



Section Annual Reports

2009-2010

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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Administrative and Regulatory Law

Mission Statement: The Administrative Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a 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

Officers and Council Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Michael J. Watza	One Woodward, 24th Floor, Detroit, MI	(313) 965- 7986	Mike.watza@kitch.com
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Member	Term	Member	Term
Stephen Gobbo		Christopher LaGrande	
Richard Aaron		Jon Christinidis	
Timothy Lundgren		Michael Matheson	
Kristin Smith		Gary Gordon	

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Executive Council Meeting	3/3/09	Lansing, MI

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Executive Committee Meeting	5/13/09	Lansing, MI
Annual Business Meeting	9/16/09	Dearborn, MI
Executive Council Meeting Luncheon - MI Department of Environmental Quality	10/27/09	Lansing, MI
Executive Council Meeting	11/18/09	Lansing, MI
Executive Council Meeting	1/13/10	Lansing, MI
Executive Council Meeting Luncheon - Liquor Control Commission	3/3/10	Lansing, MI
Executive Council Meeting	4/14/10	Lansing, MI
Executive Council Meeting - MPSC Luncheon	5/19/10	Lansing, MI
Executive Council Meeting	6/9/10	Lansing, MI

General Budget Information:

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location

Legislative issues:

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Recommendations for next Council: Continue monthly meetings and events. Consider a new survey re member interests.

Other Information:

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2010 to:

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11/6/2009	67,879	MODERN FIRM	TMG2120	\$40.00		Nov 09	
12/3/2009	68,495	MODERN FIRM	TMG2320	\$40.00		Dec 09	
1/8/2010	69,491	MODERN FIRM	TMG 2551	\$40.00		Jan 10	
2/5/2010	70,061	MODERN FIRM	TMG-2768	\$40.00		Feb 10	
3/5/2010	70,597	MODERN FIRM	TMG-2968	\$40.00		Mar 10	
4/2/2010	71,129	MODERN FIRM	TMG-3180	\$40.00		Apr 10	
5/7/2010	71,786	MODERN FIRM	TMG3383	\$40.00		May 10	
Totals:				\$320.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$320.00
1-9-99-125-1276				Meetings			
				\$0.00			
10/23/2009	68,172			\$75.00		E Blast Ad Law Mtg 11/18/09	
11/13/2009	68,024	WATZA,MICHAE	10-27-09 ADM	\$245.38		10-27-09 Admin Law Mtg	
1/22/2010	69,798	WATZA,MICHAE	01-13-10 ADM	\$186.22		01-13-10 Admin Law Mtg	
4/23/2010	71,603	PATTERSON,RI	04-14-10 ADM	\$293.04		04-14-10 Admin Law Mtg	
Totals:				\$799.64	\$0.00	\$799.64	\$799.64
1-9-99-125-1283				Seminars			
				\$0.00			
10/31/2009	68,152			\$61.01		October 2009 Docutech Printing	
10/31/2009	68,158			\$207.68		October 2009 Permit 191 Postag	
11/19/2009	68,595			\$68.60		SBM Staff Asst/Badges Seminar	
11/20/2009	68,210	A&E PRINTERS	91120	\$151.58		Admn Law Registration Form	
12/11/2009	68,761	KELLOGG HOTE	53249	\$1,203.00		11-18-09 Administrative Law Se	
2/28/2010	70,568			\$122.44		2/10 Docutech Print Jobs	
3/3/2010	71,390			\$62.55		SBM Staff Asst/Badges	
3/31/2010	71,095			\$125.00		E Blast - Lunch w/MI Public Se	
3/31/2010	71,237			\$112.72		3/10 Docutech Printing Expense	
4/2/2010	71,156	KELLOGG HOTE	55265	\$883.00		03-04-10 Admin Law Seminar	
4/16/2010	71,437	A&E PRINTERS	100229	\$151.25		03-10 Ad Law Reg Form	
5/12/2010	72,448			\$75.00		Bench Bar Conf E Blast	
5/19/2010	72,560			\$194.60		SBM Staff Asst/Badges Luncheon	
5/31/2010	72,336			\$201.52		Permit 191 Postage	
Totals:				\$3,619.95	\$0.00	\$3,619.95	\$3,619.95
1-9-99-125-1833				Newsletter			
				\$0.00			
11/30/2009	68,604			\$166.00		11/09 Docutech Printing	
2/28/2010	70,553			\$117.80		2/10 Permit 191 Postage Exp	
2/28/2010	70,568			\$206.00		2/10 Docutech Print Jobs	
3/19/2010	70,925	A&E PRINTERS	100132	\$180.63		Administrative Law Newsletter	
5/31/2010	72,479			\$206.00		May 2010 Docutech Printing	
Totals:				\$876.43	\$0.00	\$876.43	\$876.43
1-9-99-125-1868				Postage			
				\$0.00			
10/31/2009	68,188			\$2.29		Meter Postage Expense	
11/30/2009	68,561			\$12.61		11/09 Postage Expense	
12/30/2009	69,265	UNITED PARCE	458677519	\$4.84		12-14-09 to 12-18-09 Shipping	

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 DETAILED TRIAL BALANCE FOR 2010
 General Ledger

Account	Beginning Balance	Account Description	Dist. Reference					
Trx Date	JE#	Vendor ID	Document#	Debit	Credit	Net Change	Ending Balance	
1/31/2010	69,980			\$5.15		Meter Postage Expense		
2/28/2010	70,537			\$8.78		Meter Postage Expense		
3/31/2010	71,119			\$201.52		3/10 Permit 191 Postage		
3/31/2010	71,241			\$5.73		Meter Postage Expense		
4/30/2010	71,911			\$19.48		Meter Postage Expense		
5/31/2010	72,405			\$7.64		Meter Postage Expense		
Totals:				\$268.04	\$0.00	\$268.04	\$268.04	
1-9-99-125-1987		Miscellaneous						
		\$0.00						
2/16/2010	70,406			\$75.00		Ad Law E Blast		
2/26/2010	70,535			\$75.00		Ad Law E Blast		
5/13/2010	72,445			\$75.00		Ad Law E Blast		
Totals:				\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	
Grand Totals:				\$0.00	\$6,109.06	\$0.00	\$6,109.06	\$6,109.06
Total Accounts:		6						

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State Bar of Michigan
Administrative Law Section
For the Eight Months Ending May 31, 2010

	<u>Current Activity</u> <u>May</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>May</u>
Revenue:		
1-7-99-125-1050 Administrative Law Section Dues	20.00	8,320.00
1-7-99-125-1055 Admin Law Student/Affil Dues		83.00
1-7-99-125-1125 Seminar Income	355.00	4,065.00
Total Revenue	<u>375.00</u>	<u>12,468.00</u>
Expenses:		
1-9-99-125-1145 ListServ	40.00	320.00
1-9-99-125-1276 Meetings		799.64
1-9-99-125-1283 Seminars	471.12	3,619.95
1-9-99-125-1833 Newsletter	206.00	876.43
1-9-99-125-1868 Postage	7.64	268.04
1-9-99-125-1987 Miscellaneous	75.00	225.00
Total Expenses	<u>799.76</u>	<u>6,109.06</u>
Net Income	(424.76)	6,358.94
Beginning Fund Balance:		
1-5-00-125-0001 Fund Bal-Administrative Law		34,697.74
Total Beginning Fund Balance		<u>34,697.74</u>
Ending Fund Balance	(424.76)	41,056.68

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION
OF THE MICHIGAN STATE BAR
2009-2010**

In 2009-2010, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section continued providing leadership in the dispute resolution field through the work of its Council and Action Teams. The ADR Section's mission, as well as its current schedule of Action Teams, may be found on its web page on the State Bar web site <http://www.michbar.org>.

ADR Section Council

The Council has continued activities consistent with its strategic plan. Initiatives in 2009-2010 included calling upon Elizabeth Lyon, State Bar of Michigan Director of Governmental Relations, to assist the Council in a half-day retreat to review the Council's ability to serve both the State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan Legislature as a resource for ADR. Ms. Lyon provided meaningful advice which is currently being implemented to enhance the Council's access and position as an authority on alternative dispute resolution practices. The ADR Council also established specific policies in 2009 to enhance collaboration with other ADR providers, and to specifically establish criteria in which the ADR Section can sponsor alternative dispute initiatives. A major focus of the ADR Council in 2009-2010 also included the coordination of an ADR issue of the State Bar Journal scheduled for July 2010. The ADR Council also has offered its assistance to the Judicial Crossroads Task Force of the State Bar of Michigan in recognition that access to arbitration and mediation will be an ever-increasing priority as an alternative to litigation and access to the courts for all persons in Michigan.

The business of the Action Teams during the past year has included the following:

Access Team

The Access Team worked throughout the year to increase access of attorneys, courts, and the public to ADR generally, and to specifically increase diversity within the ADR profession, including access to ADR by low income disputants. In addition, the Access Team has been the primary liaison to the State Bar of Michigan's Judicial Crossroads Task Force, and Judge Cynthia Stephens and Nina Abrams have placed considerable time and energy in assisting the task force in the role that ADR plays in the future of the practice of law in the State of Michigan. The Access Team has also discussed better coordination and enhancement of web site access links to ADR. Its latest initiative includes development of an enhanced public relations program which can properly market the benefits of arbitration and mediation to all persons and courts throughout the State of Michigan.

Effective Policies and Practices Team

In early 2009, the EPP Team, chaired by Bill Weber, spurred the ADR Council to retain assistance from a Lansing lobbying firm in an effort to influence pending foreclosure litigation to

include ADR processes prior to initiation of litigation. In addition, EPP has spent considerable time this year in support of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, and past ADR Council Chair Mary Bedikian authored a white paper in support of adoption of the RUAA by the State Bar of Michigan.

Higher Education Team

The Higher Education Team focused on reaching law students in all Michigan law schools to make them more aware of the importance of ADR. With the assistance of the Student Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, question and answer sessions were conducted on several law school campuses, and included a brief panel discussion by active ADR practitioners and ADR Council members. The Higher Education Team also worked with the Annual Meeting Team to coordinate this year's annual meeting of the ADR Section to occur at the Oakland County Campus of Cooley Law School in October. The ADR Section continues to offer a scholarship for attendance at the Section's annual meeting for one student from each law school located in the state for the specific purpose of introducing a new lawyer to the ADR Section and providing a free educational opportunity in ADR.

Judicial Access Team

Several years ago, JAT prepared a PowerPoint presentation and went on the road to present its program to local bar associations throughout the State of Michigan. JAT was instrumental in simulating a mediation for the Michigan Municipal League conference held in Kalamazoo in 2009, and has created enhanced distribution of a bench book on ADR principles originally prepared for judges, but being circulated to the entire State Bar at the annual meeting of the State Bar of Michigan in September 2010.

Membership Team

The Membership Team increased its outreach by actively marketing membership in the ADR Section at the Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute training program conducted by ICLE in March 2010. Through the efforts of Donna Craig, an active list of new members joining the Section throughout the year receive a welcome correspondence from the Chair and a personal invitation to actively participate in action team activities. The Membership Team also coordinates a pro rata Section dues structure for new members of the Section who join after January 1st of each year.

Nominating Team

The Nominating Team generated recommendations to the ADR Council for recipients for its Distinguished Service Award and the Nancy S. Klein Award. This team also recommended candidates for election to the ADR Council for the upcoming year.

Publications Team

The Publications Team continues to edit and publish the Section's quarterly newsletter, both in hard copy and for electronic distribution. It also managed the Section's "announcement only" ListServ, publishing items of interest to Section members, as well as serving to monitor

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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.

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: American Indian Law Section

Mission Statement: The American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a 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

Officers and Council Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Ezekiel J.N. Fletcher (P70214)	112 E. Allegan Street, Suite 600, Lansing, MI 49833	(517) 367-7040	zletcher@rosettela.com
Chair-Elect	Melissa L. Pope (P55328)	PO Box 7004, Rochester Hills, MI 48307	(313) 909-3634	Melissa@tri.org
Secretary-Treasurer	Angela Kay Sherigan (61654)	Shelby Township, MI	(586) 822-4220	nwlacouncil@aol.com

Member	Term	Member	Term
Stanette J. Amy (P55260)	9/30/2010	Donna L. Budnick (P44291)	9/30/2011
Ronald G. Douglas (P36498)	9/30/2010	Sally Lee Foley (P22947)	9/30/2011
Thomas R. Myers (P58522)	9/30/2010	James A. Keedy (P27699)	9/30/2011
		John F. Petoskey (P41499)	9/30/2011
		Kristin A. Stone (P64755)	9/30/2011
		Matthew L.M. Fletcher (P61593)	9/30/2011

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual	September 2009	Dearborn
General	December 2009	Telephonic
General	January 2010	Telephonic

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General Budget Information: Total Income Year to Date (All of May 31, 2010) \$3,274.44;
Expenses Year to Date \$240.00, Ending Fund Balance \$16,291.87

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location

Legislative issues: At the request of the Michigan Supreme Court, the American Indian Law Section submitted an Amicus Brief in coordination with the MSU College of Law Indigenous Law & Policy Center and Michigan Indian Legal Services, in the matter of *In re Lee*, regarding legal interpretations of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Recommendations for next Council: Annual Donation to Michigan Indian Legal Services of \$500 generall made at Annual Meeting

Other Information: The American Indian Law Section worked with the editors and staff at the Michigan Bar Journal to publish and to coordiate the submission of the February 2009 issue of the MBJ which was dedicated to articles regarding several different issues relating to American Indian Law in Michigan.

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Animal Law Section

Mission Statement: The Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a 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.

Officers and Council Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
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Treasurer	Donald Garlit	49651 Shenandoah Cir Canton, MI 48187	(734) 451-9950	donaldgarlit@yahoo.com

Member	Term
Brandon Scott	Ending 2010
Amy C. Slameka	Ending 2010
Sharon Noll Smith	Ending 2010
Suzanne Stephan	Ending 2010
Mary Ann Kozlowski	Ending 2011
Denise Noble	Ending 2011
Pamela Amato	Ending 2012
Richard C. Angelo, Jr.	Ending 2012
Beatrice Friedlander	Ending 2012
Margo Miller	Ending 2012

Council Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
In person annual meeting with Teleconference Technology	September 18, 2009	Annual Meeting – Dearborn SBM: Animal Law Section Business Meeting

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In Person meeting with Teleconference Technology	December 5, 2009	State Bar of Michigan building
Teleconference	January 12, 2010	
Teleconference	April 16, 2010	
Next Teleconference	July 9, 2010	

General Budget Information: The Section’s financial status is healthy and strong. The Council receives periodic updates and is aware of the expenditures. As of May 31, 2010 (the most recent report available), the section fund balance was \$13,613.40.

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Symposium	March 5, 2010	MSU College of Law
Wanda Nash Award Ceremony	December 5, 2009	State Bar of Michigan building
Legislative Aide Meet and Greet Reception and Lunch	November 17, 2009	State Bar of Michigan building

Legislative issues: The Animal Law Section has taken a formal position on twelve pieces of legislation during the 2009-2010 session, including HB 4263, HB 4570, HB 4663, HB 4803, HB 5127, HB 5128, HB 5655, HB 5656, HB 5762, HB 6042, HB 6043, and SB 1013. Public Policy Reports have been submitted to the State Bar and are available on the Section’s website. The section also hosted its sixth annual Legislative Aide Reception at the State Bar’s headquarters; the reception is aimed at making the legislative community aware of the section and its members as a resource for animal related legal issues as they arise during legislative session.

Recommendations for next Council:

- Seek collaboration with other sections on legislation; programs; symposia;
- Involve more section members in activities;
- Recognize the contribution the Section can make in terms of legal analysis, continue and expand legislative committee, including additional work with legislators in drafting bills, testifying at committee meetings and involvement with other interested parties in the process; and
- Encourage the development of the Prosecutor and Litigation Committee.

Other Information:

- Published newsletters
- Testified at House/Senate Committee hearings
- Assisted various Michigan residents with legal issues involving animals, via our “Animal Legal Lifeline.”

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Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Antitrust, Franchising, and Trade Regulation

Mission Statement:

Officers and Council Members:

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Secretary	Howard Lederman	Norman Yatooma & Associates 219 Elm Street Birmingham, MI 48009	248-642-3600	lederman@normanyatooma.com
Treasurer	David Janis	Kerr Russell & Weber, PLC 500 Woodward Ave., Ste. 2500 Detroit, MI 48226	313-961-0200	drj@krwlaw.com
Publications	Justin Hakala	Morgan & Meyers 3200 Greenfield Rd. ste 260 Dearborn, MI 48120	3131-961-0130	jhakala@morganmeyers.com
Immediate Past Chair	Frederick R. Juckniess	Miller Canfield, Paddock & Stone PLC 101 N. Main Fl. 7 Ann Arbor, MI 48104	734-668-7798	Juckniess@millercanfield.com

Council Members	Term ending	
Mitch Rapp	2010	
David Grand	2010	
Stuart Bordman	2010	
Robert Wierenga	2010	
James Adams	2011	
Atleen Kaur	2011	
Paul Novak	2011	
Fred Herrman	2011	
Craig Essenmacher	2012	
Brock Swartzle	2012	
Kimerly Kefalas	2012	
Pahl Zinn	2012	

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Student-- John Schroder		
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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	September 18, 2009	Annual Meeting-Dearborn
Council Meeting	October 13, 2009	Special meeting by phone
Council Meeting	October 23, 2009	Kerr, Russell-Detroit
Council Meeting	December, 4, 2009	By phone
Council Meeting	January 8, 2010	MPSC- Lansing
Council Meeting	February 12, 2010,	Madden Hauser- Detroit
Council Meeting	March 26, 2010	Miller Canfield- Ann Arbor
Council Meeting	May 7, 2010	Kerr, Russell & Weber- Detroit
Council Meeting	June 25, 2010 (scheduled)	Milberg LLP- Detroit

General Budget Information: The Section currently has approximately \$25,000.

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Section Social Event-The informant	November 12, 2009	Birmingham
Section Fall Social Event	December 8, 2009	Roast- Detroit
Section Spring Social Event	May 13, 2009	U of M art Museum- Ann Arbor
Section Fall Webinar-MLS Antitrust	October 2009	Web only
Section Fall Franchising Seminar	November 2009	Novi
Section Spring Seminar	May 19, 2010	University Club-MSU-Lansing

Legislative issues: Internal review and analysis of proposed legislation for tax on legal services.

Recommendations for next Council: Maintain focus on connecting the membership, raising the visibility of the section, and providing educational seminars.

Other Information: The Section participated in the Great Lakes Antitrust Seminar in Columbus Ohio in connection with several other state bars. The Section has also planned a joint seminar on civil procedure in class actions with the Ontario Bar Association.

Awards: No awards were issued.

Publications: The Section issued several Newsletters, including original articles.

Bylaws: The Section has proposed bylaw amendments which will be distributed and voted on prior to the annual meeting.

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

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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: ACES – Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports

Mission Statement: The Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the state bar website, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to all members 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
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General Budget Information:

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Hensel Award & ACES meeting	October 23, 2009	Birmingham Community House
ACES meeting & Holiday Party	December 15, 2009	PI restaurant
ACES meeting	January 21, 2010	Ringside Creative
Grand Rapids Artist Seminar	April 3, 2010	DeVos Center
Legal Aspects of Using Day-to-Day Technologies & ACES meeting	April 15, 2020	Miller Canfield law office
ICLE Seminar: Movie Making in Michigan	June 3, 2010	ICLE Plymouth location
Detroit Windsor International Film Festival	June 26, 2010	Wayne State University

Legislative issues: There were no changes to the Bylaws. The Bylaws were last amended on September 14, 2001. There are no plans to amend the Bylaws at this time.

Recommendations for next Council: Continue to inform attorneys about ACES related topics that will arise due to the growing film and entertainment activity in Michigan.

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Bar Year: 2009/2010

Section Name: Business Law Section

Mission Statement: See Attached

Officers and Council Members: See Attached

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting of Members	9-24-09	Novi, Michigan
Annual Meeting of Council	9-24-09	Novi, Michigan
Council Meeting	12-5-09	Detroit, Michigan
Council Meeting	3-18-10	Lansing, Michigan
Council Meeting	5-21-10	Grand Rapids, Michigan

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General Budget Information: See December 2009 Treasurer's Report at <http://www.michbar.org/business/>.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
See E-Newsletter Calendar detail at http://www.michbar.org/business/		

Legislative issues: The Council voted in May to continue to support the Debtor/Creditor Rights Section's proposed amendments to the personal judgment exemptions previously approved in 2007. The Section has also supported other legislation as that has been called to our attention by the State Bar Governmental Relations Section.

Recommendations for next Council:

See <http://www.michbar.org/business/> for additional Section Information, including: Past Business Law Journal publications; copies of all of the Section's past E-Newsletters, which include calendar events detailing Committee Meetings as well as other Section events. The Section webpage also includes historical Section information, including all information attached to this Annual Report.

Other Information: In the 2009/2010 year, the Section updated its Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. See the attached copy of the updated document that was approved at the May 21, 2010 Council meeting.

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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
BUSINESS LAW SECTION**

**STRATEGIC PLAN AND DIRECTIVES
(JUNE 2010 UPDATE)**

INTRODUCTION

This 2010 update of the Business Law Section Strategic Plan has been prepared by an ad hoc committee of the Council of the Business Law Section (the "Section") of the State Bar of Michigan comprised of Tania E. (Dee Dee) Fuller (2010 Council Chair), Michael Khoury (former Council Chair), Judy B. Calton (Council member), J. Bryan Williams (Section member), Roger Mali (Section member), Heather Brigolin, (Section member), Mark Peters (Section member), Jeff Van Winkle (Council member), Justin Peruski (Section member), and Timothy Damschroder (former Council Chair).

The purposes of the Strategic Plan are First, to articulate the mission statement of the Business Law Section, to set forth strategic goals designed to fulfill this mission statement and to describe specific objectives (and project metrics) for action that will assist in achieving each of these strategic goals and second, to set forth the policies and procedures for administration of the Section's finances and operations. The mission statement (including strategic goals and objectives) of the Section and the administrative policies and procedures of the Council should be regularly monitored and updated at least every five years. This Strategic Plan must remain a dynamic document, and that progress of the Council in accomplishing the tasks set out in this plan should be communicated to the Section membership, as appropriate, via the Section website, the Section's Annual Meeting and *The Michigan Business Law Journal*.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Business Law Section is to foster the highest quality of professionalism and practice in business law and to enhance the legislative and regulatory environment for conducting business in Michigan. To fulfill this mission, the Section shall: (1) expand the resources of business lawyers by providing educational, networking and mentoring opportunities; (2) review and promote improvements to Michigan's business legislation and regulations; and (3) provide a forum to facilitate service and commitment and to promote ethical conduct and collegiality within the practice.

ARTICLE I

MISSION: EXPAND RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

The strategic goals of the Section that are intended to assist in achieving this mission include:

1. Goal: Provide a regularly-published high-quality written communication to Section members.

Objective: Continue support for the Michigan Business Law Journal, and explore opportunities for cost reduction.

Our *Journal* is the Business Law Section's publication, and is delivered without additional charge to all Section members via U.S. mail three times each year. The Section has a contract with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) that extends through June 2013 for ICLE to coordinate, proof, and supervise the publication. Currently, for each issue, approximately 3,500 copies of the *Journal* are produced, and all but ten or fifteen copies are mailed to Section members. We will strive to maintain the *Journal* as a regularly-published, high-quality periodical providing useful information and discussion to Section members. Publication of the *Journal* is coordinated by the Publications Director of the Section. The *Journal* is presently published on the Business Law Section's website within two weeks of being sent to the printer in a searchable PDF format and is normally available on line before members receive their copy by mail. Effective in 2010 and thereafter, the Section Administrator will send the link to the *Journal* on the Business Law Section webpage via email to all Section members at the time the *Journal* is mailed. We will endeavor to obtain from the State Bar mailing preference information from Business Law Section members so that we can discontinue sending print copies to members who want the *Journal* only in email format, and not in print.

Measurable Outcomes: The Section Administrator should work with the State Bar to obtain a paper copy mailing list of members from membership application data to avoid the printing and mailing costs for members not wanting paper copies.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$8,250 per issue for printing and mailing. If the *Journal* is published three times each year, the printing and mailing cost is approximately \$25,000 per year and approximately \$26,000 per year for the ICLE contract, or \$51,000 per year in total.

2. Goal: Continue to hold the Business Law Institute.

Objective: The Programs Directorship, in coordination with ICLE, will continue to plan and hold a Spring Business Law Institute to provide presentations on timely and useful business law topics, as well as networking and social opportunities, to Section members.

Since 1996, the Section has conducted the Business Law Institute (previously called the "Mid-Year Meeting") in conjunction with ICLE. Under this arrangement, ICLE is responsible for assisting in the organization of the Institute, publicity via flyers, e-mail and other means, contracting for conference facilities and supervising on-site administration of the Institute. Under the Section's current arrangement, ICLE is paid a fee for its services (while ICLE incurs the upfront costs of the Institute, those costs are passed through to the Section). The Section's arrangement with ICLE should be periodically reviewed to ensure that the Institute continues to meet the expectations of the Council and Section members, and to assure that the Section retains control of the content of the Institute presentations and ancillary activities.

Section members attending the Institute pay a fee to help cover the cost of the Institute. Institute sponsors are also solicited by members of the Programs Directorship.

Each year the Institute is held in the spring (currently, in early/mid May), commencing on Friday. The seminar program runs Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. A reception and dinner/social activity is held Friday evening to which all attendees are invited. The Institute continues to provide a valuable service to Section members, and the Programs Directorship should review and evaluate all of the elements of the Institute (location, timing, format, content, etc.) on an ongoing basis, and periodically report to the Council any changes they believe are advisable.

Measurable Outcomes: The Programs Directorship should keep the Council apprised of Institute attendance and evaluations of the Institute received from attendees, timely advise the Council of the proposed content of upcoming Institutes, and make recommendations to the Council regarding any changes to the elements of the Institute it deems advisable.

Estimated Cost: Institute cost to the Section of approximately \$6,400 per year (average annual registration and sponsorship revenue over the past five years of approximately \$32,600, minus average total expenses of approximately \$39,000).

3. Goal: Continue to sponsor programs for continuing legal education within the Section and Committees.

Objective: Present continuing legal education programs via a means that is accessible to Section members.

The Section will sponsor continuing legal education for Section members, and other interested persons, as part of its efforts to enhance the quality of practice of business law in Michigan. Section members have indicated that educational programs, particularly subject specific seminars, are very important resources that are provided by the Section. While individual members of the Section have long been involved in continuing legal education and seminars, the opportunity exists to further enhance the level of such continuing legal education, as well as the structure and accessibility of seminars.

In light of the high value placed by the members of the Section on the substance of continuing legal education programs, Section committee chairs should actively seek to increase the number of continuing legal education programs that are offered via media that does not require Section members to incur substantial travel cost or time, such as via webinars or teleconference. At least once a year, each committee should provide its members with an educational program by doing one or more of the following: (1) hold a seminar open to committee members and others, including webinars; (2) hold educational sessions at committee meetings; (3) provide e-mail alerts on important issues; (4) provide written communications to committee members to discuss upcoming or recent legislation or case law of interest; and/or (5) organize group discussions on issues.

Technical support is available through the use of the Section's teleconference line and third party vendors that provide webinar and similar functionality. There are a variety of capabilities currently available with additional methods coming in the future.

Measurable Outcomes: Section committee chairs should hold at least one yearly continuing legal education program, which may include in person meetings or methods that do not require travel, such as through a teleconference, webinar, program broadcast available on demand or other accessible technology. Chairs should continue to seek out opportunities for continuing legal education programs in their subject area to enhance this highly-valued service to Section members, and be cognizant of presenting these programs via a means that is most accessible and beneficial to the members.

Estimated Cost: Variable, depending upon the type of, and attendance at, continuing legal education programs. Council will work with the State Bar of Michigan, ICLE and third party vendors to coordinate the most cost effective means to offer continuing legal education programs through these means.

4. Goal: Address Substantive Legal Issues for Committee Members.

Objective: Hold regular committee meetings.

Section members have indicated that substantive law committees are important to them. To serve our members with their strong interest in committee activities, it is important that the committees regularly communicate with their members and hold meetings. It is recommended that each committee meet at least two times a year, although one meeting per year is acceptable. While in-person meetings are preferred, conference calls, virtual meetings or web-based conferences can also serve as meetings. Each meeting should be publicized to Section members in the monthly e-newsletter, and on the Section's website. It should also be publicized on the committee listserv (if a committee listserv is available) or by e-mail, telephone or other methods as appropriate. If at all feasible, in-person meetings should include arrangements for members to participate by telephone.

Measurable Outcomes: Each committee should hold meetings at least once a year. Failure to hold at least one meeting each year will be a factor in determining whether committee leaders retain leadership positions; and (2) committee chairs must report on committee meetings in their committee reports to the Council.

Estimated Costs: The budgets for committees which do not presently hold meetings will be increased to cover meeting expenses, but costs for social programs will decrease. Thus there should be no overall change in the aggregate Section budget.

5. Goal: Promote Committee Involvement.

Objective: Make committees more responsive to members.

There have been complaints that Section members from time to time express an interest in getting involved in committees but do not know how to do that, or receive no response when they contact committee leadership about information or participation.

To correct this perceived lack of responsiveness, each committee shall be required to designate a contact person for prospective members. To expand committee participation, committees are encouraged to designate someone other than one of their chairpersons as the

contact person but a chairperson may be the contact person. The contact person list shall be maintained by the Section Administrator. The contact person's name, address, telephone number and e-mail address shall be:

- a) posted on each committee's page on the State Bar of Michigan website;
- b) included in the list of Committees and Directorships of the Business Law Section which is published in each issue of the Michigan Business Law Journal;
- c) available as a hand-out at Business Law Section and committee events; and
- d) included in Business Law Section and committee published materials such as seminar outlines.

The contact person for prospective members shall be responsible for responding to member inquiries and reporting to the committee chairpersons about the contacts received and responses made.

Measurable Outcomes: The contact list will be maintained and distributed so prospective members know who to contact. The committee chairpersons will be informed of contacts and responses

Estimated Costs: There should be no cost, or any cost would be minimal.

ARTICLE II

MISSION: PROMOTE IMPROVED BUSINESS-RELATED LAWS, LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

The strategic goal that is intended to assist in achieving this mission is:

1. Goal:

(A) Monitor and raise awareness of laws or developments in laws that affect Michigan businesses and, when appropriate, to make recommendations for updates and improvements;

(B) provide assistance to appropriate state government personnel with respect to business-related legislation and rule making;

(C) as appropriate, provide amicus curie briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts, and

(D) educate Michigan businesses, their owners and employees about changes to Michigan's laws in order to maintain Michigan's ability to attract and retain new business enterprises and enable existing businesses to remain competitive.

Objective: Committees should monitor legal developments related to their substantive area, undertake efforts to improve and update business-related legislation and report not less than annually to the Council. The Section and its Committees should liaise with appropriate (i) departments in State government, (ii) businesses and (iii) trade associations on legal developments.

The Section frequently reviews and assists in drafting proposed legislation. Some of this legislation may be viewed as critical to the maintenance of a progressive scheme of business regulation and to maintain the competitiveness of the State as a place to do business. Examples include amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act, the Michigan Limited Liability Company Act or the Michigan Uniform Securities Act. In these situations, the Section may determine it to be in the best interests of its members and Michigan businesses to engage lobbying assistance to educate legislators regarding the issues presented by the legislation and to urge its adoption or rejection. In addition, the Section should be cognizant of and be prepared to comment on and facilitate the adoption of appropriate business-related uniform state laws promulgated through the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) to keep these statutes current with contemporary legal trends and theory. The Section and the appropriate substantive Committees should also establish liaison relationships with Michigan NCCUSL representatives involved with uniform laws affecting business.

Michigan generally does not regulate business-to-business commerce. In the instances that it does, the Section can play a role in developing rules and regulations, based on the collective expertise of members who deal with specialized practice areas. As the Section becomes aware of matters that have impacted or would impact business in Michigan, including the owners, officers, directors and employees of these businesses, an appropriate Committee Chair should take actions to facilitate communication with governmental personnel and trade and similar groups and make known to them that the resources of the Section are available to assist in rule-making.

The Section has been honored to be asked by the Michigan Supreme Court to file *amicus curie* briefs on business-related legal issues being faced by the courts, and should continue to weigh in on these issues, when appropriate.

Measurable Outcomes: (1) Committee Chairs will provide in their reports to the Section an update on laws or developments in the law and efforts undertaken with other organizations or governmental personnel related to those developments. (2) If a Committee Chair determines that it is appropriate to make recommendations to affect a particular outcome in the law, it will make such recommendations in its report to the Section. The Vice Chair of the Section will assist Section Committees, if requested, with these liaison efforts as appropriate. (3) If the Section determines that action should be taken, the Section will determine how to efficiently allocate resources to bring the recommendation to a person or persons who can influence the desired outcome.

Estimated Cost: Most efforts require no additional funding outside of the normal activities of the Committees. If exceptional action is necessary to promote legislative changes, the cost to engage lobbying assistance may be authorized on a case by case basis.

ARTICLE III

MISSION: SECTION ADMINISTRATION

It is appropriate to regularly review matters relating to Section governance and administration, including the Section's governing documents, and the roles of officers, Council members, past Section chairs, committee chairs and directors. Management of the human resources available to the Section is important to the effective and efficient functioning of the Section. In addition, the Section maintains a sense of fiscal responsibility and continues to operate within the constraints of its budgeted annual revenues from Section dues.

The strategic goals that are intended to assist in achieving this mission include:

1. *Goal: Maintain the involvement of the Section Administrator at an appropriate level.*

Objective: Monitor the activities of the Section Administrator to periodically re-define the scope of the Administrator's duties

The Section has hired a part-time Section Administrator who is involved in planning Council and Section meetings and administration for the Council, Committees and Directors. The Section Administrator has provided continuity in Section administration, which is otherwise somewhat hampered by the fact that officers serve in each office for terms of only one year, resulting in a new learning curve annually. The Section Administrator also has an historical perspective on the development of Section policies and activities.

Currently the Section Administrator's activities consist principally of the following: (a) providing assistance in planning meetings; (b) scheduling facilities and services for meetings; (c) assisting Committee Chairs and Directors in planning seminars and events sponsored by the Section; (d) taking meeting notes and preparing Minutes of Section and Council meetings for review by the Section Secretary; (e) interfacing with the State Bar's "webmaster" to add content to the Section's Internet website; (f) assisting officers, Council members, Committee Chairs and Directors with special projects; and (g) organizing and updating Section materials (including the Section listservs, and social media pages). The Section Administrator should be encouraged to expand the scope of her or his activities consistent with the goals set forth in this Plan, and the Section Administrator, the Council and the Section officers should seek ways in which the increased use of the Section Administrator can accelerate the accomplishment of the goals set forth in this Plan.

In addition to the activities set forth above, the Section Administrator could assist the Section's Executive Committee in screening the myriad of matters presented to the Section's leadership, which range from preparing short summaries of upcoming events for publication to requests for use of the Section mailing list. These matters could be pre-screened and presented to the officers or, under instruction from the officers, so the Section Administrator can address them. Additional activities for the Section Administrator will likely arise and the Section should encourage the continued and expanded use of the Section Administrator to standardize activities where possible. The standardization of regular activities of the Section and its Council will lead to greater consistency and efficiency.

Measurable Outcomes: The Chair of the Council shall meet periodically with the Administrator to evaluate the demands on her or his time and devise strategies for efficient utilization of the Administrator's talents.

Estimated Cost: The Administrator's compensation is less than \$10,000 per year, plus reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with the performance of his/her duties.

2. Goal: Continue support for the "Access to Justice" Fund of State Bar.

Objective: Continue an annual \$5,000 contribution.

For many years, the Section has been a significant supporter of the Access to Justice Fund. The Section itself has made a contribution of \$5,000 each fiscal year and has further encouraged its Section members to participate in the Access to Justice Campaign. The Access to Justice Fund provides support to a variety of neighborhood and area-wide legal resource programs and projects to make affordable legal services available to the citizens of Michigan. The Section's contribution is provided to the Access to Justice Fund - Community Legal Resources Program, as its purpose is most consistent with the Mission of the Business Law Section. As an organization which has at its very roots the pursuit and encouragement of justice, continued support of the Access to Justice Fund is worthwhile and should continue to be a part of the Section's planning and activities.

Measurable Outcomes: The Treasurer of the Council shall confirm that the \$5,000 contribution is made each fiscal year and that such funds are allocated to the Community Legal Resources Program.

Estimated Cost: \$5,000.

3. Goal: Identify the optimum utilization of Council officers and directors.

Objective: Evaluate periodically the proper functions for Council officers, directors and liaisons.

The Council's officers, the various directors (Program, Legislative Review, Publication, Development, Nominating and Technology), and liaisons devote substantial time and effort to Section matters. All officers, directors, and liaisons are expected to attend Council meetings on a regular basis. Officers pass through a typical rotation over a four-year period, serving first as Treasurer, second as Secretary, third as Vice Chair and finally as Chairperson. The Treasurer, Secretary and Chairperson all have fairly well-defined roles; the Vice Chair has historically had no specific duties other than to serve in the absence of the Chairperson. The Chairperson has historically dealt with a substantial amount of administrative detail, such as delegating the review of proposed litigation, fielding requests for information about the Section, responding to requests to send announcements to Section members, complying with reporting requirements to the State Bar, planning Council meetings and overseeing the functioning of the various committees. These duties limit the amount of time the Chairperson can devote to substantive policy matters.

In order to free up the Chairperson to permit him or her to focus on strategic policy matters, the Vice-Chair should serve as a liaison with the Committees and persons outside the Section on

legal development matters. The various directors of the Section should also have clearly defined roles and responsibilities.

Measurable Outcomes: The Chairperson and other officers shall jointly prepare, and periodically review, job descriptions for each of the Council's officers, directors and liaisons, taking into account the various responsibilities that each of these persons has been assigned in this Strategic Plan.

Estimated Cost: None.

4. Goal: *Define a role for past Chairs who would like to continue to be involved with the Council.*

Objective: Solicit past Chairpersons to determine their interest in assuming a role in Section administration; host an annual leadership dinner in the fall of each year after the annual meeting to which all current Council members and past Chairpersons are invited.

The Section has an impressive roster of past Chairpersons, comprising some of the best business lawyers in the State and the region. Traditionally, the Chairperson resigns from the Council at the time they complete their term as Chairperson. Some remain involved with Section committees, but many cease to have any further involvement with the Section. The executive committee should encourage past Chairpersons to participate in Section matters by creating participation opportunities that require a smaller time commitment than that required of Council members or committee chairs. The executive committee should work with past Chairpersons to assign special or *ad hoc* tasks either directly or through *ad hoc* committees. In addition, the executive committee should consider using the talents of past Chairpersons as directors or co-directors of the Council. The Section should also invite Past Chairpersons to attend the functions put on by the Council at the end of each "boot camp" for younger lawyers.

Measurable Outcomes: The executive committee should regularly survey the past Chairpersons to determine their interest in continuing with Section administration or specific projects.

Estimated Cost: None.

5. Goal: *Establish policies for designating committee chairpersons and evaluating their performance.*

Objective: Annually evaluate committee chairs to ensure that those who do not perform adequately will not continue to serve simply because of Council inaction or inattention.

The Section has been fortunate to have a group of many talented and dedicated committee chairs heading its committees. Much of the most important work of the Section is achieved by its committees, which are generally defined by substantive law emphasis (e.g., UCC Committee, Regulation of Securities Committee, Nonprofit Corporation Committee, etc.). Once a committee chair has been designated, however, the appointment normally lasts until that persons resigns. Even the most effective committee chairs should be encouraged to search for new members for their committees and to plan their own succession. Committee chairs are expected to attend

Council meetings on a regular basis and are also asked to comment in their annual reports to Council on their plans regarding succession. The Executive Committee is ultimately responsible for ensuring that each Committee is active and that each Committee has effective leadership.

Measurable Outcomes: Request a report from each Committee Chairperson regarding the committee's goals and objectives for the next 12 to 24 months, and its needs for additional support from the Section, if any.

Estimated Cost: None.

ARTICLE IV

MISSION: FACILITATE SERVICE AND COMMITMENT AND PROMOTE ETHICAL CONDUCT AND COLLEGIALITY

The strategic goals that are intended to assist in achieving this mission include:

1. Goal: Encourage member participation generally.

Objective: Host special events such as a golf outing, museum event or social event in conjunction with educational programs.

Special events afford participants an opportunity to converse with other members of the Section and Council members on a more in-depth and personal basis. However, social events, by themselves, may not provide adequate incentive for participation by members of the Section and have historically yielded low turn-out. The Development Directorship will propose social events that have the greatest benefit to the Section for the cost incurred, which shall be held in conjunction with educational programs sponsored by the Section, ICLE and/or other bar associations. When evaluating possible events, the Development Directorship should take into consideration the need to broaden the diversity of the Section membership and leadership (Council members) to the greatest extent possible.

Measurable Outcomes: Hold at least two events annually.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$1,500 (\$750 per event).

2. Goal: Increase participation by attorneys from locations other than metropolitan Detroit and Grand Rapids.

Objective: Conduct educational and/or panel discussions on selected topics in Lansing, Kalamazoo, Traverse City and the Saginaw-Midland-Bay City regions.

Council members, Committee Chairs, Council Directors and Council Officers currently consist primarily of practitioners from the metropolitan areas of Detroit and Grand Rapids. We recognize that the membership of the Section includes practitioners throughout Michigan, and wishes to have broader participation from geographic areas other than primarily from metropolitan Detroit and Grand Rapids. The Section should increase efforts to minimize any obstacles now in place that may hinder participation from Section members located in cities

other than metropolitan Detroit and Grand Rapids, and the Section should make efforts to hold more programs in cities other than metropolitan Detroit and Grand Rapids.

Measurable Outcomes: (1) The Development Directorship will coordinate with attorneys and bar associations from selected areas outside of the metropolitan Detroit and Grand Rapids regions to develop and host educational seminars, panel discussions and similar events. The Section will solicit local bar associations to co-sponsor such events and will use both the Section's and the local bar association's data bases for solicitation and invitation purposes. Co-sponsor at least two outreach events outside of metropolitan Detroit and Grand Rapids annually.

(2) The Development Directorship will examine cooperating with other Sections of the State Bar that already have substantial participation from practitioners from these areas, particularly the tax, real property and probate/estate planning groups.

(3) Add at least one additional Council member annually who is not from metropolitan Detroit or Grand Rapids.

Estimated Cost: \$2,500 (\$1,250 per event) to reimburse for event and travel expenses.

3. Goal: Increase participation by Young Lawyers.

The number of young lawyers (those under 36 or with less than five years of practice experience), who are active in the Section's activities, is below that which is desired. While all Section members are encouraged to become more active in Section activities, the Section should increase its efforts to solicit participation from Young Lawyers. Young persons who get involved with the Section are likely to remain involved throughout their careers. Presenting seminars on topics of interest to younger lawyers is one method of attracting this group to our Section.

A. Objective: Co-Sponsor an event with the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar.

The Young Lawyers' Section events are very well attended by members of the Young Lawyers Section. The Section should look for guidance from the Young Lawyers Section as to the format of the event. Any event would likely include a brief presentation about the Section and its activities and opportunities for involvement in the Section. The Section will offer its resources with respect to providing panel speakers to the Young Lawyers Section, as well as sharing its database to solicit invitations and participation. The Development Directorship will coordinate any such event.

Measurable Outcomes: Hold one jointly-sponsored event every other year with the Young Lawyers Section.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$1,500 per year.

B. Objective: Re-brand and market the business law training series ("Business Boot Camp") to appeal to a larger audience of lawyers beyond young lawyers and associates.

From its inception, the two primary purposes for the Business Boot Camp were to increase young lawyer participation in the Section and allow law firms to outsource associate training by offering a series of seminars on fundamental business law issues. Business Boot Camp is jointly sponsored and organized by the Section and ICLE.

ICLE and the Section had planned to offer Business Boot Camp for 2010-2011 in both the Detroit (Plymouth) and Grand Rapids regions. Based upon current economic conditions, it was decided to survey several of the larger firms, who traditionally register at the firm level for Boot Camp, to gauge such firms' interest in participating in the Boot Camp program for 2010-2011. Many of the firms reported that they would likely send fewer associates to Boot Camp for 2010-2011 than they had sent in past years.

The Section will work with ICLE to re-brand Business Boot Camp to serve as a training program for attorneys, at any stage of their practice, who wish to enhance their business law skills. The Section and ICLE will target young lawyers and associates, as well as experienced lawyers for participation in Business Boot Camp.

Measurable Outcomes: Continue to survey and analyze participation levels for Boot Camp. Offer the Boot Camp program in both the Detroit and Grand Rapids regions with the intention of attracting at least 100 participants.

Estimated Cost: Total cost for the program has been limited to the cost of the closing receptions and gifts to participants; participants (or their firms) pay a fee to attend, and the fee revenue has covered the costs of putting on the training sessions.

4. Goal: Encourage law students to develop an interest in business law and become members of the Section.

Objective: Support the efforts of the Law Schools Committee by participating in panel discussions, attending its social events and encouraging law students to become active in their respective business law societies.

Law students are tomorrow's young lawyers. Reaching out to law students and teaching them about the Section will increase the number of people who join the Section, not only as law students, but also as young lawyers. Young people who get involved with the Section are likely to remain involved throughout their careers. Participating in events held by the Law Schools Committee is one method of attracting law students and younger lawyers to our Section.

Law Schools Committee events are usually well attended by law students. The Law Schools Committee should facilitate the Section's efforts by supporting the business law societies in each of the five law schools located in Michigan. Any event would likely include a brief presentation about the Section and its activities and opportunities for involvement in the Section. The Section will offer its resources with respect to providing panel speakers to the law schools. The Law Schools Committee will coordinate these efforts.

Measurable Outcomes: Hold two social events annually; one in metropolitan Detroit and one in Lansing or Ann Arbor. Support one substantive presentation or panel discussion each academic year in each of the five law schools located in Michigan.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$3,000 annually.

5. **Goal:** *Improve internet and other technology services, and establish social networking pages.*

The Section should encourage use of the internet and technology to better serve our membership. In addition, the Section should establish social networking pages to better communicate with Section members and other lawyers.

A. **Objective:** Establish social networking page(s) with providers such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and/or other social networking sites.

The Development Directorship will establish one or more social networking pages on Facebook and/or LinkedIn. The social networking pages will (1) provide greater opportunities for the Section to communicate with its members, and (2) facilitate sharing of information by and among Section members. It will also promote participation at Section events and will provide marketing opportunities to solicit new members to the Section. The Council should hire a third-party consultant to create and manage the social networking pages.

Measurable Outcomes: Creation of social networking pages on Facebook and/or LinkedIn by April 2010, and maintain regular/weekly updates and posts for the duration of 2010, and annually thereafter.

Estimated Costs: \$300 set-up, and an initial \$50 per week maintenance fee.

B. **Objective:** Enhance the Section's Website to increase usage.

The information available to Section members on this website should be enhanced and members should be educated on the contents of the website and how to use it. The Technology Director and the Section officers should develop a list of materials and information to add to and maintain on the Section's website.

Measurable Outcomes: Regular assessment of the use of the website and each of its component parts on an ongoing basis.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year, plus reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the Webmaster's duties.

6. Goal: Collect information about Section members.

A. Objective: Maintain the Section's listserv information on an ongoing basis for communication with Section members, Committee members, and the members of Section maintained listserv databases, such as the Small Business Forum Database.

Our Section Administrator maintains various listserv databases on behalf of the Section. Such maintenance should continue as needed to communicate with the respective listserv recipients. We should obtain and utilize contact information and data available through the State Bar of Michigan to contact or survey any subset of the members of the Business Law Section. If the requested information is not available through the State Bar of Michigan, we should encourage them to maintain such data on our Section's behalf to avoid unnecessary, or duplication of, effort.

Measurable Outcomes: Maintain listserv data as reasonably requested by Committees, Directorships or the Council.

Estimated Cost: Estimated at less than \$1,000 per year.

B. Objective: Periodically survey existing Members of the Section with respect to Members' interest and participation in Section activities.

The Section should continually gather useful information from Section members to identify areas of interest so that activities can be tailored to meet such interests. The Vice-Chairperson of the Council shall be responsible for creating and disseminating a survey to existing members to measure members' interest levels and participation in Section activities.

Measurable Outcomes: Disseminate a survey electronically to all Section members every 30 months and post data results within a reasonable time after receipt.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$200 per survey when utilizing the services of the State Bar of Michigan to assemble and tabulate the data.

**CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
ANNUAL REPORT
2009-2010**

MISSION STATEMENT: The Children's Law Section Michigan works to strengthen the delivery and enhance the quality of legal services for children through continued education and training, improve the court systems and agencies that serve children's needs through representation of parents and children, and advance the rights of children through changing legislation and policy. We are involved in the court system to represent juvenile offenders and the victims of abuse and neglect and we work to improve the lives of children and families ensuring they all receive justice.

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COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Council meets on the third Thursday of each month at the State Bar of Michigan building. Meetings may be attended either in person or by conference telephone. All section members and guests are invited. A light meal is available to all attendees.

The Annual meeting is also available to all Section members. Held in conjunction with the State Bar Annual meeting each September we review the past year, elect officers and council members and are visited by a guest speaker. Our 2009 speaker was the Honorable Donald S Owens, judge of the Court of Appeals.

SECTION COMMITTEES

The Section has three standing committees:

EDUCATION: The primary function of the committee is the planning and organization of the Annual Spring Conference. The 2010 conference was attended by more than 90 participants involved in all aspects of children's law issues. One of the best conferences ever varying topics of interest were discussed including juvenile competency, juveniles on the sex registry and the outline of a neglect and abuse case among others. This year's conference was held, again, at Zehnders in Frankenmuth. Planning for 2011 is in progress with a change of location being one of the considerations.

LEGISLATIVE: The Children's Section is one of a handful of Bar sections that retains a lobbyist. Bill Kandler of Cusmano, Kandler and Reid represents our efforts to develop new legislation and our attempts to shape legislation pending in both houses of the legislature. The committee is currently involved in and carefully pending legislation regarding juvenile offender competency.

AMICUS: After a very busy 2009, this year has been more of a court watching year for the committee. However, the committee is currently closely watching several cases they may draw the attention of the Section Council.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The section has joined with The Probate Judges Association in raising questions and seeking an opinion regarding the impact of the settlement in *Dwayne B v Granholm* on the courts in Michigan.

Assisted the Court Advisory group in making recommendations re: *Federal Child and Family Services Review Program Improvement Plan*

Completely updated the section website including a new section for *MEMBERS ONLY*

We are working with the State Bar in the production of a print version of the Child Protective Proceeding Bench Book. When completed the book will be available to all practitioners and jurists at cost

Negotiated with the National Association of Counsel for Children for a group rate for our section members

FINANCIAL

The section has been productive for the past year operating solely on the membership dues of its 450+ members.

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
ANNUAL REPORT

Term: 2009-2010

Section Name: Consumer Law Section

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, this site, public service programs, and publication of a 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 16, 2009	10:00 am at the State Bar Building in Lansing
January 14, 2010	10:00 am at the State Bar Building in Lansing
March 11, 2010	10:00 am at the State Bar Building in Lansing
May 13, 2010	10:00 am at the State Bar Building in Lansing
July 7, 2010	10:00 am at the State Bar Building in Lansing
September 30, 2010	2:00 pm Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids

Section Bylaws:

There were no changes in the bylaws this term

Section Publications:

News Letter

State Bar Journal September 2010 Consumer Law issue

Meetings, Activities, and Seminars:

Council meeting every two months
Annual meeting in September at the State Bar Annual Meeting.

Legislative Issues:

Continued support for foreclosure legislation with many members testifying at legislative hearings on the proposed legislation, led by Lorrain 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.

Other Information:

Elections for the Consumer Law Section Council will be held at the Annual Meeting September 30, 2010, at the State Bar Annual Meeting held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**State Bar of Michigan
Criminal Law Section
2009 – 2010 Annual Report**

Mission Statement:

The Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the State Bar website, public service programs, a listserv, and publication of a newsletter. The purposes of the Criminal Law Section are to study criminal law and procedure in Michigan to make recommendations to the State Bar, the Legislature, the Judiciary and the general public concerning improvements to the Criminal Justice System to promote justice and the efficient administration of justice, and to protect the public and individual rights.

Officers and Membership:

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Legislative
Counsel: Bruce Timmons
Newsletter
Editor: Elaine M. Spiliopoulos

Council Meeting Schedule

The Criminal Law Section (“CLS”) meets the second Tuesday of each month at Lexington Hotel, 925 South Creyts Road, Lansing Michigan.

Events and Seminars

At the State Bar Annual Meeting in September 2009, CLS hosted a panel of speakers from around the State to discuss the increasing importance of specialty courts and their costs and benefits to the public and members of the bar.

The annual President's Day Weekend Ski Conference and Seminar was held at the Shanty Creek resort in Bellaire, MI. The topic was Discovery issues in State and Federal Court. Timothy Baughman of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and author of "Michigan Criminal Law and Procedure Desk Book," gave a presentation on the most significant criminal law cases of 2009. He also provided a 50-page outline with a brief synopsis of those cases. State and Federal discovery issues were explored by an outstanding panel, including: Kenneth McMorrow, Chief Appellate Attorney of the Kent County Prosecutor's Office; Steven Fishman, Detroit Defense Attorney and Graham Teall, Assistant US Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. Our final speaker was Patricia E. Hubbard, a licensed investigator who provided an enlightening talk about benefits of a private investigator in a criminal case.

The 5th Annual Spring Conference this year will be held at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth MI. The topic discussed will be the collateral consequences of criminal convictions, sentencing and sentencing guidelines, and the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. The Speakers will include Mariam Aukerman, from Legal Aid of Western Michigan, William Vaillencourt, Jr. from the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office, Anne Yantus from the State Appellate Defender Office in Detroit, Francisco Villarruel, Defense Attorney and Rafael Villarruel from the Federal Defender's Office.

Cases and Court Rules

The opportunity to provide the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan with two amicus briefs made for a very exciting year. CLS adopted the amicus brief submitted by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and Michigan Department of Civil Right in *People v Charles Merriman* COA Docket NO. 292281. CLS submitted its own brief in the case of *Duncan v State of Michigan*. Those cases dealt with the provision indigent defense services and the compensation of attorneys providing those services.

The CLS has been vocal for a number of years regarding the hardships, for both the defense and prosecution, resulting from the arbitrary "91 day trial track." Finally, the Supreme Court has proposed lengthening the time an additional 63 days. See ADM File No. 2010-08 Proposed Administrative Order No. 2010-X Proposal to Rescind Administrative Order No. 2003-7 and Adopt Administrative Order No. 2010-X to lengthen the "91 day trial track" to 154 days.

Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan

The State Bar maintains and controls the listserv for the CLS as well as accounting and providing program support. We are extremely grateful for the help and support provided by the State Bar.

Future Goals and Activities

The Section's Annual Meeting program will discuss the new "Marijuana Law in Michigan, What every practitioner wants to know but is afraid to ask."

The CLS will continue to monitor the legislature and the Supreme Court regarding laws and court rule changes that affect the practice of law in the State of Michigan. We will offer the newsletter and keep the members as informed as possible as to critical changes in the law to provide our members with information that is vital to their practice and the citizen of the State of Michigan. We will continue to provide continuing legal education and our seminars twice a year. We hope to encourage and expand the participation in CLS conference and seminars, to that end, we plan to offer scholarships to upcoming seminars and conferences. We maintain an open door and encourage members to contact the chair or other sections members with thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,



Opolla Brown
Chair of the Criminal Law Section

Elder Law and Disability Rights Section 2010 Annual Report

Bar Year: **2010**

Section Name: Elder Law and Disability Rights Section

Mission Statement:

The Elder Law and Disability Rights Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a 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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60293 Patrick J. Bond, Saint Clair Shores	9/30/2010	59632 Patricia M. MacKinnon, Lansing	9/30/2011
64983 Roxanne J. Chang, Plymouth	9/30/2010	55324 James N. Bauer, Flint	9/30/2012
52502 Arthur L. Malisow, Farmington Hills	9/30/2010	67574 Rosemary H. Buhl, East Lansing	9/30/2012
40453 Harley D. Manela, Farmington	9/30/2010	66431 Rachael Louie Holmes,	9/30/2012

Hills		Ann Arbor	
35472 John B. Payne, Dearborn	9/30/2010	18224 Hon. Allen J. Nelson, Harbor Springs	9/30/2012
50062 Susan Goodkind Wideman, Marquette	9/30/2010		
29567 Priscilla Cheever, Ann Arbor	9/30/2011		
53316 Michele P. Fuller, Shelby Township	9/30/2011		
60237 Konrad F. Hittner, East Lansing	9/30/2011		
41106 Diane Kuhn Huff, Traverse City	9/30/2011		

General Budget Information: The section's budget has been stable over the last several years. As of April 2010 the section had a balance of \$64,074.67. This number reflects the expenses related to the Sections' Spring Conference and the cost of Section sponsored litigation which is discussed below.

Section Membership. A comprehensive review of the section membership was conducted by the section and evidences that dues income shows a drop between 2008, to 2009 and again from 2009 to 2010. Looking at the same periods (March end, 2008, 2009, and 2010) the drops in membership income as reported are as follows: \$3570 between 2008 and 2009 and another drop between 2009 and 2010 of \$ 1767.50. Current membership dues are \$35.00 (they were raised 5 dollars by vote in the spring of 2007). Using the individual regular membership dues amount as a divisor, it appears that membership has dropped about 107 members between 2008 and 2009; another 53 or so dropped in the same time period between 2009 and 2010. This is nearly a 15 per cent drop in membership since 2008.

Section Publications. The Section has not had a newsletter during this year. However, we are currently exploring the idea of reinstating the section newsletter or creating and monitoring a blog. No decision has been made at this time. It was decided the Section would survey the membership through some web based process similar to Survey Monkey.

Meetings, Activities, and Seminars:

The Section hold two conferences: A fall conference usually in October and a Spring Conference.

In the last year the Section presented The 12th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Law, Aging and Disability Biting the Bullet September 23-25, 2009 at Crystal Mountain Resort and Spa Thompsonville, MI. The conference was a huge success. We brought in national speakers and the feedback was overwhelming positive. The conference featured several speakers:

- . Robert Fleming, JD, Tucson, Arizona, NAELA Fellow; author, *Elder Law Answer Book*

Ann M. Soden, AdE, Montreal, Canada, Executive Director, National Institute of Law, Policy and Aging

David M. Godfrey, JD, Washington, D.C., Senior Attorney, ABA Commission on Law and Aging

Jeffrey Geller, MD, MPH, Worcester, Massachusetts, Professor of Psychiatry; co-author, *Women of the Asylum*

Topics include: Drafting special needs trusts; end-of-life decision-making; determining capacity; consumer problems and debt collection; extending waiver services to AFCs and HFAs; Olmstead issues; the panoply of veterans benefits; administrative appeals; technology and the small elder law firm; estate planning; involuntary nursing home discharges; working with the difficult client; Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and benefits; and proposals for national health care reform.

The 13th Annual Conference will be held on Oct. 6, 7 and 8, and the location is Crystal Mountain, Thompsonville, MI. Some of the speakers that will be presenting are David Illesand; Charlie Sabatino (director of the ABA Commission on law and Aging); Kenneth Ross, Commissioner of OFIR; Monica Martinez, Commissioner, Michigan Public Service Commission.

We also held a one day Spring Conference at the Inns of St. Johns, Plymouth, MI. There were 125 attendees including 13 walk-ins the day of the conference. Comments received were good. The mock ALJ hearing and the lunch speakers were especially well received.

Section Legislature, Policy and Committees. Over the past year the following committees were formed:

1. **Health Care Reform Committee** - to monitor and comment on legislation in regard to health reform.
2. **Litigation Committee.** The Section continued with its legislation against the State of Michigan in regard to Michigan's failure to comply with Federal policy concerning Pre-Eligibility Medical Expenses as is relates to Medicaid long term care patient pay amount set offs.
3. **POLST Committee.** This refers to establishing a state wide policy in regard to the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment.
4. **Nursing Home Model Contract.** The purpose of this committee is to propose to the nursing home industry or create legislation for a model nursing home contract.
5. **UTC Committee.** This committee was formed to review and comment on the Uniform Trust Code.

6. **Pooled Account Trusts.** Section members held a positive discussion with Representative Young on the legislation regarding pooled trusts (HB 5028). It was noted that the Representative was unaware of the need for pooled trusts or their function and is willing to have the Section provide its own version of the bill that would give better protections.

7. **Professional Rules of Responsibility Comment.** The Section formed a committee to review and comment on proposed Professional Rules of Responsibility.

8. **Nominating Committee.**

Recommendations for next Council: In addition to continuing ongoing committees the next council will have to make an important decision concerning what additional litigation, if any, should be brought against the state.

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Bar Year: 2009 - 2010

Section Name: Environmental Law

Mission Statement: The Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the State Bar website, public service programs, and publication of the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan and to law students.

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Christopher M. Bzdok	2010	Ernest P. Chiodo	2012
Michael L. Caldwell	2010	George F. Curran, III	2012
R. Craig Hupp	2010	Jeffrey K. Haynes	2012
Dustin P. Ordway	2010	Kurt A. Kissling	2012
John L. Tatum	2010	James K. O'Brien	2012
Kurt M. Brauer	2011		
Dennis J. Donohue	2011		
Matthew B. Eugster	2011		
Kenneth C. Gold	2011		
Patricia Paruch	2011		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council meeting	November 5, 2009	Lansing, MI
Council meeting	January 20, 2010	U. Mich. Law School, Ann Arbor, MI
Council meeting	March 12, 2010	Conference call
Council meeting	June 18, 2010	Higgins Lake, MI
Council meeting and Annual Member Meeting	September 30, 2010	Grand Rapids, MI

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General Budget Information: The Section had a fund balance of \$77,365 on April 30, 2010, and expects to spend a significant portion of this balance in 2010 and 2011 to complete the Section’s Deskbook project.

