

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2007-2008

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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Donald Garlit	2009		
Alice Anna Phillips	2009		
David Wallace	2009		
Brandon Scott	2010		
Sharon Smith	2010		
Amy Slameka	2010		
Suzanne Stephan	2010		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
In-Person	September 2007	SBM Annual Meeting
Teleconference	October 2007	n/a
In-Person	December 2007	SBM Headquarters
Teleconference	February 2008	n/a
In-Person	April 2008	ALS Symposium, MSUCoL
Teleconference	July 2008	n/a

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General Budget Information: Updated details will be updated at our July meeting and published to the section in the next newsletter (to be published in July). As of last Treasurer’s Report, the Section had \$10,164.02 on hand, with expenses pending for newsletter publication and planning of the Annual Symposium.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
2008 Animal Law Symposium	April 11, 2008	MSU College of Law
2007 Legislative Aide Luncheon	November 14, 2007	SBM Headquarters

Legislative issues: The Animal Law Section has taken a formal position of support on four pieces of legislation during the 2007-2008 session, including HB 5598, HB 5263, HB 4139, and SB 350. Public Policy Reports have been submitted to the State Bar and are available on the Section’s website. The section also hosted its fourth annual Legislative Aide Reception at the State Bar’s headquarters; the reception is aimed at making the legislative community aware of the section and its members as a resource for animal related legal issues as they arise during legislative session.

Recommendations for next Council: Our current Council will have a good amount of overlap, and thus, hopefully, continuity with the upcoming Council. The past several years have seen continuous growth and development in the Section’s Committee work, and we have high hopes for the new Litigation Committee to continue this exciting tradition. The Council should maintain an ongoing focus on continued recruitment of quality Council members and development of opportunities for Section members to become involved with our activities.

Other Information: The Section was very pleased to award the first annual Wanda Nash Award, given to a law student who demonstrates exemplary commitment to the field of animal law. The Award was given to Ms. Elizabeth Livorine of Wayne State University.