Council Meeting	February 18, 2011	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	March 18, 2011	Farmington Hills, MI
Council Meeting	April 15, 2011	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	May 20, 2011	Livonia, MI
Council Meeting – Dinner Meeting	June 23, 2011	Brighton, MI

**General Budget Information:** See attached unaudited interim financial report and transaction history for the month ending April 30, 2011 as provided by Becky Hunter.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Economics of Appellate Practice	May 20, 2011	Embassy Suites, Livonia MI
Annual Meeting – Post Judgment Procedures and Pitfalls for the Appellate Lawyer	September 30, 2011	DeVos Center, Grand Rapids, MI

**Legislative issues:** None of note

**Recommendations for next Council:**

**Other Information:**

The Section offered a comment on ADM 2008-10 (amendment of MCR 6.425 and MCR 7.10), ADM 2008-28 (amendment of MCR 6.005), and ADM 2010-05 (amendment of MCR 2.112, MCR 7.206 and MCR 7.213).

The Court Liaison and Rules Committee is preparing a proposed amendment to MCR 7.205 to allow for the filing of a reply brief in support of an application for leave to appeal.

The Section published one issue of its newsletter, and anticipates publishing another issue prior to the end of the Bar year.



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The Section sponsored a seminar on the Economics of Appellate Practice on May 20, 2011 which included a presentation on the State Bar of Michigan's 2010 Economics of Practice Survey and a panel discussion among appellate practitioners.

As part of its Annual Meeting program, the Section sponsored a seminar on Post Judgment Procedures and Pitfalls for the Appellate Practitioner.

The Section made a contribution to the Michigan Youth in Government as well as a contribution to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in honor of Judge Hilda Gage.

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12/3/10	76,499	MODERN FIRM	TMG-4867	\$50.00		Dec 10	
1/7/11	77,413	MODERN FIRM	TMG 5083	\$50.00		Jan 11	
2/4/11	78,127	MODERN FIRM	TMG 5286	\$50.00		Feb 11	
3/4/11	78,603	MODERN FIRM	TMG 5549	\$50.00		Mar 11	
4/1/11	79,231	MODERN FIRM	TMG 5697	\$50.00		Apr 11	
Totals:				\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
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			\$0.00				
12/17/10	76,896	NATIONAL MUL	HON HILDA GA	\$100.00		Hon. Hilda Gage Donation	
Totals:				\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
1-9-99-250-1276			Meetings				
			\$0.00				
12/17/10	76,884	MORITA, STEPH	11-19-10 APP	\$149.27		11-19-10 Appellate Mtg	
12/17/10	76,885	MORITA, STEPH	10-22-10 APP	\$167.06		10-22-10 Appellate Mtg	
2/11/11	78,251	MORITA, STEPH	01-21-11 APP	\$163.27		01-21-11 Appellate Mtg	
3/25/11	79,042	PROFESSIONAL	02-18-11 APP	\$165.00		02-18-11 Appellate Mtg	
Totals:				\$644.60	\$0.00	\$644.60	\$644.60
1-9-99-250-1283			Seminars				
			\$0.00				
3/31/11	79,242			\$113.14		3/11 Docutech Printing Exp	
4/30/11	79,767			\$243.11		4/11 Permit 191 Postage	
Totals:				\$356.25	\$0.00	\$356.25	\$356.25
1-9-99-250-1297			Annual Meeting Expenses				
			\$0.00				
12/17/10	76,909	AARIA PROMOT	2799334	\$30.00		Cavanagh Gavel	
Totals:				\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
1-9-99-250-1528			Telephone				
			\$0.00				
11/5/10	75,608	A PROFESSION	10658826	\$6.15		Oct 10 Appellate Conf calls	
12/10/10	76,651	A PROFESSION	10664624	\$10.77		Nov 10 Appellate Conf calls	
1/7/11	77,478	A PROFESSION	10671883	\$69.73		Dec 10 Appellate Conf calls	
2/11/11	78,224	A PROFESSION	10692018	\$24.50		Jan 11 Appellate Conf calls	
3/25/11	78,993	A PROFESSION	10705235	\$34.44		Feb 11 Appellate Conf calls	
4/8/11	79,300	A PROFESSION	10718039	\$23.51		Mar 11 Appellate Conf calls	
Totals:				\$169.10	\$0.00	\$169.10	\$169.10
1-9-99-250-1833			Newsletter				
			\$0.00				
12/17/10	76,859	ALLEGRA PRIN	33191	\$157.20		Appellate Practice Newsletter	
12/31/10	77,412			\$926.30		12/10 Docutech Printing	
12/31/10	77,554			\$570.01		12/10 Permit 191 Postage	

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 DETAILED TRIAL BALANCE FOR 2011  
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Grand Totals:				\$0.00	\$6,657.96	\$0.00	\$6,657.96
Total Accounts:		9 Purchases					



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**Section Name: Business Law 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.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Secretary	Marguerite Donahue P40758	Seyburn Kahn Ginn Bess & Serlin PC 2000 Town Ctr Ste 1500 Southfield, MI 48075	(248) 351-3567	<a href="mailto:mdonahue@seyburn.com">mdonahue@seyburn.com</a>
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Member	Term Expires	Member	Term Expires
Kevin T. Block P56136	2013	Judy B. Calton P38733	2012
James L. Carey P67908	2012	Matthew A. Case P34248	2013
David C.C. Eberhard P53324	2013	Christopher C. Maeso P54086	2011
D. Richard McDonald P37220	2012	Judith Greenstone Miller P29208	2011
Thomas R. Morris P39141	2012	Douglas L. Toering P34329	2011
Cynthia L. Umphrey P54806	2011		

Complete contact information for the Council is available at:

<http://www.michbar.org/business/leaders.cfm#council>

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council	December 4, 2010	Lansing, MI
Council	March 10, 2011	Lansing, MI
Council	May 6, 2011	Plymouth, MI
Council and Annual	September 13, 2011	Novi, MI
Council	December 3, 2011	Bloomfield Hills, MI

**General Budget Information:** Please see the December 2010 Treasurer's Report at:

<http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/minutes/treasurer1210.pdf>

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Business Boot Camp I	November 8-9, 2010 and January 27-28, 2011	Grand Rapids, MI and Plymouth, MI
The Business of Being a Business Lawyer	April 12, 2011	Southfield, MI
Joint Defense Agreements Webinar	May 31, 2011	Webinar
Legal Issues in Buying and Selling Distressed Assets	June 3, 2011	Traverse City, MI
Limited Liability Law for Debtor/Creditor Rights Practitioners	May 11, 2011	Southfield, MI
Effective Writing in the Electronic (ECF) Paperless Age	June 22, 2011	Southfield, MI
Business Boot Camp II	November 2011 and January 2012	Grand Rapids, MI and Plymouth, MI
Leadership in Business During Uncertain and Challenging Times	October 5, 2010	Troy, MI
Business Law Institute	May 6-7, 2011	Plymouth, Michigan

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Information concerning future events and seminars is available at:

<http://www.michbar.org/business/calendar.cfm>

### **Committee Information:**

Complete contact information for committee chairpersons is available 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**

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,

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Michigan State University College of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Wayne State University Law School, Thomas M. Cooley Law School and Ave Maria School of Law. 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 Corporation & Securities 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 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.



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**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 Alex J. DeYonker at its Annual Meeting on September 23, 2010, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi. The Award for 2011 will be presented at the Annual Meeting on September 13, 2011 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi.

**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.

**Bylaws:** An Ad Hoc Committee was created to review and revise the Section's Bylaws. The project is complete and the revised Bylaws were approved by Council and will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

**Other Information:** Members can follow the Section on Facebook and LinkedIn.

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**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.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Lorray S.C. Brown	2011		
Librado Gayton	2011		
Michael O. Nelson	2011		
Stuart Sandweiss	2011		
Julie A. Petrik	2012		
Lynn H. Shecter	2012		
Fred Miller	2012		
Terry J. Adler	2013		
Dani K. Liblang	2013		
Gary M. Victor	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	November 18, 2010	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Council Meeting	January 13, 2011	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Council Meeting	March 10, 2011	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Council Meeting	May 12, 2011	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Council Meeting	July 14, 2011	State Bar Bldg, Lansing
Annual Meeting	September 15, 2011	SBM Annual Meeting, Dearborn, Mi

**General Budget Information:** As of April 30, 2011, we had an ending fund balance of \$28,312.13.

**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 Update (Annual Meeting Program; Guest Speaker Ira Rheingold, Executive Director of the National Association of Consumer Advocates)	September 29, 2010	SBM Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, Mi
Consumer Law Essentials (in partnership with ICLE)	Thursday, October 6, 2011	The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, Mi

**Legislative issues:** The Section Council has taken positions on legislative issues including bills to amend the Item Pricing Law, HB 4158 and bills to amend the non-judicial foreclosure statute, HB 4542, 4543 and 4544. For additional information and legislative activities, please refer to our Section website.

**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.

**Other Information:** The Section Council, by Council Member Lorry S.C. Brown, was an amicus in the important decision *Residential Funding Co. LLC v Saurman*, Michigan Court of Appeals Case No. 290248, invalidating foreclosures by the Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc.

Additionally, Section Council Member Michael O. Nelson has been organizing and moderating a Consumer Rights Radio Show, broadcast by WPRR 1680 AM, 95.3 FM, based in Grand Rapids. Shows have included information on mortgage foreclosures, auto fraud, and student loan debt.

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The Section Council also voted to sign the Michigan Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion.

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**Section Name:** Criminal Law

**Mission Statement:** The Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the State Bar website, public service programs, a listserv, and publication of a newsletter. The purposes of the Criminal Law Section are to study criminal law and procedure in Michigan to make recommendations to the State Bar, the Legislature, the Judiciary and the general public concerning improvements to the Criminal Justice System to promote justice and the efficient administration of justice, and to protect the public and individual rights.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
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Treasurer	Judge David A. Hoort	8 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, 100 E. Main St, Ionia, MI 48846	(626) 527-5336	dhoort@ioniacounty.org

Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael J. Brady	2011	Kiana Evelina Lee Franulic	2013
David E. Gilbert	2011	Barbara R. Levine	2013
Sherrie P. Guess	2011	Ward F. McDonough, Jr	2013
Steve B. Lockhart	2011	Matthew P. Smith	2013
Graham L. Teall	2011	Stephen M. Taratuta	2013
Stephen J. Gobbo	2012	Lynn B. D'Oria, Rep/Children's Law Section	
Daniel M. Levy	2012	Kenneth M. Malkin, Rep/Criminal Defense Attys of MI	
Charles H. Marr	2012	Hon. David A. Hoort, Rep/Crim Juris & Practice Comm	
M. Jon Posner	2012	Michael J. Marutiak, Prison & Corrections Section	
Jonathan Sacks	2012	David Leyton, Prosecutor Attorney Association of Michigan	

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Elaine Spiliopoulos, Editor & Seminar Coordinator		Opolla Brown, Ex-Officio Member	
Bruce A. Timmons, Legislative Liaison		Thomas C. Rombach, Commissioner Liaison	

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Monthly Meeting	October 19, 2011	Lexington Hotel, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	November 16, 2010	Lexington Hotel, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	December 21, 2010	University Club of MSU, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	January 18, 2011	University Club of MSU, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	March 15, 2011	University Club of MSU, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	April 19, 2011	University Club of MSU, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	May 17, 2011	University Club of MSU, Lansing

**General Budget Information:** Our Council started the year with a sizable fund balance that our annual report showed would be depleted without taking remedial measures. We immediately began working on preparing a two year budget. During the course of the year we voted to recommend an increase in our dues to alleviate a long term funding shortage. However, it became apparent that this measure alone would not be sufficient. Therefore, the Council voted to move toward an electronic newsletter to reduce expenses beginning in our next fiscal year. More sections are moving in this direction due to the substantial cost of printing and mailing. The Council believes that by taking this measure we can keep our section dues as one of the lowest while still offering additional services and seminars to our members. We concluded the year by adopting, for the first time, a two-year budget.

**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 & Program on Medical Marijuana	October 1, 2010	Amway Grand, Grand Rapids
Super Drunk Driving & Cross Exam of Police Witnesses	February 19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2011	Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire
Making Michigan's Medical	June 17 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	Grand Hotel, Mackinaw Is.

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Marijuana Act Work		
Annual Meeting & Program on Criminal Sexual Conduct	September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn

**Legislative issues:** This has been a very active year reviewing proposed legislation that has come before the Council. Following is a highlight of the some of the legislation we supported. For a complete list, please refer to our website.

We have supported video recording of custodial interrogations though some members did not feel the legislation went far enough. We support revising the expungement statute so that more individuals would be eligible. We also supported in principle changes in SORA legislation (Sex Offender Registration Act) as a move in the right direction. We also supported a change in legislation and court rules that permit both the prosecutor and defense counsel to retain a copy of the presentence report in their file following sentencing. Finally, we recommended in principle an effort to establish legislative guidelines for competency to stand trial for juveniles stressing the importance of having the examination conducted by a qualified forensic examiner.

**Recommendations for next Council:** The Council decided to add a seminar that would have a lower cost and emphasize basic legal training especially for new lawyers. It is our hope that such a seminar can be in place during our next fiscal year. The Chair had also asked that the Council consider the advantages of having a lobbyist to act on legislation that, through the Council, has a consensus among section members. However, the possible cost of a lobbyist and our current budget issues have left this issue for future Councils to address.

**Other Information:** This has been a productive year. Our annual program had very good attendance again this year with a lively program. The Shanty Creek program continued to see an increase in numbers. The bi-annual policy conference is expected to be another great program entitled Making Michigan’s Medical Marijuana Act Work.

We also were able to move forward on a number of long-standing issues that have been on our agenda for a number of years. We completed our revision of the bylaws which will be recommended to our section members at the annual meeting. We made the move to an electronic newsletter. For the first time, we adopted of two-year budget solidifying our financial situation.

We took on some new challenges by exploring the addition of a more cost-effective seminar for young lawyers focusing on the more practical aspects of the law. We discussed methods for increasing our membership and making our section a more effective organization.

Finally, and sadly, this year also saw the loss of one of our Council’s own members with the passing of Jerry Surowiec. He will be missed by all!

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2011 to:**

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**General Budget Information:** The Section had a fund balance of \$71,675.63 as of April 30, 2011. The previous year's balance has been reduced by significant expenditures to complete the Section's Environmental Law Deskbook project. Additionally, this year we have engaged an administrator for our Environmental Law Section, and that compensation is an expense not incurred in previous years. Nonetheless, the Section remains strong financially and on track to meet our budget for 2011.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
ELS and AWMA Annual Fall Conference	November 9, 2010	Lansing, MI
Hazardous Substances & Brownfields Committee meeting	February 16, 2011	Lansing, MI
Program: Part 201 Update: Legislative Amendments and Recent Case Law	February 16, 2011	Lansing, MI
Webinar – Michigan's New Energy Development	April 12, 2011	
Air Quality Regulations in 2011: Greenhouse Gases and Beyond	April 12, 2011	
Luncheon with Michigan Attorney Bill Schuette	May 19, 2011	Lansing, MI
Annual Summer Program	June 24, 2011	Lansing, MI
Annual Meeting	September 15, 2011	Dearborn, MI
Membership Committee – Law School Mixer	September 22, 2011 (tentative)	
ELS 30th Anniversary Celebration Event	October 6, 2011	Lansing, MI
Membership Committee – Law School Mixer	October 20, 2011 (tentative)	
ELS and AWMA Annual Fall Conference	November 9, 2011 (tentative)	

**Legislative issues:** None; although the Section was invited by the Michigan Supreme Court to file an amicus brief in the *MDEQ v. Township of Worth* case, but after due consideration, we declined.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continued focus on growth and diversity of Section membership is of critical importance. Continued outreach through multiple media adds value for existing members and encourages new members.

**Other Information:** We look forward to our 30th anniversary celebration for the Environmental Law Section this Fall. The Section has published the second edition of the *Michigan Environmental*

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*Law Deskbook*, consistent with our educational mission, and this valuable resource is available electronically for free and will need to be continuously updated for the benefit of all interested readers. Similarly, our respected *Environmental Law Journal* has transitioned to electronic format, and with renewed energies and talents has been published regularly during this Bar year.

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**Section Name:** Family Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The Family 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 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:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
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Recording Secretary	Rebecca Shiemke 37160	220 E. Huron St Ste 600A Ann Arbor, MI 48104	(734) 998-6100 x 127	rshiemke@lsscm.org
Treasurer	Traci Rink 45214	Oakland County FOC 230 Elizabeth Lake Rd Pontiac, MI 48341	(248) 858-1840	rinkt@oakgov.com

Council Members:	Term	Member	Term
35075 Carol F. Breitmeyer, Detroit	9/30/2011	67570 Elizabeth Kitchen-Troop, Ann Arbor	9/30/2012
Hon. Richard B. Halloran, Jr., Detroit	9/30/2011	45214 Traci L. Rink, Pontiac	9/30/2012
38819 Philip Navare, Jackson	9/30/2011	56418 Kristen L. Robinson, Troy	9/30/2012
37160 Rebecca E. Shiemke, Ann Arbor	9/30/2011	30891 Kent L. Weichmann, Ann Arbor	9/30/2012
65728 Liisa Speaker, Lansing	9/30/2011	53273 Amy A. Yu, Farmington Hills	9/30/2012
49784 Connie R. Thacker, Grand Rapids	9/30/2011		
63873 Robert Charles Treat, Jr., Woodhaven	9/30/2011	38364 Elizabeth K. Bransdorfer, Grand Rapids	9/30/2013
37150 Anne L. Argiroff, Farmington Hills	9/30/2012	23198 James J. Harrington, III., Novi	9/30/2013
12080 Neil M. Colman, Sterling Heights	9/30/2012	39425 Donna Mobila, Grand Rapids	9/30/2013

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<b>Council Members:</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term</b>
36474 Antoinette Raheem, Bloomfield Hills	9/30/2013	62697 Stacy Van Dyken, Grand Rapids	9/30/2013
60154 Erika Leuffen Salerno, Kalamazoo	9/30/2013		
61498 Gail M. Towne, Kalamazoo	9/30/2013		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

Regular council meetings are held monthly with breakfast served at 9:00 a.m. with the meeting following at 9:30 a.m.

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Annual Meeting and Council Meeting	September 30, 2010	Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	November 6, 2010	Doubletree Hotel, Novi
Council Meeting	December 4, 2010	University Club, East Lansing
Council Meeting	January 29, 2011	Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
Council Meeting	March 5, 2011	Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	April 2, 2011	Doubletree Hotel, Novi
Council Meeting	May 7, 2011	University Club, East Lansing
Council Meeting	June 4, 2011	Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor

**General Budget Information:** The Section's primary income is member dues, but in addition it earns income from advertising in the Family Law Journal, seminars and publications. The Section expenses include publication of the Family Law Journal, meetings, and lobbying activities. The Section has operated within its budget for the last several years and maintains a fund balance.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Family Court Forum	June 10, 2011	Traverse Pointe Country Club
Family Law Institute in cooperation with ICLE	November 11, 2010	Plymouth, Michigan
Mid Winter Seminar	February 2011	St. Martin
Mid Summer Seminar	July 2011	Mission Pointe, Mackinaw Island

**Legislative issues:** The Family Law Council reviews all legislation affecting the practice of family law. We continued to retain the lobbying services of Bill Kandler, at Cusmano, Kandler & Reed, and he effectively assisted us with advocating our policy positions. He is assisting us in seeking a sponsor for revision to the Domestic Relations Arbitration Act.