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Hazardous Substances Committee program re: Environmental Claims In Bankruptcy	October 20, 2009	Lansing, MI
Climate Change Committee Conference Call re: MCAC and Pending Legislation With Steve Chester	October 29, 2009	Lansing, MI
SBM “Section Fair”	October 21, 2009	Thomas M. Cooley Law School Grand Rapids, MI
ELS – AWMA Annual Fall Conference	November 5, 2009	Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI
ELS reception for law students at HMS&C	November 12, 2009	Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, Detroit, MI
Panel Discussion Re: Invasive Species in Great Lakes	January 20, 2010	U. Mich. Law School Ann Arbor, MI
Mold, Medicine and Science	March 30, 2010	Clinton Twp., MI
MDNRE Presentation	June 17, 2010	Higgins Lake, MI
Annual Meeting	September 30, 2010	Grand Rapids, MI

Legislative issues: None

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information: The Section is scheduled to publish the second edition of the *Michigan Environmental Law Deskbook* in 2010. Consistent with the Section’s educational mission, the

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Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Family Law Section

Mission Statement: The Family Law section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, our website, public service programs, and publication of a 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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14625 Jules Hanslovsky, East Lansing	9/3/2010	12080 Neil M. Colman, Sterling Heights	9/30/2012
39425 Donna E. Mobilia, Grand Rapids	9/3/2010	67570 Elizabeth A. Kitchen-Troop, Ann Arbor	9/30/2012
36474 Antoinette R. Raheem, Bloomfield Hills	9/3/2010	37150 Anne L. Argiroff	9/30/2012
60154 Erika Leuffen Salerno, Kalamazoo	9/3/2010	56418 Kristen L. Robinson	9/30/2012
35075 Carol F. Breitmeyer, Detroit	9/30/2011	30891 Kent L. Weichmann	9/30/2012
25664 Hon. Richard B. Halloran, Detroit	9/30/2011		

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38819 Philip B. Navarre, Jackson	9/30/2011		
37160 Rebecca E. Shiemke, Ann Arbor	9/30/2011		
65728 Liisa R. Speaker, Lansing	9/30/2011		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council meeting	October 3, 2009,	Grand Rapids, Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park
Council meeting	November 7, 2009	Lansing, University Club of MSU
Council meeting	December 5, 2009	Novi, Doubletree Hotel
Council meeting	February 6, 2010	Ann Arbor, Weber's Inn
Council meeting	March 6, 2010	Lansing, University Club of MSU
Council meeting	April 10, 2010	Grand Rapids, Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park
Council meeting	May 1, 2010	Novi, Doubletree Hotel
Council meeting	June 5, 2010	Ann Arbor, Weber's Inn
Annual Meeting and Council meeting	September 30, 2010	Amway Grand, Grand Rapids

General Budget Information: The Section's primary income is member dues, but in addition it earns income from advertising in the Family Law Journal, seminars, and publications. The Section expenses include publication of the Family Law Journal, meetings, and lobbying activities. The Section has operated within its budget for the last several years and maintains a fund balance.

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Family Court Forum	June 4, 2010	Ann Arbor
Family Law Institute in cooperation with ICLE	November 2009	Northville
Mid Winter Seminar	January 2010	St. Johns
Mid Summer Seminar	July 15 through 18 2010	Traverse City

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Legislative issues: The Family Law Council reviews all legislation affecting the practice of family law. We continued to retain the lobbying services of Bill Kandler, at Cusmano, Kandler & Reed, and he effectively assisted us with advocating our policy positions.

The detailed statement of position on particular legislation is available on the Section’s page of State Bar web site under Advocacy. Although Council has taken numerous positions over the year, of note are positions opposing HB 4197, providing for great-grandparenting time, HB 5114, mandating equal physical custody, HB 5949, et seq., implementing “covenant marriages”, and SB 1127, requiring fault grounds for most divorces. We helped revise the Friend of the Court Act amendments, and opposed the shifting of costs to the parties, the elimination of spousal support enforcement, and the limitation of income withholding.

Council found some worthy bills to support; SB 197, providing standing to biological fathers of children born in wedlock in limited circumstances, SB 568-9, revising the Domestic Relations Arbitration Act, HJRL, repealing term limits and HJRNN repealing the prohibition of same gender marriages.

Committee Activity:

The Section has many active committees, most of which meet by phone conference. The dates and times of Committee meetings are available on the Section calendar viewable from the Family Law web page on the State Bar web site. Some of the significant committee activity this year follows:

Alternative Family – Co-Chairs Carol Breitmeyer/Connie Thacker – the committee has met monthly and is gathering informational material to put on the Section web site.

Amicus – Co-Chairs Liisa Speaker/Erika Salerno – Filed amicus briefs in the following Supreme Court cases: *Tkachik v Mandeville* (Docket No 138460), *Pierron v Pierron* (Docket No 138824), *Friend v Friend* (Docket No 139165), *Wolkowitz v Wolkowitz* (Docket 139872)

Court Rules - Co-Chairs Jim Harrington/Anne Argiroff - a very active committee that meets monthly by phone conference. This year the committee successfully obtained support from the State Bar Representative Assembly for a proposed change to the Court Rules or the Rules of Professional Conduct prohibiting lawyers from contact the defendant in recently filed family law cases for 14 days after filing, or service of the complaint whichever is sooner. The committee is also working with various parties to revise the court rules regarding default judgments.

Domestic Violence - Co-Chairs Rebecca Shiemke/Donna Mobilia – this committee helped organize an ICLE seminar on “Domestic Violence in Child Custody Cases” scheduled for July 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. live in Plymouth. A webinar of the seminar will also be available. The

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committee also finalized a power point on domestic violence issues in family law cases that will be posted on the Section's web page and available as an educational tool to attorneys.

Family Court Forum – Chair Barb Kelly- the committee planned the 11th annual interdisciplinary seminar to be held June 4, 2010. This year's seminar will focus on parenting plans and at this time 197 people are signed up to attend.

Family Law Journal - Co-Chairs Lorne Gold/Antoinette Raheem – the Section continues to explore the possibility of making the Journal available to members electronically as an alternative to a paper copy.

Legislation - Kent Weichmann/Barb Kelly- this very active committee meets monthly by phone conference and reviews all legislation in this area of the law. See comments above on legislation for more detail.

QDRO/Taxation - Co-Chairs Joe Cunningham/Bob Treat – the committee has provided training to various legal aid attorneys throughout the State and members of the private bar who are willing to draft QDROs pro bono, providing a much needed service to the population of clients who cannot afford these critical orders.

Technology – Chair Liz Sadowski- continues to manage the Family Law ListServ, a very helpful online resource on family law issues.

Parenting Coordination – Co-Chairs Kent Weichmann and Richard Halloran – the committee includes section members and mental health professionals working in this area. The committee has reviewed various statutes from around the country and is working on proposed legislation for Michigan.

Other Information: Section membership was reduced this year, but it remains one of the largest Sections of the Bar with approximately 2200 members. At this year's annual meeting there will be two proposed changes to the by-laws presented to members; the first to clarify elections to Council in the event of a mid-term vacancy and the second to clarify election of Officers by Council. The Section continues to try to provide services to its members to assist in their practice and to that end held two member forums with local bar associations seeking input.

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2010 to:

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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009 - 2010

Section Name: Health Care Law Section

Section Purposes:

Serve as an educational resource for members of the Section for the purpose of fostering professional development and understanding of health care laws and issues; and

Provide education to members of the State Bar, members of the health care community and the general public with regard to health care laws and related issues; and

Advocate, comment on or provide input with respect to state and federal legislation, regulations and public policy that affect the practice of health care law, consistent with the Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan; and

Establish and maintain working relationships with attorney organizations and organizations of health care professionals, providers, consumers and other members of the health care community in this State and other states for the purpose of fostering better communication and understanding of health care laws and related issues and advocating Section interests; and

Promote awareness of the purpose and work of the Section among State Bar members, the health care community and the general public and encourage their participation in Section activities.

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Council Members	Term Expires
Janice A. Anderson	2010*

John Anderson	2011
Amy Barkholz	2011*
Steven Bender	2012
Jennifer Benedict	2012
Richard L. Bouma	2010
Mary E. (Beth) Derwin	2011*
Marta J. Hoffman	2010
Ann T. Hollenbeck	2010*
Robert S. Iwrey	2011*
Joanne Lax	2011*
Joan L. Lowes	2011
Thomas McGraw	2012
Laura Napiewocki	2012
Monica Navarro	2012
Donna O'Connor	2012
Carol Tarnowsky	2011*
Monica Wilkinson	2012

An * indicates that the Council member is term limited and not eligible for re-election.

Council Meetings: Council meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of each month via teleconference.

General Budget Information: See attached unaudited interim financial reports and transaction history for the month ended April 30, 2010, as provided by Becky Hunter.

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Date:	Event:
September 24, 2009	Annual meeting educational sessions on RAC audits, fraud/abuse; governance, and HITECH, Bloomfield Hills
October 8, 2009	Teleconference: Flu Preparedness
November 12, 2009	Teleconference: Negotiating & Drafting Information Technology Contracts
November 19, 2009	Teleconference: Effect of 2009 Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act (FERA) on Overpayment Liability and Whistleblower Retaliation Claims
December 17, 2009	Teleconference: Health Care Practitioner Licensing Investigations
January 21, 2010	Teleconference: Medicare Secondary payer (MSP) Law
February 25, 2010	Teleconference: Professional Liability Insurance
March 7, 2010	16 th Annual Health Law Institute, combined program with ICLE, Plymouth
March 18, 2010	Teleconference: The Audit Landscape for Michigan Providers & Suppliers
April 22, 2010	Legislative and Health Policy Update – Issues and Perspectives from Lansing, Lansing
April 26, 2010	Joint Teleconference: Health Care Reform – Impact on Employers and Employer-sponsored Welfare Plans
April 29, 2010	Teleconference: Introduction to Proposed Rules for Medicaid/Medicare EHR Incentive Programs
May 27, 2010	Teleconference: I Dream of GINA – What it Means for Employers and

	Health Plans
June 16, 2010	Teleconference: Health Care Reform for Hospitals – Tax and Program Integrity Issues
September 23, 2010	Annual Meeting Educational Session: “Highlights of Health Reform,” Detroit

Section Committees: The Health Care Law Section features a Substantive Law Committee with five subcommittees, consisting of the Medical Legal Subcommittee, Payors Subcommittee, Providers Subcommittee, Technology Subcommittee and the Legislative Update Subcommittee. These Substantive Law Subcommittees are responsible for organizing various educational programs, which are typically teleconferences, to benefit our membership. The Legislative Update subcommittee organizes our annual Legislative Update program, which provides our members with the “latest word” from the Michigan legislature and administrative agencies regarding health law issues. In addition, the Health Care Law Section has a Pro Bono Committee, a Technology and Access Committee, an Annual Meeting Committee, a Publications Committee, a Law Student Events Committee, and a Law Student Writing Competition Committee. There are currently three task force/work group efforts underway: Corporate Practice of Medicine Task Force, HIPAA/HITECH work group, and the Nightingale Task Force.

Legislative issues: The HCLS has opposed proposed legislation to modify the process of notarizing documents.

Recommendations for next Council: Continue to work to provide educational and networking resources to our membership, both via programs and written materials.

Other Information: Our Section once again hosted a luncheon event this year at several Michigan law schools for the purpose of providing a forum for students to meet Section members and learn about the various opportunities for lawyers within the health care industry. Our Section will again host a law student writing competition, the first and second place winners of which will be announced at our Annual Meeting in September. We organized a team and participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Detroit on May 22, 2010. Our Publications Committee updated several manuals and prepared a white paper on telemedicine. We updated an electronic membership Directory, re-designed our Web pages, and created a specialized search engine for locating Michigan-specific articles and information on health care topics. We have begun work on a “theme” edition of the SBM Bar Journal for July 2011.

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Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Information Technology Law Section

Mission Statement:

The purposes of the Section are to review, comment upon, and apprise members of the State Bar of Michigan and others of developments in the law relating to information technology, including:

- (a) the protection of intellectual and other proprietary rights;
- (b) sale, leasing, distribution, provision, and use of, hardware, software, services, and technology, including computer and data processing equipment, computer software and services, games and gaming, information processing, programming, and computer networks;
- (c) electronic commerce;
- (d) electronic implementation of governmental and other non-commercial functions;
- (e) the Internet and other networks; and
- (f) associated contract and tort liabilities, and related civil and criminal legal consequences.

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** = first full term appointment, but served prior previous term

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John L. Tatum, Bloomfield *

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Council Meeting Schedule:

2009 Annual Meeting
September 17, 2009
Hyatt Regency (Dearborn)

Council Meeting
November 12, 2009
Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss (Southfield)

Council Meeting
February 18, 2010
Cooley Law School (Ann Arbor)

2010 Annual Meeting and ICLE Annual IT Law Institute
September 22, 2010
Inn at St. John's (Plymouth)

General Budget Information:

The Section continues to operate with a surplus. The Section continues to sponsor events such as the ICLE seminar that could require the Section to access the surplus. The Section has offered free membership to students and lawyers during their first three years of membership in the Bar.

Events and/or Seminars:

Annual Meeting Presentation
Cloud Computing
September 17, 2009
Hyatt Regency (Dearborn)

Seminar
Software Escrow Agreements
February 18, 2010
Cooley Law School (Ann Arbor)

Spring Networking Event
Joint event with DetroitNET/Network Michigan
April 15, 2010
The Post Bar (Novi)

ICLE Annual IT Law Institute
Current Issues in Information Technology Law
September 22, 2010
Inn at St. John's (Plymouth)

Legislative issues:

The Section did not take a formal position on any legislative issues in 2009-2010, but elected to provide recommendations only in opposition to a direct amendment to the Michigan Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (HB 5468).

Recommendations for next Council:

Recommendations for the next Council are as follows:

- (a) continue to sustain the increased publication schedules for the two newsletters;
- (b) continue to hold an annual IT law seminar with ICLE, even if the tough economic times result in the event losing money;
- (c) continue outreach efforts to law students, but do so within the framework of traditional Section activities (i.e. law student participation is not particularly reliable, so it is not worth it in most instances for the Section to bend over backwards and tailor specific events for law students);
- (d) continue to include substantive presentations at Council meetings whenever possible;
- (e) improve relationships with Sections that hold successful events, such as for example the Business Law Section;
- (f) find new ways to solicit feedback from Section members, and to encourage members to submit writings for Section publications; and
- (g) facilitate recruitment/job search activities for employers and employees with respect to job postings, particularly with respect to job postings involving the practice of IT law; and
- (h) amend the Section's Bylaws to streamline the process for taking positions on pending legislation.

Section Publications:

In addition to the publication of the longstanding *Michigan IT Lawyer* newsletter and the Section's *e-newsletter*, the Section opened a Facebook page that can be updated with current and interesting information in short order. Further, the Section has provided a small biography piece on a new council member in each edition in the hopes of facilitating better interaction among our members.

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Bar Year: 2009-2010

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*.

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Eve C. Lerman	2010
Asbish S. Joshi	2010
Michael E. Domanski	2011
Andrew H. Thorson	2011

Council Member	Term Expires
Linda J. Armstrong	2011
Debra Auerbach Clephane	2012
A. Reed Newland	2012
Tricia Lynn Roelofs	2012

Law Student	Term Expires
Nick Hawatmeh	2010
Sonia A. Salah	2010

Immediate Past Chair
Nicholas J. Stascovich

Council Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual	September 17, 2009	SBM Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI
Regular	November 17, 2009	Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lionc – Ann Arbor, MI
Regular	January 27, 2010	Butzel Long, PC – Detroit, MI
Regular	April 6, 2010	Alumni House at Wayne State University - Detroit, MI
Regular	May 19, 2010	Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History – Detroit, MI
Annual	September 23, 2010	Fairlane Club, Dearborn, MI

Events and/or Seminars:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
International Legal Aspects of the Global Financial Crises	September 17, 2009	SBM Annual Meeting – Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
<p>Creating the Next Generation of International Lawyers – Clinical Assistant Professor Deborah Burand, Director of the International Transactions Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School.</p>	November 17, 2009	Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione – Ann Arbor, MI
<p>A New Automotive Industry and Alternative Fuels –</p> <p>John F. Monk, Managing Partner of autoPOLIS gave a presentation entitled “<i>A New Automotive Industry and Alternative Fuels.</i>”</p> <p>Debra Auerbach Clophane, Partner at Vercruyse Murray & Calzone, P.C. gave a presentation entitled “<i>H-1B Anti-Fraud Initiatives</i>”</p> <p>Linda Armstrong, Shareholder at Butzel Long gave a presentation entitled “<i>H-1B Public Access File Investigations and Employment Eligibility Verification: Form I-9</i>”</p> <p>Margaret A. Dobrowitsky, Shareholder at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione gave a presentation entitled “<i>It’s Good to be Green</i>”</p>	January 27, 2010	Butzel Long, PC – Detroit, MI
<p>Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Gregory Fox, Professor of Law, Director, Program for International Legal Studies at Wayne State University Law School lead a Panel Discussion among the following Participants:</p> <p>Deepti Choubrey, Deputy Director of the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>John Borroughs, Executive Director of the New York-based</p>	April 6, 2010	Alumni House at Wayne State University - Detroit, MI

<u>Event or Seminar Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
<p>Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy</p> <p>Anabel Dwyer, Member of the International Law Section and the Board of Directors for the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy</p>		
<p>Symposium on Sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>Dr. John F. Kelly, Associate Dean, Africa Center for Strategic Studies provided political overview, and trends, risks and opportunities.</p> <p>Professor Lisa D. Cook, Assistant Professor of Economics and International Relations, Michigan State University discussed bank reform in Nigeria and Africa's recent growth.</p> <p>Professor Alan Schenk, Wayne State University Law School spoke on Tax Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa: revenue, capital formation, and international trade.</p> <p>Clinical Assistant Professor Deborah Burand, University of Michigan Law School discussed legal issues in advancing financial access in Africa and the evolution of microfinance institutions</p>	May 19, 2010	Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History – Detroit, MI
How International Trade Will Bring Michigan New Jobs and Business Opportunities	September 23, 2010	Fairlane Club, Dearborn, MI

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.

