

Annual Report - Elder Law and Advocacy Section  
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In 2003-2004, the Elder Law and Advocacy Section activities focused largely on legislation and education.

The Section retained a lobbying firm, Capital Services, to keep track of developments in the State budget that would impact the elderly and their attorneys. Section lobbying efforts have focused most intensely on defeating efforts to introduce an "estate recovery" program. These efforts included meetings with key lawmakers and members of the Granholm administration, as well as working with other organizations interested in this issue.

The Section enjoyed near-perfect weather at a tremendously successful Fall education program held in September 2003 on Mackinaw Island. Another very successful one-day education program was conducted by the Section in March, 2004. The Spring Program was held at the M.S.U. Management Center in Troy. This year's upcoming annual meeting will be held October 7-9, 2004, at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord.