

# STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

**Bar Year: 2008**

**Section Name:** Administrative Law

**Mission Statement:** The Administrative 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.

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Christopher L. LaGrand	2010		
Vacancy	2010		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

The Section held its annual meeting at the same time as the State Bar of Michigan (SBM) Annual Meeting in September 2007. The Section Council met almost every month during this past year at the State Room at the MSU Kellogg Center. Meeting agendas covered a host of issues, including: legislative and court rule review referrals from the SBM; event planning; newsletter; special presentations. Meetings also provided a forum for the exchange of views and a dialogue between Council members with varying types of legal practice experience. Secretary Richard Patterson is thanked for his short and concise minutes, which eventually will be posted on the website.

**General Budget Information:** The Section is solvent with reserves in excess of \$20,000. The services provided by Treasurer Josh Ard were appreciated with respect to budget monitoring activities.

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**Events and/or Seminars:**

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

Using SBM meeting planning resources, and through the efforts of council member volunteers, especially event chair Bob Kehres, the Section arranged for and hosted the three members of the Michigan Public Service Commission, and PSC administrative law judges, at a May 7, 2008 luncheon at the University Club of MSU. The luncheon was quite successful with near 100 persons in attendance.

Plans are currently well underway for a practice tips event at the September 2008 Annual Meeting in Dearborn. Chair-elect Mark Burzych has made arrangements for what should be an educational event and distinguished panelists representing practitioners

**Legislative issues:** Nothing contemplated or pending on which the Council will take a position at this time.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue with plans to offer meaning programs and events for the benefit of the Section membership and others interested in administrative law. The Council should continue the publication of the Section newsletter. The renewal of this member benefit this year was largely due to the efforts of editor Jack Dempsey and council member Kim Breitmeyer.

**Other Information:** The Section Council took the opportunity to approve the filing of an *amicus curiae* in *SBC Michigan v Michigan Public Service Commission*, Supreme Court No's: 134493 & 134500 about the issue of what deference a court should give to an agency interpretation of a statute.

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

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