The detailed statement of position on particular legislation is available on the Section's page of State Bar web site under Advocacy. The Legislature has been focused on budget issues, leading to less domestic relations legislation. We have supported the second parent adoption bill HB 4249, and several bills to allow standing in certain circumstances for biological fathers of children born during a marriage, HB 4067, SB 256.

We will consider HB 4414 and SB 257, requiring County Clerks to investigate the citizenship of people applying for marriage licenses. We will also review HB 4672 & 4673, codifying part of the law of marital property.

The Council has adopted the recommendations of the Legislative Committee.

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**Committee Activity:** The Section has many active committees, most of which meet by phone conference. The dates and times of Committee meetings are available on the Section calendar viewable from the Family Law web page on the State Bar web site. Some of the significant activity this year is as follows:

**Alternative Dispute Resolution:** Chaired by Antoinette Raheem. Conference calls are held at 8 a.m. on the last Monday of each month. The committee (along with the Legislative Committee) analyzed the Uniform Collaborative Practice Act (UCLA), suggested modifications to it appropriate for Michigan, and engaged the services of our lobbyist to promote adoption of the UCLA by the Michigan Legislature. The committee also helped to organize, financially supported and provided judges to the Midwest Regional Mediation Competition (which included participants from 5 states and 2 countries). The committee has organized focus groups to meet this summer in nine (9) regions of the state to bring family law section members together to identify key ADR issues on which our section should focus. The Chair of this committee is representing the Section on a Supreme Court Committee convened to propose changes in the State's Mediator Ethics or Standards of Conduct. The Committee recommendations adopted support of proposed Collaborative Practice Act; support of Regional Mediation Competition. Doug Van Epps (SCAO) is the key contact to communicate with Council, the State Bar or others. Ron Bookholder and Toni Raheem hold the committee minutes and documents. The Chair can be contacted if there are issues related to the Family Law ADR that need be addressed by committee or council.

**Amicus:** Chaired by Liisa Speaker. This past year, the amicus committee has submitted an amicus brief *In re Beck* (child support and termination of parenting rights case) and will be submitting an amicus brief *In re Mays* (single parent doctrine) before the end of the fiscal year. The amicus committee also took over writing the case summaries for the Family Law Journal.

**Court Rules:** Chaired by Anne Argiroff and James Harrington, III. The Court Rules Committee met on a monthly basis through-out the 2010 – 2011 year, discussing proposed amendments to court rules and recent amendments and issuing recommendations on proposed amendments to the Family Law Council. The Committee issued numerous recommendations, which were adopted by Council, and forwarded to the Supreme Court. The committee also worked on its own proposals related to domestic relations court rules and commented on other proposals, including those involving changes to the default judgment court rule.

**Domestic Violence:** Chaired by Rebecca Shiemke and Donna Mobilia. The Domestic Violence Committee met several times by teleconference. The committee reviewed and commented on proposed new SCAO forms for sexual assault PPOs and generally approved of the SCAO's plan to adopt and issue new forms. The committee posted two power points on the Section website. The first is a power point on the dynamics of domestic violence developed by the committee and the second a power point from the ICLE training in July 2010 on Domestic Violence in Child Custody Cases. Finally, the committee discussed possible legislative initiatives to strengthen protections for domestic violence victims and will investigate these over the next year.

**Family Court Forum:** Chaired by Barbara Kelly. The committee planned the 12<sup>th</sup> annual interdisciplinary seminar to be held on June 10, 2011. This year's seminar will focus on examining joint legal custody.

**Family Law Journal:** Chaired by Lorne Gold and Antoinette Raheem. The Section continues to explore the possibility of making the Journal available to members electronically as an alternative to a paper copy.

**Family Law Pact:** Chaired by Neil M. Colman. Between October 1, 2010 and May 9, 2011 FAMILY LAW PAC has received generous contributions from attorneys of the Family Law Section totaling \$3,300. FAMILY LAW PAC continues to support legislators who are instrumental in addressing the concerns through legislation which affect the practice of family law.

**Legislation:** Chaired by Kent Weichmann and Barb Kelly. This very active committee meets monthly by phone conference and reviews all legislation in this area of the law. The Legislative Committee meets on the Thursday immediately preceding each Council meeting. See comments above on legislation for more detail.

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**QDRO/Taxation:** Chaired by Joe Cunningham and Bob Treat. The committee has provided training to various legal aid attorneys throughout the State and members of the private bar who are willing to draft QDROs pro bono, providing a much needed service to the population of clients who cannot afford these critical orders.

**Technology:** Chaired by Liz Sadowski. Liz Sadowski continues to manage the Family Law ListServ, a very helpful online resource on family law issues.

**Section Membership:** Section membership increased this year, and it remains one of the largest Sections of the Bar with approximately 2,486 members. The Section continues to try to provide services to its members to assist in their practice and to that end held member forums with local associations seeking input.

**Section Bylaws: Section 3.8 Council Vacancies** was added to the Family Law Section Bylaws this year. Section 3.8 states “If a Council seat becomes vacant, after reasonable notice to Section members, the vacancy for that seat shall be filled by a majority vote of Council members at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, until the next annual meeting. At the annual Council meeting there shall be a single election for all open Council seats. The highest vote recipients, in descending order from highest to lowest, shall be elected first to the open three (3) year seats, and thereafter open two (2) year seats and thereafter the open one (1) year seats. However, a Council member who has resigned or been removed from Council may only be elected to finish out the remaining term of that Council seat, and may not be elected to any other open Council seat at that election.”

**Section 4.1** was amended to the Family Law Section Bylaws this year. Section 4.1 states “[e]xcept as provided in 4.3, the officers of the Section shall be elected by the Council from among its elected members *in the following order: (1) Recording Secretary (2) Corresponding Secretary (3) Treasurer (4) Chair-person Elect. No officer shall serve in their elected position for more than one full year or longer than the annual meeting*”.

**Special Honors/Lifetime Achievement Award:** Justice Marilyn J. Kelly is awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. She will be honored at the annual dinner in September 2011.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2011 to:**

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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
GENERAL PRACTICE-SOLO & SMALL FIRM SECTION  
ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2010-2011

**Section Name: General Practice-Solo & Small Firm Section**

The name of the Section was changed from General Practice to General Practice-Solo & Small Firm Section to better represent the types of practitioners and law firms predominately engaged in the general practice of law. The Section name change was approved at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

**Mission Statement:** The Section provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, its website, public service programs and publication of a newsletter six times a year.

**Officers and Council Members:** See attached

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

The Council meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Sea Grille Restaurant on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. There are no monthly meetings in July and August. The September meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the State Bar Annual Meeting, September 15, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

**General Budget Information:**

The General Practice-Solo & Small Firm Section generates approximately \$20,000.00 per annum from Membership dues. The Section also derives additional income from seminar fees. Currently, the largest expense of the Section consists of its Annual Sponsorship of the ICLE Solo & Small Firm Institute 2 day seminar held simultaneous with the State Bar of Michigan's Annual Meeting.

**Events and/or Seminars:** See attached

**Legislative Issues:** None of note for the Section this year.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue to work to provide educational and networking resources to our membership both via programs and our e-newsletter. Continue efforts to coordinate with other sections to increase our membership and to increase participation in programs and opportunities of interest to our members.



Name	Position	Address	Telephone #	E-mail Address	Term Expires
Elizabeth A. Silverman	Chair	30500 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills, MI 48334	248-538-1177	<a href="mailto:asatty@aol.com">asatty@aol.com</a>	9/30/2011
Maury Klein	Chair-Elect	17000 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075	248-423-9333	<a href="mailto:maurykleinatty@sbcglobalnet">maurykleinatty@sbcglobalnet</a>	9/30/2012
Lynn Carlino	Secretary	34950 Little Mac Avenue, Clinton Twsp, MI 48035	586-790-2841	<a href="mailto:lynn.carlino@baker.edu">lynn.carlino@baker.edu</a>	9/30/2011
Bill Cataldo	Treasury	1 S. Main Street, Fl. 4, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043	586-469-5362	<a href="mailto:bill.cataldo@macombcountymtmi.gov">bill.cataldo@macombcountymtmi.gov</a>	9/30/2012
Tanisha Davis	Council	17373 W, 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076	248-569-7776	<a href="mailto:tanishadavis777@yahoo.com">tanishadavis777@yahoo.com</a>	9/30/2013
Stuart Sandweiss	Council	18930 W. 10 Mile Road, Ste. 2000, Southfield, MI 48075	248-559-2400	<a href="mailto:stuart@sandweisslaw.com">stuart@sandweisslaw.com</a>	9/30/2011
Lesley Hoenig	Council	300 S. University Ave., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858	989-773-0900	<a href="mailto:lesley@hoeniglaw.com">lesley@hoeniglaw.com</a>	9/30/2013
William Roy	Council	36700 Woodward Ave., Suite 205, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304	248-540-7660	<a href="mailto:roy@rsmv.com">roy@rsmv.com</a>	9/30/2013

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Family Secrets, Tips for Winning with Family Law Judges, Referees and Clients	21-May-11	Amway Grand Hotel-Grand Rapids
Secrets of Short Sales and Foreclosures-How to Rpresent your Client's in Today's Market	5-May-11	Ginopolis on the Grill-Farmington Hills, MI
Medical Marijuana-The Law is Evolving-What you Need to Know	9-Jun-11	Ginopolis on the Grill-Farmington Hills, MI
Misdemeanors and Felonies	14-Jul-11	Ginopolis on the Grill-Farmington Hills, MI
Social Networking and Marketing	11-Aug-11	Ginopolis on the Grill-Farmington Hills, MI

