

May 31, 2005

Via E-mail

Ms. Susan M. McMann
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Re: SBOM Bylaws – Article VIII, Section 1

Dear Susan:

The Latin American Bar Section met during the annual meeting that took place last fall. Only three members attended the meeting and there was one non-member that stopped by and showed some interest regarding the Section. During the meeting there was discussion regarding the lack of interest in the Section and whether it merits to consider terminating the existence of the Section. This idea was not accepted by the members attending; however, these people have shown no interest in taking leadership positions.

As the past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of Michigan and current member, I brought to the attention of the Association whether there is interest from members of the Association to become involved in the Latin American Bar Section. This inquiry was tabled and no final decision was taken. Some of the members of the Hispanic Bar Association feel that there is no real purpose or need of the Latin American Bar Section. Some other comments are whether this Section has any purpose or provides for the needs of the community or the membership.

The concerns as to volunteering in LABAS is whether volunteering would take too much time of their practices. The members of the Section do not mind paying the membership fees; however, they cannot find the time nor are they willing to put in the effort to make the Section work.

I have proposed one last mailing which would include an informal survey inquiring as to interest and willingness to work and volunteer in leadership positions in this Section.