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Bar Year: 2009/2010

Section Name: Judicial Conference Executive Committee

Mission Statement: The Judicial Conference is dedicated to improve the efficient administration of justice by joining the Judicial Associations with the State Bar to promote communications, advance common goals, and improve the delivery of justice to the people of Michigan.

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Secretary				
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Member	Term	Member	Term

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Executive Committee	12-11-09	State Bar, Lansing
Executive Committee	3-19-10	State Bar, Lansing
Executive Committee	5-21-10	State Bar, Lansing
Executive Committee	8-13-10	Mission Point, Mackinac Island
Annual Meeting	9-17-10	Amway Grand, Grand Rapids
Executive Committee	11-5-10	State Bar, Lansing

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2009-2010

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LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION

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Mission Statement: The purposes of the Section shall be to study the law of labor relations and to promote its fair and just administration; to study and report upon proposed and necessary legislation, to promote the legal education of members of the Bar and the general public by generating awareness of the problems and concerns of management, labor, and employment relations through sponsorship of meetings, institutes, and conferences, and by preparing, sponsoring, and publishing legal writing in the labor field; to endeavor to assist in the development of rules and conduct based upon the rights and responsibilities of labor and industry; and to promote justice, human welfare, and industrial peace.

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2009-2010 Council Meetings: The Council meets once a month, typically on the second Monday of the month, during every month except July and August. During the last year, the meetings were held in Birmingham and Novi.

General Budget Information: After experiencing a downturn in revenue and increase in expenses for the prior two years, the Section is now financially secure and has expenses under control.

Events and/or Seminars: It has been another active year for the Labor and Employment Law Section.

On September 17, 2009, at the Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Michigan, the Labor and Employment Law Section held its Annual Meeting and conducted an educational seminar titled "Navigating Treacherous Labor and Employment Waters in the Economic Downturn." The program was moderated by Ted St. Antoine, U of M Professor and past Chair of the Section. David Deromedi spoke on advising the employer when "the bottom falls out;" Brad Glazier spoke on assisting the RIF'ed employee; Niraj Ganatra and David Khorey spoke on negotiating collective bargaining agreements in today's hard times; and Niraj again spoke on protecting retiree benefits.

On October 15, 2009, the Section continued its longstanding tradition of co-sponsoring the Bernard Gottfried Memorial Labor Law Symposium at Wayne State University Law School and purchasing scholarships for law students to attend the Symposium.

On the evening of December 10, 2009, the Section conducted a Holiday Reception at the Birmingham Country Club in Birmingham, Michigan. Departing from the usual, the Section held a storytelling competition in the style of "The Moth," as heard on National Public Radio. The event garnered so much attention that WDET Program Manager J. Mikel Ellcessor offered to moderate the event. The event was wildly successful with member Barry Goldman winning the competition for the best story.

The Section's Mid-Winter Meeting was held on January 22-23, 2010, at the Historic Detroit Athletic Club. At the Section Dinner on January 22, the Section honored longtime Detroit labor law attorney Leonard D. Givens of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC, with its Distinguished Service Award. Leonard's distinguished career was recounted by his colleague, Megan P. Norris. The Dinner also featured a keynote address by author John U. Bacon. Mr. Bacon is the author of five books on business and sports, the most recent being *Bo's Lasting Lessons*, a *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* business best seller. On January 23, the Section held an educational program consisting of a MERC Update by Michael Shoudy, an NLRB Update by David Radtke, an EEO Update by Jeffrey Steele, a Capitol Hill(s) Update by Robert Boonin, a panel discussion on how to conduct an internal investigation, by Susan Hartmus Hiser, Thomas Cattell, and Catherine Wenger and a second panel discussion on litigating remedies in employment cases, by the Honorable Rober Jonker of the Western District of Michigan, Larry Murphy, and Dave Kotzian. Finally, Deborah Barno of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Megan Norris discussed the Americans with Disabilities Act amendments of 2008.

On April 29-30, 2010, the Section co-sponsored the Institute for Continuing Legal Education's 33rd Annual Labor and Employment Law Institute at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth, Michigan. The Institute is the largest and most comprehensive labor and employment law educational program held in the State of Michigan each year.

On June 3, 2010, the Section will be holding a "Spring-Board" seminar at The Reserve at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham, Michigan. The seminar consists of three, 45-minute roundtable discussions that allow participants to talk with facilitators. The roundtable discussions will be as follows: motion practice with the Honorable Robert J. Colombo, Jr., the Honorable Jeanne Stempien, the Honorable Sean F. Cox, and Sam Morgan; facilitation / mediation with Joseph A. Golden, David A. Kotzian, Gregory V. Murray, and Megan P. Norris; case evaluation with Kathleen L. Bogas, Robert W. Palmer, Eric J. Pelton, and Joseph A. Starr. A two-hour networking and socializing reception with hors d'oeuvres and beverages will follow the roundtables.

Legislative Issues: Because of our diverse membership, the Section rarely adopts any public policy position. However, this year, the Section took a position to support House Bill 4772. This Bill would amend the Open Meetings Act to provide an exemption in certain circumstances for the Michigan Employment Relations Commission to deliberate. The Section took this position because it believes the amendment would empower the Michigan Employment Relations Commission to render decisions in a more expedient manner benefiting both employers and labor in the State of Michigan.

Other Activities: The Section continues to publish its quarterly journal, *Lawnotes*, under the able and creative leadership of Stuart Israel. Stu and his assistant editor, John Adam, continually produce an extremely high quality journal that features thought-provoking articles about cutting edge labor and employment law issues, regular updates from Michigan and local federal courts, and entertaining and frequently humorous musings about the practice of law.

This past year has been a busy and successful one for the Section, due in no small part to a group of extremely hard working, dedicated and forward-thinking Council members, who have enhanced the stature and professionalism of our Section within the State Bar. Without the Council's efforts and the efforts of the many Section members who have volunteered their time and abundant talents to the Section's programs, the various programs and accomplishments discussed in this report would not have happened.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Donahue
2009-2010 Chair
Labor and Employment Law Section

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Bar Year: 2009-10

Section Name: Law Student Section

Mission Statement:

- The purpose of the Law Student Section (Section) shall be to promote and encourage active participation by law students in the program and activities of the State Bar of Michigan, to promote communication both among law students, and between law students and the active members of the State Bar of Michigan, to render public service, and to advance the legal profession.
- The mission of the Law Student Section Governing Council is to represent the students of Michigan's law schools and to act as a liaison to the State Bar sections; to increase student involvement in the State Bar of Michigan; to actively support other State Bar sections' philanthropic activities; and to further professional opportunities among law students.

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location or Function
Audio	August	Business
Audio	September	Business
Business, in person	October	Dearborn, State Bar annual meeting, election of chair-elect
Audio	November	Business
Audio	January	Business
Audio	March	Business
Audio	April	Spring Meeting and elections

General Budget Information:

The Law Student Section has a balance of just over \$6125, which is an increase of \$1,179 from the previous year. Revenue (from dues) amounted to \$3630, and expenses totaled \$2450. Primary expenses are the cost of the 1L Oral Advocacy Competition and attendance at the Bar Leader Forum in June. This indicates a healthy section with reasonable expenses balanced to existing income.

Events and/or Seminars:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
1L Oral Advocacy Competition	1/30/2010	Michigan State University College of Law

Legislative issues:

One issue that recurs each year is the overwhelming interest in the sections and State Bar activity by members and students from Thomas Cooley. These students are active and involved and quite reasonably would like us to consider membership based on separate campus locations rather than by school. However, our bylaws are quite clear and past Council discussions have consistently held that the members should be limited to a school, rather than to multiple campuses of any given school.

A new issue raised this year is whether LLM students are eligible for membership in the Governing Council. After discussion with other officers, the chair interpreted Section 3.0 (Membership) to not exclude any "student who is in good standing at a Michigan law school." Therefore, LLM students fulfilling other criteria for membership may be members of the Governing Council. No decision was reached as to Toledo as this question was not raised, but Toledo law students are allowed to be members under the current interpretations.

Recommendations for next Council: As section chair for the calendar year 2009-10, I had two 'missions' for the LSS ... a) to build relationships with the key sections in the state bar and bring their

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expertise closer to the hands of students, and b) to increase options to work together to deliver meaningful pro-bono work to those in need.

- a) For the first, I advocated section meetings be held at each law school. This simple action taken by State Bar Sections would offer one meeting a year at one law school that would involve a normal business meeting followed by an open “meet-n-greet” for students at the school. Most sections meet every month at a restaurant, so I reasoned that this would be an easy step to improve accessibility to students. Some sections did take a look at the idea, and some even held meetings at the schools. I would invite all sections to expand this simple activity to build membership and interest in the State Bar. A second area within key relationships is the provision of scholarships to the law school students. Many of the sections have scholarships and they asked me why more students are not applying. The answer is composed of many factors, but one clear answer is that scholarships are not well publicized. The new leadership for 2010-11 has already jumped into this project and I am confident they will make improvements.
- b) As for the second, service orientation is very important to Dean Howarth at Michigan State as well as to other Deans of the respective law schools. Any efforts we can make to improve such activities will be appreciated. The Law Student Section co-sponsored a panel event on Pro-Bono work in April at MSU and included Heidi Naasko (Dykema), Lori Pourzan and Kara Jennings from Legal Services of Mid Michigan, and MSU College of Law Professor Troy Brown. The panel was chosen to coordinate local opportunities in Legal Services, a firm-based pro-bono counsel, and a local professor as contact for students. This event was well-received and could be a model for other local events at other law schools. It should be held earlier in the year to facilitate access to opportunities during the academic year.

Other Information: The 1L competition was completed successfully again this year. The venue was easy to use and has been suggested as venue again for 2011. Improvements to the instructions and judging criteria improved the scoring and speed of results availability; Ryan Shannon did a super job! Ryan is also creating a new guide for the competition which he will make available to our incoming chair of this event, Heather Johnson. The event was attended by about 48 students and as many attorneys, professors, and judges. In addition, the event was well under the \$2000 budget, so kudos to the entire team!

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MEMORANDUM

To: Secretary, State Bar of Michigan

From: Bonnie Y. Sawusch, Chair, Litigation Section

Re: 2009-2010 Litigation Section Annual Report

Date: May 31, 2010

Dear Secretary,

As Chair of the Litigation Section, I am pleased to report on the Section's activities for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Section's officers and Council members are proud of our accomplishments and goals this past year. We are confident that the Litigation Section will remain strong well into the future. The current roster of the Section's officers and Council members, as well as the meeting minutes, are attached to this report. The Litigation Section strives to maintain diverse representation of practice background, geographic location and minority representation on its governing Council.

I. Financial

The Litigation Section is very strong financially. Per our most recent Treasurer's Report, as of May 11, 2010, the Section has total revenues of \$53,657 and a balance forward of \$92,583, with a total cash in account of approximately \$146,240. Total expenses for the year are projected to be approximately \$62,520. A copy of the Section's Budget for the fiscal year is attached.

The Section's projected surplus/balance, after deducting the budgeted items for the year, is approximately \$83,562. Based on current projections, the Section should remain strong financially as it moves into the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The Section has invested a portion of its budget surplus in areas targeted to benefit the Section membership and enhance the image of the Section in the legal community. The Section made a \$10,000 contribution to the SBM Access to Justice endowment fund. It also contributed to the Michigan Center for Civic Education for its High School Mock Trial Program.

II. Programs

The Litigation Section partners with ICLE in offering quality legal education to Michigan attorneys. Below is a list of the conferences that have and will be presented during this fiscal year.

A. Summer Conference

The Section continues its tradition of hosting a quality summer conference at various Northern Michigan resorts that are educational, motivational and family friendly. The conference also provides a unique opportunity for litigators and Judges across the State of Michigan to socialize in a relaxed setting. This year's summer conference is scheduled for July 30-31, 2010 at The Homestead in Glen Arbor. The featured speaker is James W. McElhaney, who is one of the most widely read authors on trial techniques in the country with his award-winning "*Litigation*" column in the ABA Journal. The upcoming program is entitled "*A Day in Discovery with Jim McElhaney*"

B. Masters in Litigation Seminar Series

The Litigation Section continues to target experienced litigators with its popular *Masters in Litigation* series. The programs are hosted at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. In March 2010, the program offered was "*The Cybersleuth's Guide to the Internet: Super Search Engine Strategies, Social Network & Other Investigative Research and Tech Tips*" with featured speakers Carole Levitt and Mark Rosch. The program was widely attended and received excellent reviews.

In September 2010, The Masters in Litigation Series will present Robert Musante's "*Attacking the Expert's Opinion.*" Attorney Musante is the country's foremost teacher of cross-examination skills and is a former lecturer of trial advocacy at the University of California. Musante is the creator of four unique and highly entertaining seminars involving litigation. He has taught over 25,000 lawyers in 39 states and 11 offices of state attorneys general in the science and art of taking great adverse depositions.

C. Litigation Boot Camp Series

The Litigation Section continued with its program Litigation Boot Camp II. The program is designed to create the foundation for a successful career in litigation. Top trial lawyers from the State of Michigan serve as faculty and share their experience, as well as coach attendees on essential concepts. The series consists of 9 sessions throughout the year.

III. Publications

The Litigation Section puts out quality seasonal newsletters to our Section members. The Section's Winter Newsletter featured articles about Damages Recoverable for a Breach of Vehicle Warranty, Amendments to the Federal Rules, Professionalism and Google Scholar. The Spring Newsletter featured articles on Arbitration, Preparing Witnesses and legal issues unique to teenaged minors. The Fall Newsletter will issue in September 2010. The Newsletters also provide an avenue to notifying Section members of upcoming activities.

The Publications Committee is also exploring innovative methods to better communicate with Section Members through its website on the SBM website.

IV. Rules and Legislative Committee

The Litigation Section reviews recent developments in court rules and legislation of interest to litigators. The Council has devoted a significant portion of its bi-monthly meetings discussing the pending House Bills proposing a tax on legal services. The Section is currently developing and will adopt a position statement in support of the SBM's position opposing the tax on legal services.

V. Partnering With Other Sections

The Litigation Section continues to explore and develop partnerships with other Sections that may serve as networking opportunities for members and provide economies of scale to sponsor joint programming and increase attendance at existing programs. Partnerships are being explored with the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section for a possible joint program at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

VI. Other Developments

The Litigation Section Council has added a new committee called the Public Service Committee. The Committee has three functions. First, to identify organizations that provide legal services to the indigent that the Section may want to support through a monetary donation. Second, the Committee identifies charitable causes that are not focused on improving access to justice, but which the Section may want to support through non-financial means such as arranging a fund-raising event (e.g. a walk-a-thon for cancer research) or informing Section members about pre-existing charitable activities to which Section members might be interested in devoting their time (e.g. packing food boxes for a food bank). Finally, the Committee assembles and makes available to Section members information about opportunities for Section members to participate in pro bono activities.

The Section's Council is also currently revising its Bylaws to more accurately reflect the function of the Council. Approval for the Bylaw revisions will be sought from Section Members at the Annual Meeting.

