

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT
SECTIONS**

Introduction

The Annual Report is a key document required by the State Bar of Michigan as stated in its bylaws, cited below. An annual report assists future Section leaders in understanding the Section's history, and serves as a planning guideline for the upcoming year. Annual Reports are also the main source for those who are interested in joining to section to learn about the activities of the section and decide whether membership is of value to them. Each annual report is published on the Section's website, provided as a resource to the public and potential Section members, as well as to Bar staff. The annual reports are submitted to the Board of Commissioners at their July meeting, published in the Agenda. In addition to the required general summary of activities, many sections choose to include additional material in their reports.

Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

Additional Materials

Many sections provide more information in their annual reports than a general summary of activities. The second page of this document is a comprehensive list of other valuable materials that may or may not be included in an annual report, with additional guidelines for the section's consideration. This is not a list of required items for an annual report, simply a thorough list of information that is often of interest to the public, section members, the Commissioners, and Bar staff. If desired, the list may be used as a basic guideline for an annual report.

Templates

The final pages in this document are a simple template, which may be altered to the section's needs. The template attempts to break down the bylaw requirement of "summary of its activities" into a few generalized categories. It is not required that a section utilize the template.

Submission

All annual reports should be submitted by May 31, 2009. They should be submitted to:

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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: 2008

Section Name: Animal Law

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 Rose Stern	503 Mall Ct Ste 333 Lansing, MI 48912	(517) 402- 3748	arstern@ymail.com
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Secretary	Jennifer Pierce	2 Crocker Blvd Ste 202 Mount Clemens, MI 48043	(586) 764- 7059	pierce333@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer	Beatrice Friedlander	49651 Shenandoah Cir., Canton, MI 48187	(734) 451-9950	beefriedlander@yahoo.com

Member	Term	Member	Term
Donald R. Garlit	Expires 2009	MaryAnn Kolzowski	Expires 2011
Pamela Amato	Expires 2009	Denise N. Massey	Expires 2011
David J. Wallace	Expires 2009	Kieran Patrick Marion (ex- officio)	
Alice Anna Philips	Expires 2009	Anastasia Niedrich (law student-non voting)	
Brandon Michael Scott	Expires 2010		
Amy C. Slameka	Expires 2010		
Sharon Noll Smith	Expires 2010		
Suzanne Culliton Stephan	Expires 2010		

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
In person annual meeting with Teleconference Technology	September 19, 2008	Annual Meeting – Dearborn SBM: Animal Law Section Business Meeting
In person meeting with Teleconference Technology	December 13, 2008	Lansing (Loomis Law Firm Board Room)
Teleconference	March 6, 2009	
In person meeting with Teleconference Technology	March 20, 2009	MSU Boardroom (MSU College of Law)
Teleconference	May 15, 2009	
Next Meeting In person meeting with Teleconference Technology	September 18, 2009	Annual Meeting – Dearborn SBM: Animal Law Section Business Meeting

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 May 31, 2009 (the most recent report available), the section fund balance was \$14,586, which is an increase of approximately \$3,200 over the balance at the beginning of the year (October 1, 2008). The major expenses are those for the Symposium (offset in part by income from modest fees charged to those attending), the newsletter and the three awards the Section gives annually. We have approximately 165 members.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Symposium	March 20, 2009	MSU College of Law
Wanda Nash Award Ceremony	November 20, 2008	University of Michigan Law School
Legislative Aide Meet and Greet Reception and Lunch	November 18, 2008	State Bar Building
Brandi Award to Reps. Byrnes, Espinoza and Bieda	October 23, 2008	Lansing, MI
Sadie Award to Melissa Tucker, at the annual meeting	September 19, 2008	Dearborn, MI

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Legislative issues:

Supported: HB 4741 (Bieda) Family law; personal protection orders; prohibition against harming animals owned by petitioner; include in personal protection order. Amends sec. 2950 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.2950).

Supported: HB 4742 (Bieda) Crimes; domestic violence; penalties for killing or torturing animal in perpetration of domestic violence; increase. Amends sec. 50b of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.50b).

Supported: HB 4263 (Jones) A bill to amend 1919 PA 339, entitled "Dog law of 1919," (MCL 287.261 to 287.290) by adding section 19c.

Supported: HB 4803 (Miller) Animals; other; methods of use for euthanizing animals; clarify. Amends 1919 PA 339 (MCL 287.261 - 287.290) by adding sec. 19c.

Supported: HB 4663 (Espinoza) Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; dealers or research facilities using dogs and cats for certain purposes; clarify regulation. Amends secs. 1, 8 & 9 of 1969 PA 224 (MCL 287.381 et seq.) & repeals sec. 15 of 1969 PA 224 (MCL 287.395).

Opposed: HB 5127 (Simpson) A bill to amend 1988 PA 466, entitled "Animal industry act," (MCL 287.701 to 287.745) by adding section 8a.

Opposed: HB 5128 (Simpson) A bill to amend 1988 PA 466, entitled "Animal industry act," by amending section 3 (MCL 287.703), as amended by 2002 PA 458, and by adding section 7a.

Recommendations for next Council:

- Seek collaboration with other sections on legislation; programs; symposia;
- Involve more section members in activities;
- Recognizing 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 newly formed Litigation Committee.

Other Information:

- **Published two newsletters**
- **Testified at House/Senate Committee hearings**
- **Involved law students in council activities (as non voting members)**
- **Letter to Montcalm County Commissioners** expressing concern about the composition of a committee formed to study the issue of humane changes to the county animal shelter, in that two members had a financial interest in the issue.
- **Amicus Brief, P v Henderson and Mercier**, Michigan Court of Appeals #285677, 285678 and 285773, re intent requirement in animal torture statute; Court cited with approval Section brief in its decision.
- **Assisted various Michigan residents with legal issues involving animals**, via our "Animal Legal Lifeline."

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Presented three awards: Brandi Award (for legislator, prosecutor or other member of the legal system who made a positive impact on animal law); **Sadie Award** (for member of general public whose actions assisted animals); and the **Wanda Nash Award** (for the Michigan law student who contributed most to animal law, as selected by law professors. The award is named in honor and memory of the Section's first Chair).

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