

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: May 31, 2008 to May 31, 2009

Section Name: Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

Mission Statement:

Issues arising out of insurance contracts and indemnity agreements affect a broad range of practice areas. In addition, insurance is a regulated industry, and state and federal regulations present specialized questions. The membership of the Insurance and Indemnity Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan consists of those who have expertise in this area of practice, as well as those whose expertise lies in other practice areas that are affected by insurance and indemnity issues. The mission of the Section is to provide a forum for an exchange of information, views and expertise from all perspectives on both insurance coverage issues and indemnity issues, and to provide information and assistance to other persons or organizations on matters relating to insurance and indemnity. Membership is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of the State Bar of Michigan.

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	July 15, 2008	Southfield
Council Meeting	September 3, 2008	Southfield
Council Meeting	November 12, 2008	Lansing
Council Meeting	January 27, 2009	Caledonia
Council Meeting	April 21, 2009	Southfield
Special Council Meeting	May 27, 2009	Lansing

General Budget Information:

The principal expense of the Section is the production and distribution of the quarterly publication, the *Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law*, which is sent to members of the judiciary and the legislative and executive branches, as well as to members

The principal source of revenue at this time is membership dues. We also have some additional revenue from advertisements in the *Journal*.

Events and/or Seminars:

At our annual meeting in 2008, we presented two speakers, one of whom addressed issues of coverage and the other addressed regulatory issues.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
“Insights from Insiders”	September 19, 2008	Dearborn

Legislative issues: None identified.

Recommendations for next Council:

Work on expanding membership through networking with other sections and groups, and explore associate membership categories for persons who are not members of the State Bar of Michigan

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Other Information:

We continue to publish our quarterly *Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law*, and in addition to mailing copies to all members, we have also mailed copies to state circuit court and appellate judges, federal trial court judges, the chairperson of every other State Bar section, and some non-lawyer groups.

We are working toward establishing cooperative efforts with other sections, and have also made preliminary contact with other groups whose members might be interested in joining the Section.

Our membership has continued to grow steadily, and has passed 350.

We have received two requests for amicus curiae assistance, one from another State Bar Section and one from the Michigan Supreme Court.

Reports must be submitted before May 31 of each year, to:

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