

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Bar Year: 2008-2009

Section Name: Consumer Law Section

Mission Statement: The Consumer Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, website, public service programs, and publication of 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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Meeting Schedule:

Meetings are held bi-monthly

November 12, 2008	10:00 AM at the State Bar Building, Lansing
January 13, 2009	10:00 AM at the State Bar Building, Lansing
March 19, 2009	10:00 AM at the State Bar Building, Lansing
May 14, 2009	10:00 AM at the State Bar Building, Lansing
July 14, 2009	10:00 AM at the State Bar Building, Lansing
September 17, 2009	2:00 PM Annual Meeting Hyatt in Dearborn Election and Presentation of Awards

Events and/or Seminars:

Sept 17, 2009 Speaker: Paul Bland, Public Justice, Consumer Arbitration Update

Issued the landmark report to the citizens of Michigan: **CONSUMERS AT RISK: Are Most of Michigan=s Worst Business Practices Exempt From Our Consumer Protection Act? A report of the State Bar of Michigan Consumer Law Section**, by Gary M. Victor, Gary M. Maveal, and Fredrick L. Miller.

Legislative Issues:

Continued support for foreclosure legislation with many members testifying at legislative hearings on the proposed legislation, led by Lorray S. C. Brown and Fredrick L. Miller

Supported bills introduced in the legislature which would amend the Michigan Consumer Protection Act to address issues raised by *Smith v Globe Life* and *Liss v Lewiston-Richards, Inc.*, to again make it a viable act in Michigan, to protect consumers.

Recommendation for Next Council:

Continue to work to pass legislation on Predatory Lending, Foreclosure and the MCPA.

Develop a program for consumer education on issues of interest, for the public.

Other Information:

Elections for the Consumer law Section Council will be held at the Annual Meeting September 17, 2009, at the State Bar Annual Meeting being held in Dearborn, Michigan.