## The General Practice - Solo and Small Firm Section

is pleased to present

### *Medical Marijuana—The Law is Evolving—What you Need to Know*

**Thursday, June 9, 2011**

**12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

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FARMINGTON HILLS

Did you know that there are 63,735 patients authorized to legally use marijuana in the State of Michigan and there are over 50,000 applications pending? Did you know there are over 25,000 caretakers licensed to grow marijuana for medical use? Did you know the Medical Marijuana Law provides that no penalty can be imposed, nor any right or privilege affected by medical use of marijuana? Get expert advice on the Michigan Medical Marijuana Law and what's going on with recent cases. Master the nuances of this evolving practice and give your clients the representation they deserve. Come join us for lunch, networking and a valuable presentation of the current state of the law regarding the Medical Marijuana Act of Michigan

#### Presenters:

- o **Matthew R. Abel** has been a criminal defense lawyer with a 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 throughout Michigan. Since passage of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act in 2008, his practice has rapidly grown to include business clients and issues, as well as employment, drug testing, probation, and domestic issues surrounding cannabis consumption
- o **Dan Korobkin**, staff attorney, ACLU, joined the staff of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan in 2008 and is responsible for litigating cases and participating in advocacy activities, such as public speaking, media interviews, and outreach work to advance civil liberties in Michigan.. The ACLU has suits pending against Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, and Livonia for not allowing the use, sale, or growth of medical marijuana. The ACLU is representing a Birmingham couple who want to use their land in Livonia to grow medical marijuana. The ACLU is also representing a man who was fired from his managerial position at Wal Mart for using prescribed medical marijuana off work and at home to reduce symptoms from an inoperable brain tumor and cancer.

Registration fee: \$25.00 Members of General Practice - Solo and Small Firm Section;  
\$30.00 General Admission

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

## **The General Practice - Solo and Small Firm Section**

is pleased to present  
**Thursday, May 5, 2011**  
**12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

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27815 MIDDLEBELT  
FARMINGTON HILLS

### **“Secrets of Short Sales and Foreclosures - How to Represent Your Clients in Today’s Market”**

With more residential real estate worth less than the amount of the mortgage, what can you do for your clients? Get expert advice on the foreclosure and short sale process as well as other avenues of relief. Master the nuances of this evolving practice and give your clients the representation they deserve. Come join us for lunch, networking and a valuable presentation of the current state of the law regarding foreclosure and foreclosure alternatives.

#### **Presenters:**

**Aronoff & Linnell** are real estate attorneys that specialize in assisting homeowners and real estate professionals with short sales. With more than 25 years of legal experience in real estate law, Aronoff & Linnell’s complete understanding of the short sale process, attention to detail and skilled negotiation have led to successfully completed sales.

**Craig A. Aronoff, J.D.**, Mr. Aronoff’s focus has been in civil litigation, first working for individuals in consumer protection and contract actions then corporations and banks in contract, foreclosure and real estate related matters. With extensive experience in dispute resolution, contract negotiation, loss mitigation and debt restructuring, he has returned to helping homeowners, business owners and consumers with their secured and unsecured obligations.

**Richard D. Linnell, J.D.**, Mr. Linnell has been involved in real estate since 1996 and has 13 years of experience in commercial and residential real estate as well as corporate law. As both counselor and owner, he has been actively involved in commercial and residential real estate development including acquisitions, entitlements, development, complex financing, syndications and workouts.

Registration fee: \$25.00 Members of General Practice - Solo and Small Firm Section;  
\$30.00 General Admission

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

July 14, 2011

12:30–2:30 p.m.

*Misdemeanors and Felonies*

Speakers: William Cataldo and Elias Escobedo

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William L. Cataldo is chief of homicide for the Macomb County Prosecutor Office. Previous to that, he was a criminal defense trial attorney. His teaching positions include staff instructor for the nationally recognized Trial Lawyers College in Wyoming, staff instructor at the Annual Trial College at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, staff instructor for the Police Academy, and as an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is also a certified instructor teaching cognitive and analytical interviewing skills. He is a member and past chair of the General Practice—Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Michigan. He is co-editor and criminal law columnist for the *General Practitioner* newsletter and former co-host of a variety of law related radio shows, including Ask The Lawyer on WXYT-AM. Mr. Cataldo has lectured extensively for ICLE, the Center For Forensic Psychiatry, local police organizations, and local bar associations across the state on topics such as criminal trial tactics and strategy, the insanity defense and Miranda, drunk driving, criminal sexual conduct, and building a criminal law practice.

For the last 25 years Elias Escobedo has had extensive litigation experience with Criminal Law, Juvenile Law, State and Federal Criminal Law and Criminal Defense. He is a former member of the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners, former President of the Oakland County Bar Association, Trustee of the Oakland Bar Foundation as well as of the Oakland/Livingston Legal Aid. Mr. Escobedo has served on the Character and Fitness Committee, President's Advisory Committee, Programs and Services Committees, Access to Justice Campaign Team and Audit Committee for the State Bar of Michigan. Mr. Escobedo is an accomplished speaker and writer and received numerous awards including the Leon Hubbard Award, Sandy Rosenthal Memorial Award, Pro Bono Service Award and the key to the City of Pontiac for service to the Hispanic Community. Mr. Escobedo is an accomplished litigator with a respect to all aspects of Criminal Defense both in the State and Federal Courts. His expertise and experience makes him a perfect choice to address members of the State Bar and offer his advice regarding common errors attorneys commit defending their clients and how to enhance the value of your representation of your client.

August 11, 2011

12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

*Social Networking and Marketing*

Speakers: Julie I. Fershtman and Pria Marwa Doornbos

1.

Julie I. Fershtman is currently president-elect of the 41,000 member State Bar of Michigan and will become its 77th President for a one-year term in September 2011. She is also a shareholder with Foster Swift in its Farmington Hills office. She concentrates her practice in the areas of general insurance defense, insurance coverage, premises liability, business litigation (plaintiff and defense), fraud/bad faith litigation, sporting and recreational liability, agribusiness, intentional torts, and equine law. Her clients range from insurance companies to small businesses and individuals. Her professional distinctions include being named a 2010 Leader in the Law by *Michigan Lawyer's Weekly* and a Michigan Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics Magazine* every year since 2008. The *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory* rates her AV preeminent (5.0/5). *Crain's Detroit Business* named her a Woman to Watch in 2010 and one of the Most Influential Women in Michigan business. A frequent speaker and writer, she has authored over 200 published articles and 3 books, the third book of which was published by the ABA in 2009. She has lectured on liability, insurance, and risk management at seminars, conventions, CLE programs, and conferences in 27 states. She will share her expertise in marketing strategies for solo and small firms.

Pria Marwa Doornbos began her practice as a corporate and securities attorney with large law firms in Michigan and Colorado. Currently, she is in-house corporate counsel with a biopharmaceutical company. In the Spring of 2009, she started PMD Legal where her focus was on serving the business and legal needs of start-ups, entrepreneurs, small businesses, and nonprofits as a virtual general counsel. In addition to the traditional practice of law, she counsels businesses and individuals on the legal issues in using social media and the importance of social media policies and advises attorneys on the ethics issues in using social media. She teaches media law to undergraduate students at Lawrence Tech University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, Dearborn, in 1998 with a dual major in political science and economics. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University Law School in 2001. She is admitted to practice law in Colorado and Michigan.

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year:** 2010 - 2011

**Section Name:** Health Care Law Section

**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	Monica Wilkinson	Detroit Medical Center 4707 St. Antoine Suite W514 Detroit, MI 48201	313-966-0032	mwilkins@dmc.org
Chair-elect	Marta J. Hoffman	Mercy Health Partners 2200 Jefferson Ave. Toledo, OH 43604	419-251-1426	marta_hoffman@mhsnr.org
Treasurer	Robert Iwrey	The Health Law Partners 29566 Northwestern Hwy. Suite 200 Southfield, MI 48034	248-996-8510	riwrey@thehlp.com
Secretary	Thomas McGraw	444 Michigan St NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503	616-486-6651	Thomas.McGraw@spectrum-health.org

Council Members	Term Expires
John Anderson	2011
Amy Barkholz	2011*
Steven Bender	2012
Jennifer Benedict	2012
Richard L. Bouma	2013*
Mary E. (Beth) Derwin	2011*
Marta J. Hoffman	2013*
Robert S. Iwrey	2011*
Mark Kopson	2013
Joanne Lax- Ex Officio	2011*
Thomas McGraw	2012
Laura Napiewocki	2012
Monica Navarro	2012
Donna O'Connor	2012
Carol Tarnowsky	2011*
Monica Wilkinson	2012*
Deborah Williamson	2013

An \* indicates that the Council member is term limited and not eligible for re-election.

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

**General Budget Information:** See attached unaudited interim financial reports and transaction history for the month ended April 30, 2011, as provided by Becky Hunter.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Date:	Event:
September 23, 2010	Annual meeting educational sessions on managed care, tax, fraud and abuse, ACOs, employment benefits, and IT contracting, Detroit
November 4, 2010	Teleconference: HITECH for Group Health Plans and Business Associates
November 12, 2010	Teleconference: Accountable Care Organizations
January 27, 2011	Teleconference: ERISA Basics
February 17, 2011	Teleconference: Social Media Considerations
February 22, 2011	Teleconference: Alternative Dispute Resolution
March 11-12, 2011	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Health Law Institute, combined program with ICLE, Plymouth
June 1, 2011	Teleconference: Covenants Not to Compete
June 8, 2011	Teleconference: Midlevel Providers
June 15, 2011	Teleconference: Medical Auditing
September 21, 2011	Annual Meeting Educational Session: "Changing Healthcare Landscape in Michigan", Rochester Hills



**Section Committees:** The Health Care Law Section features a Substantive Law Committee with five subcommittees, consisting of the Medical Legal Subcommittee, Payors Subcommittee, Providers Subcommittee, Technology Subcommittee and the Legislative Update Subcommittee. These Substantive Law Subcommittees are responsible for organizing various educational programs, which are typically teleconferences, to benefit our membership. The Legislative Update subcommittee organizes our annual Legislative Update program, which provides our members with the “latest word” from the Michigan legislature and administrative agencies regarding health law issues. In addition, the Health Care Law Section has a Pro Bono Committee, a Technology Committee, an Annual Meeting Committee, a Publications Committee, a Nominating Committee, a New Lawyers and Law Students Committee, and a Council Fellows Exploration Committee. There are currently two task force/work group efforts underway: the HIPAA/HITECH work group and the Nightingale Task Force.