Finally, I wish to thank the Executive Committee: Thomas Cavalier, Chair-Elect, David Centner, Secretary, and Dari Bargy, Treasurer, for their dedication and hard work this year toward the Section's goals and accomplishments. I would also like to thank the Section's Council members for their involvement and devotion in moving the Section forward. I am truly grateful to have served with all of them.

/s/ Bonnie Y. Sawusch

Bonnie Y. Sawusch
Chairperson

Litigation Section FY 2009-2010 Approved Budget

REVENUES

Member Dues	\$53,000.00
Student/Affiliate Dues	\$500.00
Other	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$53,500.00
Cash Balance Forwarded	\$92,582.84

TOTAL INCOME

\$146,082.84

EXPENSES

Summer Program	\$23,000.00
Masters Program	\$18,500.00
(includes two \$1,000 receptions)	
Annual Meeting	\$800.00
Newsletter	\$9,000.00
Mock Trial	\$3,500.00
Litigation Boot camp	\$4,000.00
State Bar Leadership Conference	\$1,800.00
Postage/Copying	\$100.00
Listserv	\$420.00
Council Meetings	\$1000.00
Telephone	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$62,520.00

YEAR END BALANCE

\$83,562.84

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2009-2010**

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Last updated: June 29, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Litigation Section Council**

FROM: **David W. Centner, Secretary**

RE: **January 19, 2010 Telephonic Council Meeting**

Council Members Present: Dari Craven Bargy, Thomas Cavalier, David Centner, Michael Donnelly, Stephen Fox (joined at 5:39 pm), Kyle Guthrie (joined at 5:41pm), Daniel McGlynn, Kristen McNelly, David Moffitt, Sherry O'Neal, Gary Peterson, Bonnie Sawusch, Bernard Schaefer, Brittany Schultz, Marcy Tayler (joined at 6:02 pm), and James VandeWyngearde (joined at 5:39pm).

Others present: Shel Stark (ICLE).

Absent: Evan Burkholder, Michael Butler, Michael Cooney, Albert Dib, Rita Lauer, and Gary Springstead.

Quorum: A quorum was attained.

I. Call to Order.

II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the November 24, 2009 meeting were previously approved by email vote on January 7, 2010 by quorum, so no additional approval or action was required regarding meeting minutes.

III. Financial Report. Treasurer Dari Craven Bargy provided the Treasurer's Report in advance of the meeting. Nothing significant to report, and no action required.

IV. Chair's Report. Chair Bonnie Sawusch reported on a number of items:

The \$3,500 donation to the High School Mock Trial program was made. Judges are needed, so all Council members are encouraged to get involved.

The Section declined the MDTC's invitation to sponsor or otherwise partner with it with regard to the MDTC's Summer Conference.

The Section received a letter from the ADR Section requesting that we consider partnering with the ADR Section in programming, etc. The Chair referred the matter to the Programs/Education Committee for consideration and a recommendation.

V. Committee Reports

PROGRAMS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Summer Conference: Scheduled for July 30-31, 2010 at The Homestead in Glen Arbor, MI. A discussion was held regarding setting aside time and a location for vendors to meet with attendees. The suggestion was for vendors to arrive and set up early before Saturday's program, since we are required to vacate the seminar building by 2:45 pm. Council members are encouraged to obtain sponsors, and ICLE is actively soliciting sponsors for the event. The deadline to secure sponsors is the end of February, so that they can be properly recognized in mailings, website links, ICLE marketing efforts, etc. The Executive Committee and Programs/Education Committee will coordinate to decide what discount should be extended to Section members for this program. Shel Stark requested that this decision be made no later than February 28, 2010 so that the discount can be reflected in ICLE materials.

Masters in Litigation Series. The next program is on March 9, 2010, and is entitled The Cybersleuth's Guide to the Internet. There are 64 registrants to date. It will be held at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

Litigation Boot Camp. Shel Stark reported on this program. The next session is the 5th segment of this 9-series program. ICLE still has \$2,000 on hand for graduation gifts. Shel requested the Section's approval of ICLE's purchase of gifts, which are insulated coffee mugs. A motion was made, seconded and carried. No additional funds are needed from the Section for this purpose.

Deposition Skills Workshop. Once again, the Litigation Section is proud to be a co-sponsor of this program with ICLE.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE. Dari reported that January 15, 2010 is the article deadline for the Winter 2010 Newsletter. Two book reviews were received from David Sarnacki and two additional submissions were also received. The Legislative Committee is requested to write a short article regarding news of interest for future editions. The submission deadline for the Spring 2010 Newsletter is March 15, 2010.

Bernard Schaefer has agreed to serve on the Publications Committee and has agreed to lead the Council's mission involving the website and other on-line resources.

Steve Fox suggested that the Litigation Section reach out to other Sections to obtain submissions for the Litigation Section's newsletter. The Council also discussed accepting advertising, and this issue will require further discussion. No action was taken at this time.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Topics of interest include: MCR 2.412 mediation, health care reform legislation, election records, negligence topics including the open and obvious doctrine, and sales tax on services. The committee will contact Elizabeth Lyon at the State Bar. It was generally agreed that the Section should be playing an active role and weighing in on these issues.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE: Tom Cavalier reported that he and John Mucha have set forth the following missions for this committee: (1) identify organizations that

provide legal services to the economically disadvantaged, (2) identify charitable causes that provide opportunities to Section members for fundraising, volunteering, donation of professional skills, etc., and (3) identify and publicize pro bono opportunities to Section members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Steve Fox continues to collect biographical materials on all Council members. This information, along with a copy of our Bylaws, Council Directory, and other useful information, will be organized into a binder and provided to each Council member. Thank you, Steve, for a fine job on this project.

VI. Old Business.

None.

VII. New Business.

A. Discussion regarding increasing the role of ex-officios

1. Steve Fox will make a motion to amend the Bylaws to allow both preceding Section Chairs, now ex-officios, to vote at Council meetings, but that their presence will not be used to establish a quorum.

B. Discussion regarding limiting membership from law firms

1. Steve Fox will make a motion to amend the Bylaws to limit Council membership to no more than two (2) persons from the same law firm. Exceptions will be made for mergers and other consolidations, which should not disqualify acting Council members.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm. The next meeting will be held in Lansing at P.F. Chang's on Lake Lansing Road on March 16, 2010 commencing at 5:30 p.m, or some other location if that restaurant is not available.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Litigation Section

FROM: Thomas F. Cavalier

RE: March 16, 2010 Litigation Section Council Meeting, Lansing, MI

DATE: March 29, 2010

PLACE: Lansing, Michigan

Council Members present: Bonnie Sawusch, Tom Cavalier, Michael Donnelly, Steve Fox, Bernard Schaefer, Gary Springstead, Marcy Tayler, James VandeWyngearde

Council Members absent: Dari Craven Bargy, David Centner, Evan Burkholder, Michael Butler, Michael Cooney, Albert Dib, Kyle Guthrie, Rita Lauer, Daniel McGlynn, Kristin McNelly, David Moffitt, Sherry O'Neal, Gary Peterson, Brittany Schultz

Guests: Elizabeth Lyon, Shel Stark

Quorum: A quorum was attained.

- I. **Call to Order.** Bonnie called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting of the council had been approved by email vote on March 5, 2010.
- III. **Financial Report.** A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made and carried unanimously. The report is attached.
- IV. **Special Report: Tax on Legal Services.** Elizabeth Lyon, the State Bar of Michigan's Governmental Relations Director, discussed the status of legislation to impose a tax on legal services. She explained that the Legislature is considering a variety of measures to raise revenue by extending the sales tax to services including legal services. A similar effort to tax services failed in 2007; but the current poor condition of the State's finances makes passage of a services tax this year very likely. None of the current proposals exempts legal services. All of them, however, exempt business-to-business transactions. The State Bar of Michigan opposes taxing legal services. Its principal arguments are (1) the tax would fall disproportionately on women and the poor, (2) few states tax legal services and (3) discretionary income

is not used for legal services. Elizabeth pointed out that the Section could take a position supporting the State Bar of Michigan position for these or other reasons. The task of drafting the Section's position is to be undertaken by the Legislative/Rules Committee. Elizabeth distributed several excellent summaries of the proposed legislation, criticisms of it and the State Bar of Michigan's position. The handouts are attached.

V. Committee Reports.

- A. Programs Committee.** Shel Stark reported on the various programs put on by the Section and ICLE.

Masters in Litigation. Shel reported that the recent Cybersleuth program was a great success. He stated that the next two programs have already been planned – the 9/23/10 program will be Robert Musante's "Attacking the Expert Witness."; the 3/24/11 program will be Thomas Mauet, "Trial Evidence: Artistry and Advocacy in the Courtroom."

Deposition Workshop. This workshop is scheduled for May 2010.

Litigation Bootcamp. Shel urged council members to attend the final session in May, 2010. Bootcamp participants will receive their certificates of completion, and gifts, purchased by the Section, will be given to faculty and students.

Bonnie reported that the Section and the ADR Section are continuing to work on a joint program for the Annual Meeting.

- B. Nominating Committee.** Steve passed out a binder containing important information about the Section. The council expressed its appreciation for Steve's hard work and the excellence of his product. The binder's materials will provide an invaluable guide for all council members.

VI. Old Business. There was no old business.

VII. New Business. Steve raised concerns about the cost (\$8) that the Oakland County Circuit Court's Wiznet service charges for each filing.

VIII. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is May 11, 2010, 5:30 p.m., by conference call.

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Litigation Section Council**

FROM: **David W. Centner, Secretary**

RE: **November 24, 2009 Telephonic Council Meeting Minutes**

Council Members Present: Dari Craven Bargy, Michael Butler, Thomas Cavalier, David Centner, Michael Cooney, Albert Dib, Michael Donnelly, Stephen Fox, Kyle Guthrie, Rita Lauer, Daniel McGlynn, Kristen McNelly, David Moffitt, Gary Peterson, Bonnie Sawusch, Bernard Schaefer, Gary Springstead, and James VandeWyngearde.

Council Members Absent: Evan Burkholder, Sherry O’Neal, Brittany Schultz, Marcy Tayler

Others present: John Mucha (Ex officio) and Shel Stark (ICLE).

Quorum: A quorum was attained.

I. Call to Order.

II. Approval of Minutes. All minutes were previously approved, so no additional approval or action was required regarding meeting minutes.

III. Financial Report. Treasurer Dari Craven Bargy provided the Treasurer’s Report. The Section started the fiscal year with an account balance of approximately \$92,000. The Treasurer also offered the proposed 2009-2010 Budget and discussed the highlights, which are consistent with past expenses. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made and seconded. The motion to approve the proposed 2009-2010 Budget was carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Chair’s Report. Chair Bonnie Sawusch reported on a number of items:

Access to Justice: The previously approved \$10,000 donation to the Access to Justice Fund was made and was very well received. Additional publicity regarding this donation is in process.

Cooley Law School: David W. Centner and Stephen Fox reported on their presentations at Cooley Law School on October 21, 2009. The event was poorly attended, although this may have been a result of the fact that this was the first year that the program was conducted. The Council agreed to participate in a similar program at the school’s Auburn Hills location, and that the attendance of one member of the Council would be sufficient. Steve Fox is continuing to discuss with Cooley opportunities for our Section to participate in future programs.

Bylaws: The Litigation Section’s Bylaws must be changed before the annual meeting if any changes are warranted.

Council Roster: As Secretary, David W. Centner maintains the official Roster. Changes or corrections can be emailed to him at dcentner@clarkhill.com.

High School Mock Trial: A donation to this program was discussed. In past years, we have donated \$3,500. A motion was made to donate \$3,500 again this year. The motion was seconded and approved.

V. Committee Reports

PROGRAMS

Masters Series: Shel Stark reported on this program. The goal is to present two national speakers, usually in March and October. Programming in progress.

Summer Conference: Shel Stark reported that ICLE's negotiations have been finalized with The Homestead. We need to be out of the seminar room by 2:45 p.m. The dates are July 30-31, 2010. The agenda has been circulated. The speaker is Prof. James W. McElhaney, one of the most highly regarded speakers and authors on litigation practice in the United States.

MDTC. The Section received a request to participate as a donor at the MDTC annual conference in the Flint/Bay City area on Courtroom Performance which will be held in May 2010. The requested donation was \$2,000 and access to our membership list. Discussion was held regarding benefits to the Section. Bonnie will find out more and send it out by email.

Litigation Boot Camp. Shel Stark reported on this program. It consists of nine sessions commencing September 2009. Past attendees: 687 in Grand Rapids and 1499 in Plymouth. ICLE still has \$2,000 on hand for graduation gifts, which is enough. ICLE will conduct a survey regarding the interest in Litigation Boot Camp II.

Deposition Skills Workshop. The Section will be a co-sponsor with ICLE.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE. Dari reported that January 15, 2010 is the article deadline for Winter 2010. David Moffitt has expressed interest in writing an article. Dari will circulate article guidelines. An issue for future discussion is whether the Section's Newsletter should go digital exclusively.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Topics of interest include: MCR 2.412 mediation, health care reform legislation, election records, negligence topics including the open and obvious doctrine

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Steve Fox has informational materials on all Council members, which may be circulated to all members in the future.

VI. Old Business.

None.

VII. New Business.

A. The Future.

1. More involvement and interaction between Council and Section members.
2. Proactive involvement.
3. Legislative issues, court rules, statutes, other areas of interest.
4. Increase involvement of committees.

B. Legislative Committee

Mike Connelly, Dan McGlynn, Mike Butler, Gary Patterson, and David Moffitt will get together regarding court rules. Amicus brief opportunities will also be handled by this committee, although it was acknowledged that it may be difficult to take a position as a Section for political reasons, plaintiff versus defense, etc. What is proper role of the Litigation Section in amicus briefing? We discussed whether we should ask Section members regarding which MCR they have problems with and why?

C. Nominating Committee

January 2010 meeting. Identify and nominate members.

D. Publications

1. Website.
2. Add actual resources
3. Generate ideas
4. Dari Craven Bargy, Mike Butler, David Moffitt, and Steve Fox indicated an interest in participating on this committee.
5. People need to offer to help.

