

**SECTION DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 3, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

N/A

2. Council Approval

N/A

3. Membership

N/A

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

Member Database. The member database continues to be updated annually. The database includes information regarding all members, such as name, contact information, type of practice (from surveys sent to the Section), and certain administrative data. The database provides a wealth of information regarding the Section's members and all Committees and Directors are encouraged to make full use of it in connection with future projects.

5. Meetings and Programs

Outstate Meetings. A meeting was held on May 24, 2006 to discuss development efforts. Mark High, Roger Mali, Ed Lukas, Justin Peruski and Tim Damschroder attended the meeting. It was decided that the Section would hold a session for networking and presentation of one topic (possibly from the Boot Camp series or the LLC Update Program) in Holland/Kalamazoo, Bay City/Saginaw/Midland, and Traverse City. A point person agreed to lead organization of each session. It was agreed that the programs would be held in late summer or early fall.

Business Boot Camp I (second round). The 9-session Business Boot Camp program concluded in May. A cocktail reception was held after the last program in Grand Rapids and Royal Oak. Planning is underway for Business Boot Camp II (second round) to begin Fall, 2006.

Scholarship Award. The Section's Third Annual Scholarship Award program has concluded. The Section received 9 entries. This year's winner is Uwe Dauss of Wayne State University Law School who won with a submission entitled "Stay or Proceed: What Effect Does an Arbitrability Appeal Have on the Proceedings in the Lower Court". Mr. Dauss will be presented with a \$2,500 check at the Mid-Year Meeting in June and his article will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Business Law Journal*.

6. Publications

N/A

7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments

N/A

8. Miscellaneous

N/A

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