

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

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.

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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.”