**Legislative issues:** None of note for the Section this year.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue to work to provide educational and networking resources to our membership, both via programs and written materials. Pursue the Section’s support of the Michigan Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion. Continue efforts with the New Lawyers outreach.

**Other Information:** The Section once again hosted luncheon events this year 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. The Section will again host a law student writing competition, the first and second place winners of which will be announced at the Annual Meeting in September. The Section again organized a team and participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Detroit on May 21, 2011. Our Publications Committee compiled and edited a “theme” edition of the SBM Bar Journal for June 2011. The Section voted to sign the State Bar of Michigan’s Michigan Pledge to Support Diversity and Inclusion. The Section voted to send the incoming Chair to the State Bar Leadership Forum held annually. The Section also is exploring the possibility of an honorary “fellows” designation for members who have exemplary service.

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State Bar of Michigan  
Health Care Section  
For the Seven Months Ending April 30, 2011

	<u>Current Activity</u> April	<u>Year To Date</u> April
<b>Revenue:</b>		
1-7-99-475-1050 Health Care Law Sec Dues	70.00	31,500.00
1-7-99-475-1055 Health Care Law Stud/Affil Dues	5.00	180.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>31,680.00</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
1-9-99-475-1111 Administrative Services		(113.25)
1-9-99-475-1145 ListServ	50.00	350.00
1-9-99-475-1272 ICLE Conference Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00
1-9-99-475-1297 Annual Meeting		363.85
1-9-99-475-1528 Telephone		62.36
1-9-99-475-1532 Teleconference calls	99.93	4,245.72
1-9-99-475-1777 Awards		100.00
1-9-99-475-1861 Printing	652.00	652.00
1-9-99-475-1868 Postage	10.40	11.60
1-9-99-475-1987 Miscellaneous	3,617.30	3,742.28
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>5,929.63</u>	<u>10,914.56</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	(5,854.63)	20,765.44
<b>Beginning Fund Balance:</b>		
1-5-00-475-0001 Fund Bal-Health Care Law Sec		59,414.37
<b>Total Beginning Fund Balance</b>		<u>59,414.37</u>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	(5,854.63)	80,179.81

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 DETAILED TRIAL BALANCE FOR 2011  
 General Ledger

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^ Inactive Account

Account	Beginning Balance		Account Description	Distribution Reference			
Trx Date	JE#	Vendor ID	Document#	Debit	Credit	Net Change	Ending Balance
<b>1-9-99-475-1111 Administrative Services</b>							
				\$0.00			
1/7/11	77,469	VIRTUAL ALLI	JUL 10 TO DE	\$150.00			Jul 10 to Dec 10 Email/Travel
1/7/11	77,475	VIRTUAL ALLI	7208	\$375.00			10-11-10 to 12-14-10
3/1/11	79,148				\$638.25		Rec Actual Adm Fees Exp FY 10
Totals:				\$525.00	\$638.25	(\$113.25)	(\$113.25)
<b>1-9-99-475-1145 ListServ</b>							
				\$0.00			
10/8/10	74,723	MODERN FIRM	TMG-4462	\$50.00			Oct 10
11/5/10	75,590	MODERN FIRM	TMG 4664	\$50.00			Nov 10
12/3/10	76,499	MODERN FIRM	TMG-4867	\$50.00			Dec 10
1/7/11	77,413	MODERN FIRM	TMG 5093	\$50.00			Jan 11
2/4/11	78,127	MODERN FIRM	TMG 5286	\$50.00			Feb 11
3/4/11	78,603	MODERN FIRM	TMG 5549	\$50.00			Mar 11
4/1/11	79,231	MODERN FIRM	TMG 5697	\$50.00			Apr 11
Totals:				\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
<b>1-9-99-475-1272 ICLE Conference Expenses</b>							
				\$0.00			
4/29/11	79,757	ICLE	636385	\$1,500.00			17th Annual HCLS Sponsorship
Totals:				\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<b>1-9-99-475-1297 Annual Meeting</b>							
				\$0.00			
12/17/10	76,917	AARIA PROMOT	2799410	\$243.00			Wilkinson/Hoffman/Lowes/Hollen
12/17/10	76,936	LEE WAYNE CO	1410581	\$120.85			Anderson Plaque
Totals:				\$363.85	\$0.00	\$363.85	\$363.85
<b>1-9-99-475-1528 Telephone</b>							
				\$0.00			
11/5/10	75,609	A PROFESSION	10657845	\$62.36			Oct 10 HCLS Conf calls
Totals:				\$62.36	\$0.00	\$62.36	\$62.36
<b>1-9-99-475-1532 Teleconference calls</b>							
				\$0.00			
12/10/10	76,646	A PROFESSION	10663642	\$1,360.33			Nov 10 HCLS Conf calls
1/6/11	77,676			\$75.00			E Blast
1/7/11	77,481	A PROFESSION	10670900	\$1,141.15			Dec 10 HCLS Conf calls
1/13/11	78,045			\$75.00			HCLS ERISA E Blast
1/20/11	78,046			\$75.00			HCLS ERISA E Blast
1/27/11	78,054			\$185.00			SEM Staff Asst/Teleconference
2/1/11	78,018			\$75.00			HCLS Teleconference E Blast
2/3/11	78,053			\$75.00			HCLS 2/23 Teleconf E Blast
2/10/11	78,454			\$75.00			HCLS E Blast
2/11/11	78,231	A PROFESSION	10691099	\$265.03			Jan 11 HCLS Conf calls
2/15/11	78,451			\$75.00			HCLS 3 Teleconference E Blast
2/24/11	78,559			\$75.00			HCLS Teleconference E Blast
2/28/11	78,692			\$205.00			HCLS Teleconference SEM Asst
3/4/11	78,680	A PROFESSION	10704191	\$344.28			Feb 11 HCLS Conf calls
3/31/11	79,261			\$45.00			HCLS Tele. SEM Staff Asst

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**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. Membership is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of the State Bar of Michigan.

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**Recommendations for next Council:** This issue will be addressed through the Council's ongoing strategic planning effort.

**Other Information:** The Section continues its growth and the strategic planning effort should yield a sustainable plan for the continued viability of the Section and allow it to serve its membership with some direct and attainable goals for expanding the Journal, creating a membership directory and presenting additional programs.

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**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION  
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***Mission Statement:*** The purposes of the Section shall be to study the law of labor relations 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 the Bar and the general public by generating awareness of the problems and concerns of management, labor, and employment relations through sponsorship of meetings, institutes, and conferences, and by preparing, sponsoring, and publishing legal writing in the labor field; to endeavor to assist in the development of rules and conduct based upon the rights and responsibilities of labor and industry; and to promote justice, human welfare, and industrial peace.

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**2010-2011 Council Meetings:** The Council meets once a month, typically on the second Monday of the month, during every month except July and August. During the last year, the meetings were held in Novi, Birmingham and Grand Rapids with a telephonic attendance option.

**Section Membership Committee:** The Council's Committee for Membership initiated several promotions to encourage new membership and will be recommending a bylaw changes designed to increase membership.

**Section Bylaws:** The Council anticipates proposed bylaw changes to be effectuated in the next fiscal year. The changes will allow for affiliate members (who are not members of the SBM) and will decrease the dues for Student members from \$2 to \$0 and increase the period for "free" membership to new lawyers to the balance of the first year and the full subsequent year.

**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:** LELS has had a busy year. We started with a great program at our annual meeting in Grand Rapids on September 30, 2010: Social Media in the Workplace. The panel members were Adam Forman, Tiffany Buckley-Norwood, Carole Bos, Brian Koncius and Jeff Fraser. A lively networking hour followed. On October 14, 2010, the Section co-sponsored the Bernard Gottfried Memorial Labor Law Symposium held in Detroit, at Wayne State University Law School. The program featured Craig Becker, member of the National Labor Relations Board and other dignitaries and culminated in a reception celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NLRB. The Section's Holiday party took place on December 9, 2010 at the Birmingham Country Club. Last year's storytelling contest was reprised and a collegial good time was had by all. The Section's Mid-Winter Meeting took place on January 21 and 22, 2011 at the Detroit Athletic Club. The dinner speaker was Caroline Smardz Frost who spoke about her book about the Underground Railroad and its connections with Detroit. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to a gracious Thomas Barnes. The Section co-sponsored the ICLE "Labor and employment Law Institute" with a new lawyer promotion that was enormously successful. The LELI enjoyed record attendance and the Section gained many new members. On May 10, 2011 the Section collaborated on a west side event with the Grand Rapids Bar Association featuring Judge Robert J. Jonker and roundtable discussions on the topics of "Civility," "Managing Client Expectations," and "Emerging Theories and Trends in the Law." On June 9, 2011, the Section will present the "Spring Board" seminar, focusing on the role of in-house counsel, to be held at the Big Rock in Birmingham.

**Awards:** The Distinguished Service Award was presented to a gracious Thomas Barnes at the Section's Mid-Winter Meeting in January of 2011.

