

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT  
SECTIONS**

**Introduction**

The Annual Report is a key document required by the State Bar of Michigan as stated in its bylaws, cited below. An annual report assists future Section leaders in understanding the Section's history, and serves as a planning guideline for the upcoming year. Annual Reports are also the main source for those who are interested in joining to section to learn about the activities of the section and decide whether membership is of value to them. Each annual report is published on the Section's website, provided as a resource to the public and potential Section members, as well as to Bar staff. The annual reports are submitted to the Board of Commissioners at their July meeting. In addition to the required general summary of activities, many sections choose to include additional material in their reports.

***Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan***

*Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.*

**Additional Materials**

Many sections provide more information in their annual reports than a general summary of activities. The second page of this document is a comprehensive list of other valuable materials that may or may not be included in an annual report, with additional guidelines for the section's consideration. This is not a list of required items for an annual report, simply a thorough list of information that is often of interest to the public, section members, the Commissioners, and Bar staff. If desired, the list may be used as a basic guideline for an annual report.

**Templates**

The final pages in this document are a simple template, which may be altered to the section's needs. The template attempts to break down the bylaw requirement of "summary of its activities" into a few generalized categories. It is not required that a section utilize the template.

**Submission**

All annual reports should be submitted by May 31, 2011. They should be submitted to:

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ANNUAL REPORT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

**SECTION NAME:** Have there been any changes in the section name? Details provided may be interesting to the public and other readers.

**SECTION MISSION STATEMENT:** A Sections' mission statement is a critical description of the goals the Section sets for the whole of its' membership. Including the statement in an Annual Report serves as a yardstick by which to measure progress.

**OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Including P#s accurately identifies officers and the council.

**SECTION COMMITTEES:** Descriptions of the various committees provides a clearer picture of a section's work, especially if the name of the chairperson and description of Committee activities are included. Including meeting schedules allows potential future volunteers for Committee work to better understand the frequency with which the committee meets.

**SECTION MEMBERSHIP:** Section membership fluctuates from year to year. Tracking the membership numbers at a set time of year, such as the Annual Report Deadline, can provide a good picture of changes in the Section membership.

**SECTION BYLAWS:** Awareness of Bylaws changes can be critical for understanding a Section's operation. Including the most recent revision date of the Bylaws will allow readers familiar with the Bylaws to ensure they have the most current version at hand. Additionally, if there are any forthcoming changes, this is a good opportunity to summarize plans briefly.

**SECTION PUBLICATIONS:** Some of the most frequent questions for Sections are in regard to publications the Section has produced. Providing a list including publication information for journals, newsletters and other publications creates a valuable resource.

**MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS:** This is critical information for the Annual Report. Describing meetings, activities and seminars can be detailed, or brief. Suggestions for information to include are the date, location, and a minimum of one paragraph describing the event.

**SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY:** The Section's involvement in legislature, policy, or *amicus curiae* is a matter of great interest, many questions are asked regarding the Sections involvement in such. A brief description of any such involvement is requested, as this falls under the heading of section activities.

**AWARDS:** Many Sections present awards, honors, or scholarships. The Annual Report is another opportunity to laud the recipients, as well as detail any awards presented to the Section itself. A description of the history of the award, or why the award is given, is useful.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Section finances vary from simple to complex. A brief statement of general budget information would be very appropriate to include in any Annual Report, or a reprinting of an annual Treasurer's report if the Section feel it is necessary.

**FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:** Because the Annual Report is often used as a resource for future planning, and is viewed by members of the public who may be considering membership in the Section, a brief description of future goals and activities is recommended. This may also serve as a recommendation to the next Council.

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**Bar Year: 2010-2011**

**Section Name:** International Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The International Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information, and analysis about the field of international law through meetings, seminars, the Section's website, public service programs, and publication of the *Michigan International Lawyer*.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Cameron S. DeLong	Warner Norcross & Judd LLP 900 Fifth Third Center 111 Lyon Street, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487	(616) 752- 2155	cdelong@wnj.com
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Member	Term	Law Student Member	Term
Michael E. Domanski	2011	Nick Hawatmeh	2011
Andrew H. Thorson	2011	Sam Saif	2011
Linda J. Armstrong	2011	Quinten A. Smith	2011
Debra Auerbach Clephane	2012	Timothy Kaufman	2011
Tricia Lynn Roelofs	2012	Julia Papastavridis	2011
Silvia M. Kleer	2012		
Gregory H. Fox	2013		
David B. Guenther	2013		
Eve C. Lerman	2013		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual	September 23, 2010	Fairlane Club-Dearborn, MI
Regular	November 16, 2010	Ginopolis on the Grill Farmington Hills, MI
Regular	January 18, 2011	Skyline Club Southfield, MI
Regular	March 23, 2011	Black Finn Restaurant Royal Oak, MI
Regular	May 18, 2011	Butzel Long Detroit, MI
Annual	September 15, 2011	SBM Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency-Dearborn, MI

**General Budget Information:** As of the seven months ending April 30, 2011, the Section reported revenues of \$12,315.00 and expenses of \$9,499.80 with a fund balance of \$24,339.18.

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**Committees:**

- International Business and Tax: co-chairs Michael Domanski, partner of Honigman and Colleen Freeburg, Tax Counsel of GM International
- Emerging Nations: chair Richard Goetz, partner of Dykema Gossett PLLC
- International Employment Law and Immigration: chair Debra Auerbach Clephane, partner of Vercruysse Murray & Calzone
- International Human Rights: Andrew Moore, Associate Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
- International Trade Committee: Christina Carey Howard, Chief of Export Compliance, General Motors and Aaron Ogletree

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum. The Section also provides networking opportunities for its members at each of its seminars and programs.

The Section planned or sponsored the following programs and seminars this past year:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
How International Trade Will Bring Michigan New Jobs and Business Opportunities	September 23, 2010	Fairlane Club-Dearborn, MI
How To Develop A Globalized Legal Practice- David A. Steiger, author of ABA published best seller, <i>The Globalized Lawyer</i>		
Michigan's Role In The Global Economy- Dr. Robert A. Dye, Vice President and Chief Economist of PNC Bank		
Opportunities for Growth in Bioenergy, Wind, Solar, Battery and Water Technologies- Gil Pezza, Director of the Water Technology Initiative of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation		
Outbound Opportunities for Michigan Businesses- Eve Lerman, International Trade		

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Specialist, U.S. Commercial Service		
Preparing for and Responding to International Investigations- Ashish Joshi, Lorandos Joshi, P.C.	November 16, 2010	Ginopolis on the Grill Farmington Hills, MI
Expanding Business Into Mexico and Brazil-Timothy Finerty, Shareholder, Clayton McKervey, P.C.  Immigration Overview-Linda Armstrong, Shareholder, Butzel Long P.C.	January 18, 2011	Skyline Club Southfield, MI
Sponsor: Nuts & Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration	April 14, 2011	UDM Law School Detroit, Michigan
Compliance With Export Control Laws- Christina Carey Howard, Chief of Export Compliance, General Motors	May 18, 2011	Butzel Long Detroit, MI

**Legislative issues:** None at this time

**Recommendations for next Council:** Will be reviewed and recommendations to be made by International Law Section Nominating Committee

**Other Information:** The Section publishes the *Michigan International Lawyer* approximately three times a year with assistance from Wayne State University School of Law. The mission of the *Michigan International Lawyer* is to enhance and contribute to the public's knowledge of world law and trade with articles of contemporary international law topics and issues of general interest. The journal is mailed to all Section members and is also available on the Section's website at [michbar.org/international](http://michbar.org/international).

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