

**American Indian Law Section  
State Bar of Michigan  
Friday, September 19, 1997**

*Welcome*

Ron Douglas welcomed all to the American Indian Law Section meeting. He gave brief introduction to the section, including that it has completed its first two years. He shared with those in attendance the importance that the Council has placed on educating general practitioners on practicing law within our Sovereign Nations. He stressed the accomplishments of the section over the past year, as well as future goals, highlighting the following:

*AILS Newsletter*

This first edition of the AILS Newsletter went out to over a 200 person mailing list. Our goal for the next year is to distribute the Newsletter on a semi-annual basis.

A special thanks to Donna Budnick and Barry Levine for their dedication to making this publication a success!

*AILS Webpage*

Our webpage can be accessed through the State Bar of Michigan site. It currently features the Newsletter. Our goal is to notify readers of important happenings in Indian Country, as well as upcoming events. Keep your eyes out for information on the Federal Indian Bar Association!

*Committees*

The AILS wishes to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the legal issues of Native peoples by presenting an annual award. Please consider nominating someone who has impressed you with his/her devotion to legal issues affecting Indian country.

*State Bar*

In general, the Council has found the State Bar of Michigan to be supportive of our endeavors. Our goal for the coming years is to get the Bar to take a favorable position to American Indians on legal issues involving our Sovereign Nations and the state.

*Treasurer's Report*

The treasurer reported that we have approximately \$2,000.00 in our account, after expenses for the conference.

*Other Announcements*

Cooley Law School will be hosting an American Indian Law Seminar on Tuesday, November 4 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Check the website for details, or call Melissa Pope at (517) 373-8332.

*Elections*

The floor was opened for nominations. Current and out-going members shared with those in attendance the gratification that they have felt in being a part of the American Indian Law Section. One of the goals for the next years with regard to the Council is to hold meetings via conference call in order to have more frequent interaction among the Council, in particular keeping up to date on important issues facing Native communities.

The following individuals were nominated as follows:

Chair	James A. Keedy
Chair-Elect	Donna Budnick
Secretary/Treasurer	Tom Sylvia
Council Person	Sheila Gaskell
Council Person	Bruce havens
Council Person	Barry Levine
Council Person	Breanda Quick

Jacqueline Hand made a motion to accept the ticket as is. Hansen Clarke seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The current council for the American Indian Law Section of the Michigan State Bar is as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Chair	James A. Keedy	1999
Chair-Elect	Donna Budnick	1999
Secretary/Treasurer	Tom Sylvia	1999
Council Person	Hansen Clark	1998
Council Person	Dawn Duncan	1998
Council Person	Sheila Gaskell	1999
Council Person	Jacqueline Hand	1998
Council Person	Bruce Havens	1999
Council Person	Nelson Karre	1998
Council Person	Barry Levine	1999
Council Person	Kenneth Passage	1998
Council Person	Brenda Quick	1999
Student Representative	Melissa Pope	1998

Congratulations to the New Officers!

*Minutes approved on March 27, 1998*