**Financial Report:** After experiencing a downturn in revenue and increase in expenses in previous years, 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.

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**Section Name:** Litigation Law Section

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

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Sherry D.O. Taylor	2	Gary K. Springstead	2
Marcy A. Tayler	2		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council	11/17/10	Conference Call
Council	1/9/11	Conference Call
Council	3/10/11	Lansing, MI

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Council	5/11/11	Conference Call
Annual Meeting	9/15/11	Dearborn

**General Budget Information: See Addendum**

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Trial Evidence	3/24/11	Plymouth, MI
Impact of Technology: What are Jurors Thinking?	4/5/11	Plymouth, MI
Summer Conference	7/29-30/11	Glen Arbor, MI

**Legislative issues:** The Section submitted public policy positions opposing proposed amendments to MCR 2-203 and to MRPC 7.3

**Recommendations for next Council:** The next council should continue to actively review and take public policy positions on proposed court rule amendments and legislation. The current council, under the leadership of the Legislative/Rules Committee, chaired by Michael Donnelly and Daniel McGlynn, has done a fine job of bringing before the council proposals that deserve its attention, resulting in two well-reasoned positions. The next council should build on their success.

There is one nagging issue that the next council should address head on and resolve – developing a method for ensuring that the Section acquires articles for its Newsletter well in advance of the deadline. The Newsletter has been vastly improved in recent years under the leadership of Dari Bargy who is the chair of the Publications Committee and Secretary of the Section. She has acquired many fine articles for the publication. Obtaining those articles, however, has not been easy. Some Sections has addressed this problem by

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requiring council members to write or otherwise obtain an article each year. The Litigation Section has declined to talk that action, and needs to explore other ways of ensuring a steady stream of quality articles.

**Other Information:** The Section donated \$4,000 to the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament and is currently conducting a fundraiser for the Access to Justice Fund.

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## Litigation Section FY 2010-2011 Budget

### REVENUES

Member Dues	\$53,400.00
Student/Affiliate Dues	\$300.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$53,700.00</b>
Cash Balance Forwarded	\$87,586.71

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$141,286.71</b>
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### EXPENSES

Summer Program	\$23,000.00
Masters Program	\$18,500.00
(includes two \$1,000 receptions)	
DecisionQuest Program	\$2000.00
Annual Meeting	\$500.00
Newsletter	\$12,000.00
Mock Trial	\$3,500.00
Legal Aid Contribution	\$10,000.00
State Bar Leadership Conference	\$1,800.00
Postage/Copying	\$400.00
Listserv	\$420.00
Council Meetings	\$1000.00
Telephone	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$73,520.00</b>
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<b>YEAR END BALANCE</b>	<b>\$67,766.71</b>
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STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Master Lawyers Section**

All 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 purpose of the Section 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 the 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 the Section to the community.

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**2010-2011 Meeting Schedule (date and location):**

Section Annual Meeting – October 1, 2010, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Council Meetings:

November 19, 2010 – Telephonic  
December 9, 2010 – Lansing, Michigan



January 13, 2011 – Telephonic  
March 10, 2011 – Telephonic  
April 14, 2011 – Telephonic  
May 12, 2011 – Telephonic  
June 9, 2011 – Telephonic  
July 14, 2011 – Telephonic  
August 11, 2011 – Telephonic  
September 14, 2011 – Telephonic

**Section Activities:**

The Master Lawyers Section, a new section of the State Bar of Michigan, was launched at the State Bar Annual Meeting on October 1, 2010, in Grand Rapids. Planning and design of the new section was aided by leaders of the Bar's Senior Lawyers Section, which was dissolved on October 1. The new officers and council members elected on Oct. 1 became the leaders of the new section. The October 1 annual meeting featured a "Guide to Pro Bono" panel discussion chaired by newly-sworn State Bar of Michigan President Tony Jenkins. The panelists included American Bar Association Past-President Robert Grey, Michael C. Chielens (Executive Director of Legal Aid of Western Michigan), David L. Shaltz (of counsel to Chalgian & Trip Law Offices and experienced pro bono lawyer), and Richard F. Fellrath (Master Lawyers Section council member and experienced pro bono lawyer).

The Bylaws enacted by the Section establish five standing committees – Nominating, Service to Master Lawyers, Protection of the Public, Community Contribution, and Membership. The Nominating Committee recommends nominees to the Section for the offices of Chairperson-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and councilpersons on an annual basis. The Service to Master Lawyers Committee is responsible for developing and producing programs of interest to members of the Section, including educational programs, public service programs, career change programs, and talent utilization programs. The Protection of the Public Committee is responsible for developing, producing, and promoting materials and programs to assist attorneys in planning for and adjusting to changes in their professional status. The Community Contribution Committee is charged with identifying and following through on appropriate opportunities for members of the Section to contribute to their communities, partnering with other Sections and Committees where a mutual interest exists. The Chair established two subcommittees to the Service to Master Lawyers Committee – the Communications Subcommittee, chaired by Alfred Gade, and the Mentors Subcommittee, chaired by Asher Tilchin.

The following persons have served as chair of the various committees during the 2010-2011 year: Nominating Committee – Miles Gerberding; Service to Master Lawyers Committee – Ronald Keefe; Protection of the Public Committee – Greg Ulrich; Community Contribution – Mary Ellen Byrne; and Membership Committee – Jon Kingsepp.

Much of the Council's efforts during the inaugural year of the Section have been toward developing the best vehicles to communicate with section members and planning activities of interest and benefit to section members. As of May 1, the Service to Masters Committee is working on programming for a multi-day seminar to be held August 26-28 at Crystal Mountain Resort, as well as for the annual meeting, which will take place on September 15 in connection with the State Bar of Michigan annual meeting in Dearborn. The Protection of the Public Committee has begun an examination of an inventory attorney rule, the intent of which is to underscore the importance of planning for the orderly winding down of a solo or small firm practitioner's practice in the event of a sudden death or disability. The Council has also discussed the development of a mentoring model to match Master Lawyer Section members with young lawyers within areas of practice. The Section sent Miles Gerberding as its representative to the ABA Midyear Meeting of the Senior Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association in February in Atlanta, Georgia, who reported on

behalf of the Section, and will have a representative attending the State Bar's Bar Leadership Institute to be held in June at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

**Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan in Support of Section Work:**

The Section has been assisted in its work by staff liaisons Amy Castner, Dawn Evans, and Candace Crowley. 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.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

The Section continues 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, such as changes in the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, 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 anticipates increasing membership in its various committees; development of a model mentor program that can be replicated in various parts of the state, linking Section members with young lawyers seeking guidance; completion of a proposed inventory rule for consideration by the State Bar; and increased participation by members in the Section's annual meeting and other events.

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Bar Year: 2010-2011

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Gerald V. Padilla (D)	2011		
Michael J. Sullivan (D)	2012		
Anne Randall (D)	2014		
Mark Bernstein (P)	2013		

Counsel Meeting Schedule:

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Regular Council Mtg.	10/27/10	Troy, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	11/17/10	Troy, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	12/15/10	Troy, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	1/19/11	Troy, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	2/16/11	Troy, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	3/16/11	Ann Arbor, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	6/15/11	Troy, MI
Summer Meeting	7/31/11	Traverse City, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	8/17/11	Troy, MI

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General Budget Information:

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Bench/Bar Mixer with WCBA and WAJ	3/16/11	Ann Arbor, MI
Spring Meeting/Seminar	5/5/11-5/8/11	New Orleans, MI
Past Chairpersons Event	6/16/11	Detroit, MI
Educational Seminar, Supreme Court Roundup	8/11/11	Troy, MI
Educational Seminar II	7/26/11	Traverse City, MI
Educational Seminar III - Annual Mtg	9/14/11	Dearborn, MI

Legislative Issues:   \*     Immunity: DNR Volunteers  
                          \*     Immunity: Bowling Alleys  
                          \*     Immunity: Free Clinic Doctors  
                          \*     Immunity: Volunteer Drivers  
                          \*     Gross Negligence: Definitions and Application  
                          \*     No Fault: PIP Choice  
                          \*     Parental Waivers of Children's Rights

- \*     This year the Council intensified its lobbying efforts in light of the substantial increase in bills aimed at reducing access to the court system by granting complete or partial immunity to special interest groups.
- \*     Through the efforts of the Council, the chair and assistant chair of the House Judiciary Committee convened a commission to provide a uniform and workable definition of gross negligence. The section is a member of the commission.
- \*     This year the Council sought to grow and strengthen its relationships with key members of the judiciary, executive and legislative branches. We hosted visits with Chief Justice Young, Justice Zahra, Governor's Counsel Michael Gadola, met with the Washtenaw County Bench, and made numerous visits to Lansing to meet with key legislators regarding pending and future immunity bills.

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**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, their website, 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.

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Annual Meeting Committee Co-Chair

**Renee J. Jent**

Annual Meeting Committee Co-Chair

**Denise E. Gau**

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**Renee J. Jent, CLA**

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Events and/or Seminars**

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

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Annual Business Meeting and Program	Friday, September 16, 2011	Dearborn, MI
Annual Day of Education in Grand Rapids, MI	Friday, May 6, 2011 at Davenport University	
Pre-Day of Education Evening Reception	Thursday, May 5, 2011 at The Bob in Grand Rapids, MI	

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**Recommendations for next Council:**

**Other Information:** The 2009/2010 Legal Assistant/Paralegal Assistant Section is in the process of creating an Officers, Council Members, and Standing Committees Handbook. The Section is also evaluating the value and need to offer Council Members and Standing Committees Chairs leadership training.

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**Bar Year:** 2010-2011

**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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Treasurer	Avar Laws-Wright P71704	611 W Ottawa St, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl Lansing 48933	517.241.6317	laws-righta@mich.gov

Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael Marutiak (P30104)	2011		
Adrienne Watts (P36815)	2011		
Paul Reingold (P27594)	2011	<b>Ex Officio Council Members</b>	
Patricia Streeter (P30022)	2011	Richard Stapleton (P38793)	n/a
Rachel Johnson (Associate Member)	2011	Sheriff Robert (Rick) Beracy	n/a
Jessica L. Zimbelman (P72042)	2012	Michelle VanDusen	n/a
Steve Gobbo (P56521)	2012		
Avar Laws-Wright (P71704)	2012		
Kathleen Schaefer (Associate Member)	2012	<b>Commissioner Liaison</b>	
John A Shea (P37634)	2013	Laruin' C Roberts Thomas (P45515)	n/a
Cassandra Green (P69476)	2013		
Peter R. O'Toole (P74657)	2013		
Pete Martel (Associate Member)	2013		



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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Monthly Meeting	11/06/10	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	12/04/10	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	01/08/11	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	02/05/11	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	03/05/11	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	04/02/11	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	05/07/11	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting & Program	06/04/11	State Bar Building, Lansing
Annual Membership Meeting & Program	09/16/11	Dearborn Hyatt

**General Budget Information:** This year the Prison and Corrections Section increased section dues to \$30, which will apply equally to regular (attorney) and associate (non-attorney) members.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Training: Representing Prisoners at Parole Revocation Hearings	06/04/11	State Bar Building, Lansing
Joint Program with the Criminal Law Section on the Michigan Sex Offenders Registration Act at the Annual Meeting of the State Bar	09/16/11	Dearborn Hyatt
Newsletter Publication, <i>Prisons and Corrections Forum</i> , Vol 11, No 1, Winter 2011	02/14/11	

**Legislative issues:**

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

**Other Information:** This year the section adopted positions on the following topics:

- 1) recommending requirements regarding judicial objections to lifer paroles;
- 2) (a) recommending the adoption of the ABA Resolution 104B, "Prison Oversight and Monitoring," and the accompanying "Key Requirements for the Effective Monitoring of Detention and Correctional Facilities," ABA Resolution provisions by the State of Michigan, and federal and local governments within the State, and (b) recommending the State Bar of Michigan also consider adoption of ABA Resolution 104B and the "Key Requirements" as policy of the State Bar of Michigan to ensure adequate, independent oversight of detention and correctional facilities within the State;

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3) recommending eight specific actions within the parole process:

- a) establish a rebuttable presumption of parole at minimum sentence;
- b) restore right to appeal parole denials;
- c) provide prisoners with timely opportunity to respond to negative information material to parole or commutation decision;
- d) apply parole guidelines and other risk assessment instruments to lifers;
- e) eliminate judicial vetoes of lifer paroles or require procedural safeguards;
- f) create a specialized board for public hearing cases;
- g) at public hearings, enforcement of right to representation and presentation of evidence;  
and
- h) expedite the public hearing process for medically fragile prisoners and waive it for those who are terminally ill.

4) recommending adoption of the necessary court rules or other available measures to ensure that counsel is appointed to indigent prisoners to defend an appeal by the prosecutor or the victim after having been granted a parole.

**Dated:** May 31, 2011

**Submitted to:** Jennifer Williams, Administrative Assistant at [jwilliams@mail.michbar.org](mailto:jwilliams@mail.michbar.org)

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**Bar Year: 2010/2011**

**Section Name:** Public Corporation Law Section

**Mission Statement:**

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Eric D. Williams P33359	524 N. State St., Big Rapids, MI 49307	(231)796-8945	edw1@tucker-usa.com
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Gerald A. Fisher P13462	2011	Jeffrey Sluggett P39440	2012
Charles McKone P24260	2011	Mark E. Nettleton P53633	2013
Carol A. Rosati P32288	2011	Michael P. McGee P36541	2013
Kay D. Schloff P19995	2011	James E. Tamm P38154	2013
Michael J. Watza P38726	2011	Kester So P31783	2013
Lori Grigg Bluhm P46908	2012	Debra A. Walling P37067	2013
James Branson P42235	2012		
Mary J. Fales P37142	2012		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Summer Seminar/Annual Mtg	06/25/2010	Grand Hotel, Macinac Island
Regular	09/11/2010	Miller Canfield, Lansing
Regular	10/09/2010	telephone conference
Regular	11/13/2010	Kitch Drutchas, Okemos
Regular	01/08/2011	telephone conference
Winter Seminar	02/04/2011	Baronette Hotel, Novi
Regular	03/12/2011	Dickinson Wright, Lansing
Regular	04/09/2011	telephone conference
Regular	05/07/2011	Miller Canfield, Lansing
Summer Seminar/Annual Mtg	06/24/2011	Grand Hotel, Macinac Island

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**General Budget Information: \$47,444.31 as of 04/30/2011.**

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Summer Seminar	06/25/2010	Grand Hotel, Macinac Island
Winter Seminar	02/04/2011	Baronette Hotel, Novi
Summer Seminar	06/24/2011	Grand Hotel, Macinac Island

**Legislative issues:** governmental immunity, medical marijuana, the role of local governmental units in providing utility services across political boundaries, and urban sprawl encouraged by differential property tax rates.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Consider forming a policy task force to address the way local governmental units provide sewer and water utility service across multiple political jurisdictions through authorities or other cooperative forms of administration

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**Section Name:** Real Property Law Section

**Mission Statement:**

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. The Section endeavors to promote professional responsibility and the prevention of malpractice among the members of the Bar.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Member	Term	Member	Term
David Pierson P#31047	2011	Lorri B. King P#42564	2013
Patricia Paruch P#48028	2011	Richard D. Rattner P#19249	2013
C. Kim Shierk P#37694	2011	Nicholas P. Scavone P#47138	2013
Mark Kryszinski P#35630	2011	David E. Nykanen P#47763	2013
Brian Henry P#33876	2011	Jeffrey D. Weisserman P#40470	2013
Melissa N. Collar P# 51781	2012	Gregory Gamalski P#36034 (CLE)	
Ronn S. Nadis P# 35638	2012	Catharine B. LaMont P#32231 (Land Titles)	
Gregg A. Nathanson P# 39029	2012		
Glen M. Zatz P# 37115	2012		
Ronald Reynolds P# 40524	2012		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 13, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	November 3, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	December 15, 2010	Pizzeria Biga, Southfield
Council Meeting	January 12, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	February 16, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	April 13, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	May 4, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	July 22, 2011	Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Traverse City, MI
Council Meeting	September 14, 2011	Annual Meeting, Hyatt, Dearborn

**General Budget Information:** While the Section’s finances remain strong, income and expenses are being closely monitored. In addition, the Section has been making efforts to lower its accumulated income account with the State Bar by pursuing new initiatives and educational programs focused on newer members of the State Bar.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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Event or Seminar Title		
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – The Bank Asset Recovery Checklist	October 7, 2010	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham

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(BARC) for Buying and Selling Bank Owned Real Estate”		
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Appraisals”	November 4, 2010	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Economics of Property”	December 2, 2010	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “ Energy is Here to Stay”	January 13, 2011	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
ICSC/RPLS “Michigan: The Land Of Opportunity”	January 27, 2011	Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
RPLS Millennial Reception for New Attorneys	February 1, 2011	BlackFinn, Royal Oak
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Total Redevelopment in the World of the Land Division Act – Platted and Unplatted Property”	February 3, 2011	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
2011 Winter Conference “ABCs of Financial Reform”	March 10-12, 2011	The Willard InterContinental, Washington DC
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Show Me the Money: Non-Traditional Financing Resources	April 14, 2011	Detroit Athletic Club (DAC)
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Leasing Fundamentals”	May 5, 2011	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
YLS Section Summit Reception	May 20, 2011	Amway Grand
2011 Summer Conference “ Finding the Silver Lining: Real Estate Opportunities Arising from the Economic Crisis”	July 20-23, 2011	Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Acme, Michigan

**Other Programming:**

**November 10-11, 2010** – UM/ULI Real Estate Forum

**May 20, 2011** – Co-sponsor - Urban Farming Symposium

**Co-sponsored programs with ICLE.**

**March 15, 2011** – The New Detroit: Planning and Developing a Sustainable City - Atheneum, Detroit

**April 12, 2011** – Commercial Foreclosures - Ann Arbor

**July 12, 2011** – Foreclosure and Short Sale Update - Ann Arbor

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<b>New this year!</b>			
Pizza and Property	November 2011	Wayne State Law School, Detroit, Michigan	
Pizza and Property	January 26, 2011	Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills, Michigan	
Quick Hits Program Letters of Intent	March 24, 2011	Mitchell's Seafood, Birmingham	
Quick Hits Program Purchase Agreements Part 1	May 12, 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield	
Quick Hits Program Purchase Agreements Part 2	August 2011	Jaffe Offices, Southfield	

**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 Sections 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 to the efficient of administration of real estate law in general without bias toward any particular constituency (the Section strives to be neither pro borrower, pro lender, pro developer of pro municipality).

**Recommendations for next Council:**

We believe that future Council should continuing 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 Council should also continue to support the new Enewsletter, coordinate the timing and topics between the Enewsletter and the RPLS Journal ( the quarterly hard-copy published scholarly journal of the Section), monitor the deliver mode for the RPLS Journal and support the new media efforts of the Section on LinkedIn and Facebook.

**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 Debtor Creditors Rights
- Commercial Leasing of Real Estate
- Commercial Real Estate Finance
- Condominiums PUDs and Cooperatives
- Commercial Real Estate Development and Ownership
- Construction
- Eminent Domain
- Environmental Law and Energy Law
- Federal Tax Aspects of Real Estate Transactions
- Residential Transactions
- State and Local Taxation
- Title and Conveyancing
- Water Law



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Zoning and Land Use

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**Bar Year: 2010 - 2011**

**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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Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael W. Domanski – P56061	2011		
Paul V. McCord - P61138	2011		
Daniel M. Houlf – P38527	2011		
Marjorie B. Gell – 46974	2012		
Gary R. Glenn – P31897	2012		
Gary M. Remer – P57230	2012		
Michael M. Antovski – P57175	2013		
Marla S. Carew – P58525	2013		
George V. Cassar, Jr. - P55724	2013		

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	Oct. 28, 2010	Varnum, Novi, MI
Officer Meeting	Nov. 11, 2010	Telephone conference
Officer Meeting	Dec. 14, 2010	Telephone conference
Council Meeting	Jan. 6, 2011	Dykema, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Officer Meeting	Feb. 10, 2011	Telephone conference
Council Meeting	Mar. 3, 2011	Maddin Hauser, Southfield, MI
Officer Meeting	Mar. 31, 2011	Telephone conference
Council Meeting	April 28, 2011	Butzel, Bloomfield Hills, MI
Council Meeting	June 16, 2011	Cooley Law, Ann Arbor, MI
Officer Meeting	July 21, 2011	Telephone conference
Council Meeting	Sept. 22, 2011	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
Annual Meeting	Sept. 22, 2011	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI

**General Budget Information:**

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
After Hours Tax Series	Oct. 5, 2010	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
Michigan Tax Conference	Nov. 9 & 10, 2010	Rock Financial, Novi, MI
After Hours Tax Series	Nov. 16, 2010	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
After Hours Tax Series	Jan. 25, 2011	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
After Hours Tax Series	Feb. 22, 2011	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
Tax Court Luncheon	Mar. 22, 2011	Doubletree, Detroit, MI
Annual Tax Conference	May 12, 2011	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI

**Legislative issues:** The Section has taken positions against a sales tax on legal services and in favor of proposals to institute an offer in compromise program for state taxes, reform of the Michigan Tax Tribunal and expansion of access to the Michigan Court of Claims. See the Section's website, [www.michbar.org/tax](http://www.michbar.org/tax), for details of these proposals.

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**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue to focus on outreach to law students and young lawyers. 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; annual tax conference with national speakers, webcast for the first time in 2011; co-sponsorship of After Hours Tax Seminars with ICLE; Committee 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.

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## State Bar of Michigan Section Annual Report

**Bar Year:** 2010-2011

**Section Name:** Young Lawyer Section

**Mission Statement:** The Young Lawyer Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the [web] site, public service programs and publication of a newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to all attorneys under 36 years of age or with less than 5 years of practice.

**Officers:**

Maureen M. McGinnis- Chair

Brandy Y. Robinson- Chair Elect

Felicia O. Johnson-Vice Chair (term expires 9/30/2011)

James W. Low- Secretary/Treasurer (term expires 9/30/2012)

Danielle M. Anderson- immediate past Chair

**Council Members:**

Terms expiring 9/30/2011

Syeda F. Davidson

Nicholas G. Even

Lisa C. Hagan

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**Meeting Schedule:**

- 1.) October 23, 2010 (10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.)- Soaring Eagle Hotel/Casino in Mt. Pleasant

- 2.) November 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.-University Club in East Lansing
- 3.) January 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.- State Bar of Michigan in Lansing
- 4.) March 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.- University Club in East Lansing
- 5.) April 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.- Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing
- 6.) July 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.- location to be determined

### **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 budget and increase the amount of programming that can be undertaken by the YLS. Additionally, the Section 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 any cost to our members reasonable to increase the amount of participation that we see from section 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 Seminars for the 2010-2011 Bar Year:**

Speak EZ: October 14, 2010 at Cooley Law School. Acclaimed speaker and author Donna Marie presents a seminar to young lawyers to improve their public speaking skills and conquer their fears about public speaking.

Platinum in the Profession: October 22, 2010 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Detroit. A star studded affair highlighting African-American leadership in the law. Presenters and panelists share their dynamic experiences and keynote speaker, Professor Michelle Alexander, discusses hot topics pertaining to ethnicity and the law.

YLS Council Retreat: October 23, 2010 at Soaring Eagle Hotel and Casino in Mt. Pleasant. New and old council members gather to review YLS policies and strategize programming and goals for the upcoming year.

ABA Touch 10,000 Networking Event: November 11, 2010 in Birmingham. Networking mixer event that welcomed new attorneys to the practice of law and provides information on how to get involved with the State Bar of Michigan YLS and the ABA Young Lawyers Division.

Wills For Heroes: November 13, 2010 in Big Rapids, Michigan. Young Lawyers travel across the state to provide basic wills for emergency responders in the city of Big Rapids.

Intro To Practicing Law in Washtenaw County: December 2, 2010 at Washtenaw County Circuit Court. Award winning basic skills seminar for new lawyers and lawyers new to practice in the Washtenaw County area with a networking reception to follow the panel discussion and tour.

Federal Bar Association New Lawyers Seminar: December 8, 2010 at the Federal Courthouse in Detroit. The YLS is highlighted at this extensive two day seminar when the YLS Chair opens the second day of the seminar and discusses opportunities for new lawyers to get involved.

Lansing Holiday Networking Event: December 10, 2010 in Lansing. Co-sponsoring a holiday networking event in downtown Lansing with the Lansing Black Lawyers Association and the Ingham County Bar Association Young Lawyers to increase involvement and participation in the Lansing area.

Charity Event for Hope Center of Macomb: December 14, 2010 at the Jury Room in Mt. Clemens. Holiday party with raffle and auction items to raise money for charity.

Holiday Dinners:

Pontiac on December 18, 2010

Detroit on December 19, 2010

Flint on December 21, 2010

Kalamazoo on February 12, 2011

Martin Luther King Panel Discussion and Essay Competition: January 17, 2011 at Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills in honor of Equal Access to Justice Day. A well organized breakfast and program that revolved around the theme "Access to Justice: Diversifying the Dream" and the mission of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and featured student essay winners.

Do/Don't Seminar for Young Lawyers: February 5, 2011 in Lansing to provide education and helpful hints for attorneys starting their practice.

Interview Workshop: February 26, 2011 in Lansing and co-sponsored with the Lansing Black Lawyers Association to provide practical advice for landing your first job in the legal field

MLK Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition: March 5, 2011 at Wayne State University in Detroit. Annual program jointly organized by several bar associations to allow area high school students the opportunity to compete and showcase their advocacy talents.

"Dinner and a Movie": March 22, 2011 in Macomb County. YLS joins many sponsors who support this worthwhile charity event and several council members attend to support mediation facility in Macomb and honor award recipients before attending a movie of their choice at the theatre that hosts the event year after year.

CASAR Fundraising event: March 24, 2011 in Macomb County. YLS council member assists in coordinating this event and creating an auction to raise funds for the Warren Drug Court.

Bowling Challenge- YLS v. BOC: April 8, 2011 at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing. The tradition continues this year as the YLS Council challenges the Board of Commissioners to a friendly competition to interact with the leaders of the SBM and raise money for Access to Justice.

Supreme Court Swearing In Ceremony: April 18, 2011 in Washington, DC. Past Chair, Chris Christenson, organizes an opportunity for a select group of YLS members to attend a swearing in ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court. Spaces were limited but open to all members of the YLS.

Networking Stroll: April 28, 2011 in Birmingham, MI. The wildly popular event returned this year allowing 70 young attorneys to meet, mingle and network in some of the most popular restaurants in downtown Birmingham. Networking was encouraged through games that were planned at each location and prizes were awarded to some of the most outgoing attendees.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual YLS Summit: May 20-22, 2011 in Grand Rapids. A weekend of activities centered at the Amway Grand Hotel in Downtown Grand Rapids. Featuring networking activities and a host of wonderful speakers and panelists that presented on topics from real property to business law to writing skills and criminal sentencing guidelines. Elizabeth Jolliffe spoke during the opening session on ways to build a new lawyers practice and Supreme Court Justice, Brian K. Zahra, discussed jury reform in his keynote address during lunch. The Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award was presented to Michael St. John during a moving dinner in the Gerald Ford Ballroom of the hotel. The event takes six months of planning and participation from all YLS Council members. This year's conference had over 100 attendees and was truly a success for the Young Lawyers Section.

ABA Young Lawyer Division conferences:

State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers were represented at the ABA YLD Fall and Spring Conferences in Sante Fe, New Mexico and Las Vegas, Nevada.

The SBM YLS also sent a full panel of delegates to vote on behalf of the State of Michigan at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Atlanta, GA and we anticipate that we will send another full group of voting delegates to the Annual Meeting in August in Toronto.

We also have the following programs budgeted and publicized for June:

Think Fast! Boot Camp for Lawyers at Go Comedy Improv Theater in Ferndale

Social Skills Series- Pool Night in Ann Arbor

Instant Connection Seminar featuring June Kenney to help young lawyers understand and read how to effectively communicate with others

**Legislative Issues:**

The YLS did not weigh in on any formal legislative issues during this bar year.

**Recommendations for Next Council:**

Continue to utilize the Retreat as a planning tool to map out the upcoming bar year and get to know council members. Encourage each council member to plan at least one program during the bar year and to support other council members and their programs. Communicating with our general membership is key to getting new people involved in the organization. We need to



continue to improve our outreach by utilizing new committees on council and making publicity of the section a priority through effective use of our listserv, our award winning newsletter, our Facebook page and our SBM webpage.

**Other information:**

A highly motivated Bylaw Committee was assembled this year to review the YLS bylaws, which have not been revisited since 2000. We anticipate approving several bylaw amendments at our July council meeting and will be publicizing the proposed changes in accordance with proper procedure to amend our bylaws.

Please feel free to contact me if any additional information or documentation is needed.

Sincerely yours,

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