E. Public Service (proposed committee)

1. Look for opportunities.
2. Donate money.
3. Tom Cavalier and Jon Mucha indicated an interest in this committee.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm. The next meeting will be held via conference call on **January 19, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.** The conference call number is **800-270-1153 and enter Passcode 120544#.**

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Bar Year: 2009-2010

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular Council Mtg.	10/15/09	Troy, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	11/12/09	Troy, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	12/17/09	Grand Blanc, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	1/27/10	Grand Blanc, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	2/24/10	Lansing, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	3/24/10	Lansing, MI
Regular Council Mtg.	6/22/10	Troy, MI
Summer Meeting	7/26/10	Traverse City, MI

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

General Budget Information:

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Law School Event	10/21/09	Cooley Law School, Grand Rapids, MI
Spring Meeting/Seminar	4/29/10 to 5/2/10	Las Vegas, NV
Past Chairpersons Event	5/21/10	Detroit, MI
Educational Seminar-Medicare Lien	5/26/10	Troy, MI
Educational Seminar II	7/26/10	Traverse City, MI
Educational Seminar III-Annual Meeting	10/19/10	Grand Rapids, MI

Legislative issues:

I'm Sorry Law Open and Obvious Drug Immunity
Affidavits of Merit No Fault Legislation No Tax on Legal Services

Recommendations for next Council:

- Mandatory Continuing Legal Education
- Continue striving for an ideal "Access to Justice through the Jury System"

Other Information:

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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009/2010

Section Name: Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Mission Statement: The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, their website, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to qualified legal assistants and 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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Council Member (2008 - 2010)	Virgie Roth, PP	Michael A. Alesia & Assoc PC, 1000 Plaza Drive, Suite 680 Schaumburg, IL 60194	847-619-3000	virgieroth@gmail.com
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Council Member (2009 - 2011)	Kelly Dufty, CP	The Hubbard Law Firm, PC 5801 West Michigan Avenue P.O. Box 80857 Lansing, Mi 48908-0857	517-886-7126	kdufty@hubbardlaw.com
Council Member (2009 - 2011)	Denise Gau			dgau1800@wowway.com
Council Member (2009 - 2011)	KathyAnn Blunck	Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge 202 E. State Street, P.O. Box 848 Traverse City, MI 49685	231-486-4526	kblunck@shrr.com

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Committee Name	Chair
Job Bank Committee	Jeanne Nyhuis, CP
Membership Committee	Denise E. Gau
Website Committee	Kathleen Kasiorek, CP
Policies Committee	Kathleen Kasiorek, CP
Public Relations Committee	Linda S. Jevahirian
Michigan Paralegal Committee	KathyAnn Blunck
	Tanya Vella
Scholarship Committee	Cheryl Nodarse, CLA
Pro Bono Committee	Tanya Vella
Section Name Change Ad Hoc Committee	Ida Farhat, ACP
Guidelines, Bylaws & Procedures Committee	Ida Farhat, ACP

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	10/07/2009	Conference Call
Council Meeting	11/21/2009	Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengtson, P.C.
Council Meeting	01/09/2010	Conference Call
Council Meeting	03/20/2010	Marie A. Pulte, P.C.
Council Meeting	05/06/2010	Crowne Plaza, Auburn Hills
Council Meeting	07/10/2010	Foster Swift Collins & Smith, P.C.
Council Meeting	09/30/2010	TBD/Grand Rapids

General Budget Information: 2009/2010 Budget

Legal Assistants Section Dues	\$ 13,000.00
Seminar Income	\$ 3,000.00
-Income from the Day of Education and Annual Meeting	
Total Income	\$ 16,000.00
Secretarial Services	
-Services provided by the State Bar	
ListServ	\$ 540.00
Meetings	\$ 1,200.00
-Council Meeting Expenses including travel and lodging	
Seminars	\$ 3,000.00
-Day of Education Expenses including Council Members travel and lodging	
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
-Annual Meeting Expenses including Council Members travel and lodging	
Telephone	\$ 150.00
-Conference call expenses	
Legal Assistants	
-Scholarships, reimbursement to members for Annual Meeting, any educational reimbursement expenses (i.e. NALA Convention, State Bar Seminar)	\$ 4,400.00
Promotional Items	\$ 1,400.00
Copying	\$ 10.00
Newsletter	\$ 1,000.00
Printing	\$ 150.00
Postage	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 16,000.00

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Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Business Meeting and Program	Friday, October 1, 2010	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Annual Day of Education	Friday, May 7, 2010	Baker College, Auburn Hills, Michigan
Pre-Day of Education Evening Reception	Thursday, May 6, 2010	Crown Plaza Hotel, Auburn Hills, Michigan

Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information: The 2009/2010 Legal Assistant/Paralegal Assistant Section is in the process of creating an Officers, Council Members, and Standing Committees Handbook. The Section is also evaluating the value and need to offer Council Members and Standing Committees Chairs leadership training.

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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Prisons and Corrections

Mission Statement:

The purposes of the Prisons and Corrections Section are to:

- a) study and debate
 - 1) the operation of the criminal justice system as it affects incarcerated persons, their families, and the public;
 - 2) alternatives to incarceration;
 - 3) the functioning of jails, prisons and parole; and
 - 4) post-incarceration issues;
- b) educate its members and the general public; and
- c) make recommendations to the State Bar, public officials, the Legislature and the Judiciary regarding the adoption of rational, effective and fair policies in these areas.

Officers and Council Members:

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Treasurer	Steven Gobbo P56521	P.O. Box 24222 Lansing 48909	517.241.9268	sjgobbo@aol.com

Member & Bar Number, if applicable	Term		Term
Barbara Levine (P24207)	2010		
David L. Moffitt (P30716)	2010		
John Shea (P37634)	2010	Ex Officio Council Members	
Cassandra "Cass" Green (P69476)	2010	Richard Stapleton (P38793)	n/a
Natalie Holbrook	2010	Sheriff Robert (Rick) Beracy	n/a
Dan Manville (P39371)	2011	Michelle VanDusen	
Michael Marutiak (P30104)	2011		
Adrienne Watts (P36815)	2011	Commissioner Liaison	
Scott Basel (P68335)	2012	Michael J. Riordan (P43980)	n/a
Jessica Zimbelman (P72042)	2012		
Avar Laws-Wright (P71704)	2012		
Kathleen Schaefer	2012		

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Council Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Monthly Meeting	11/7/09	Lexington Hotel, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	12/12/09	Kellogg Center, E. Lansing
Monthly Meeting	01/09/10	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	02/06/10	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	03/06/10	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	04/03/10	State Bar Building, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	05/01/10	State Bar Building, Lansing
Annual Membership Meeting	10/01/10	Grand Plaza Hotel/DeVos Place, Grand Rapids

General Budget Information: The Section currently has a balance of approximately \$1,160, with about \$300 income expected from a June 5th training for attorneys interested in representing prisoners at parole board public hearings. We anticipate a carryover of about \$1,500 into the next fiscal year 2010-2011.

Events and/or Seminars:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Symposium: Balancing Our Priorities: Can We Safely Spend Less On Corrections?"	October 8, 2009	The Inn at St. Johns, Plymouth
Training: Representing Prisoners at Parole Board Public Hearings	June 5, 2010	State Bar Building, Lansing

Legislative issues: This year the Prison and Corrections Section (1) opposed the Tax on Attorney Services in HB 5527-5529 and (2) supported the bill on Commutations for Medically Fragile and Terminally Ill in HB 4509-4510, with the recommendation for an amendment to remove the exclusion for sex offenders.

Recommendations for next Council: To continue the work begun in 2009-2010

Other Information: This year the Prison and Corrections Section Council considered three topics that may be considered for future Section Position Statements. To that end, it heard presentations from speakers from various fields: (1) *Barbara Hankey*, Manager of Community Corrections/Residential Probation, Oakland County Community Corrections on the over-reliance on the use of cash bonds and the need for statewide standards for bail; (2) *Kathleen Schaefer*, of Professional Probation & Parole Consulting, on the risk instruments used by the Michigan Department of Corrections; and (3) *Paul D. Reingold*, clinical professor of law and director of the Michigan Clinical Law Program's Civil Litigation Clinic, and attorney Robyn Frankel, on current issues relating to the Michigan Parole Board.

Dated: May 28, 2010

Submitted to: Jennifer Williams at <jwilliams@mail.michbar.org>

2009-2010 Annual Report of the
Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan

Mission Statement:

The purpose of this Section shall be to enhance and improve the practice and administration of law pertaining to probate and estate planning by the study of statutes, cases, and procedures, by the consideration, drafting, and active support or opposition of proposed legislation; by the providing of advice to courts during the course of pending litigation; and by the sponsoring of meetings and institutes (together with publishing and disseminating pamphlets, brochures, a Journal of the Section and legal writings) as a means of educating members of the Bar and the public, all in connection with advancing the proper preparation of wills, trusts, tax returns, and other documents; the efficient administration of trusts as well as estates of decedents, minors, incompetents, and missing persons; and the advance planning for the orderly disposition of property, minimization of taxes, and well being of persons.

Officers and Membership:

Chairperson: Harold G. Schuitmaker

Chairperson Elect: Douglas G. Chalgian

Vice Chairperson: George W. Gregory

Secretary: Mark K. Harder

Treasurer: Marilyn Lankfer

Council Members: Susan M. Allan, W. Josh Ard, Robin D. Ferriby, Hon. Kathryn George, Ellen Sugrue Hyman, Shaheen I. Imami, J. David Kerr, Marilyn A. Lankfer, Amy N. Morrissey, Hon. David M. Murkowski, Hon. Darlene A. O'Brien, Patricia M. Ouellette, Rebecca A. Schnelz, Richard J. Siriani, James P. Spica, James B. Steward, Thomas F. Sweeney, Robert M. Taylor, Marlaine C. Teahan, Robert P. Tiplady II.

Meeting Dates:

September 19, 2009
October 24, 2009
November 21, 2009
December 12, 2009
January 16, 2010
February 20, 2010
March 20, 2010
April 17, 2010
June 5, 2010

Tentative Future Meeting Dates:

September 11, 2010
October 9, 2010
November 13, 2010
December 18, 2010
January 15, 2011
February 19, 2011
March 19, 2011
April 16, 2011
June 18, 2011

Events and Seminars:

Highlights of the Probate and Estate Planning Section's 2008-2009 year include the following:

1. **Michigan Trust Code:** The Committee on Special Projects and the Council as a whole concluded approximately seven years of work when the Michigan Trust Code became effective April 1, 2010. This is the first time Michigan has had a specific Trust Code.
2. **Partners with ICLE:** The Council celebrated the 50th year of co-sponsoring the ICLE Probate and Estate Planning Institute with record attendance.
3. **Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Journal:** Under the direction of editor Nancy L. Little and assistant editor Melisa M.W. Mysliwec, with assistance from the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the Section kept to its regular schedule of publishing its Journal three times annually. The Journal is sent to all members of the Section and is now available by email. The Journal is intended to provide Section members with scholarly treatises, commentary on the state of the law, current developments, and useful practice tips and tools that will not only aid Section members in providing knowledgeable and efficient counsel to their clients but also serve as a continuation of Section members' ongoing legal education. Additionally, an index of all past Journal articles, cross-referenced alphabetically as well as by topic, was posted to the Section's website.
4. **Legislation:** The Council took public policy positions on the following issues:
 - a. The Council introduced legislation to allow a Trustee or Personal Representative of an estate to seek Court modification if the Will or Trust document, of beneficiary designation contains a formula referring to the unified credit, estate tax exemption and marital deduction. House Bill 6197 has passed the House and, at the time of this writing, is before the Senate.
5. **Probate and Estate Planning Certificate Program:** In 2003, the Probate and Estate Planning Certificate Program was initiated in cooperation with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Participation continues to exceed initial expectations. The Certificate Program involves a series of educational courses which must be completed within a three-year period.
6. **Participation and Responding to Section Needs:** The Probate Council strives to respond to the needs of our Section, and to improve the Probate and Estate Planning practices in Michigan. We welcome and encourage

participation in the Council and any of its 29 committees. In addition to our standing committees, we maintain liaisons with the Business Law Section, the Elder Law Section, the Michigan Probate Judges Association, the Real Property Section, the Tax Law Section, the Michigan Bankers Association, the SCAO Forms Committee, the State Bar, and law schools.

7. *Miscellaneous:*

- a.** The members of the Council are extremely involved in continuing education by serving as speakers at ICLE seminars.
- b.** There have been no changes in our By-Laws.
- c.** The Council's annual dues have remained at the same level for three years and continued to operate in the black.

You may contact the Chairperson of our Section, Harold Schuitmaker, at:

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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Public Corporation Law Section

Mission Statement: The Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a 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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Member	Term	Member	Term
Catherine M. Mish	2010	Charles McKone	2011
Mark E. Nettleton	2010	Carol A. Rosati	2011
Don M. Schmidt	2010	Kay D. Schloff	2011
Jeffrey V. H. Sluggett	2010	James E. Tamm	2011
Kester So	2010	Phillip A. Erickson	2012
Debra A. Walling	2010	Michael J. Watza	2012
Eric D. Williams	2010	Mary J. Fales	2012
John E. Beras	2011	Marcia L. Howe	2012
Lori Grigg Bluhm	2011	James Branson	2012
Gerald A. Fisher	2011	Daniel C. Matson	2012
		William B. Beach	2012

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Summer Seminar/Annual Meeting	June 26-27, 2009	Mackinac Island, Grand Hotel
Regular Meeting	October 10, 2009	State Bar, Lansing
Regular Meeting	November 7, 2009	Kitch Drutchas, Lansing
Regular Meeting	December 12, 2009	Phone Conference
Regular Meeting	January 9, 2010	Phone Conference
Winter Seminar	February 5, 2010	St. John's Conference Center, Plymouth, MI
Regular Meeting	March 6, 2010	State Bar, Lansing
Regular Meeting	April 3, 2010	Dickinson Wright, Lansing
Summer Seminar/Annual Meeting	June 25-26, 2010	Mackinac Island, Grand Hotel

General Budget Information: \$28,029.55 as of April 30, 2010.

Recommendations for Next Council: It is the goal of the Public Corporation Law to serve its Membership by providing educational programs, timely updates as to changes in the law, and sharing knowledge among its members regarding new and important legal issues. To further the goals of the Section, the Public Corporation Law Section Quarterly is published four times per year and educational seminars are provided twice a year. The Section also provides financial support for Amicus Briefs to address legal issues of importance to Section Members and their clients. It is expected that the next council will continue these endeavors. The Section will continue to promote legal education and evaluate changes in existing laws. Given the challenges facing all public corporations, the Section will explore new and innovative ways of managing governmental resources. It is also the goal of the Section to recruit new and diverse leadership and to provide the highest quality of resources for its Membership.

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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Real Property Law Section

Mission Statement: The Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education and information about current real property issues through meetings, seminars, its website, pro bono service programs, and quarterly publication of a journal. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

As further stated in the Section's By-Laws, the Section's purpose is to study the laws and procedures pertaining to Real Property Law and to promote the fair and just administration of Real Property Law; to study and report upon proposed and necessary legislation, including, but not limited to, pending legislation and drafting and introducing legislation; to study and report on pending litigation, including, but not limited to, the filing of amicus curiae briefs; to promote throughout the State of Michigan the legal education of members of the Bar and the public on Real Property Law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences devoted to Real Property Law, by the preparation and dissemination of books, booklets, materials, pamphlets and brochures with respect thereto and by preparing and sponsoring and publishing legal writings in this field. The Section endeavors to promote professional responsibility and the prevention of malpractice among the members of the Bar.

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Treasurer	Ronn S. Nadis P#35638	32255 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334	248-865-3700	rnadis@tnnlaw.com

Member	Term	Member	Term
William B. Acker P#25231	2010	Melissa N. Collar P# 51781	2012

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Howard A. Lax P#35128	2010	Ronn S. Nadis P# 35638	2012
David E. Nykanen P#47763	2010	Gregg A. Nathanson P# 39029	2012
Jerome P. Pesick P#29039	2010	Glen M. Zatz P# 37115	2012
Nicholas P. Scavone P# 47138	2010	Ronald Reynolds P#	2012
Brian P. Henry P#33876	2011		
Mark P. Krynsinski P#35630	2011	Richard D. Rattner P# 19249/Greg Gamalski P#36034 (CLE)	
Patricia Paruch P#48028	2011	Catharine B. LaMont P# 32231 (Land Titles)	
David E. Pierson P#31047	2011		
C. Kim Shierk P#37694	2011		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 7, 2009	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	November 4, 2009	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	December 2, 2009	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	January 13, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	February 10, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	April 14, 2010	Warner Norcross Offices, Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	May 12, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	July 16, 2010	Crystal Mountain Resort
Council Meeting	September 29, 2010	Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids

General Budget Information: While the Section’s finances remain strong, income and expenses are being closely monitored.

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Foreclosure and Beyond”	October 8, 2009	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Prescription for	November 5, 2009	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth

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Success: Developing a Medical Office Building on a Health Care Campus”		
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “B2B - From Brownfields to Boontown.	December 3, 2009	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Sustainable Development and Other Emerging Issues in Construction Risk Management”	January 14, 2010	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
ICSC/RPLS “Michigan: The Land Of Opportunity”	January 28, 2010	Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
RPLS Millennial Reception for New Attorneys	February 2, 2010	Rosie O’Gradys, Ferndale
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Demystifying Insurance Provisions and Coverages”	February 3, 2010	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
2010 Winter Conference “Being An Agent of Change”	March 11-13, 2010	The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona
RPLS Millennial Reception for New Attorneys	April 14, 2010	The B.O.B, Grand Rapids
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “When Advertisement Isn’t Enough- The Court Process and Foreclosures/Workouts or Ask the Judges”	April 22, 2010	Detroit Athletic Club (DAC)
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Only Fools Rush In: The Fundamentals of Real Estate Due Diligence ”	May 13, 2010	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Current Issues in Multi-Family Housing Law and Financing ”	Jun 3, 21010	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
2010 Summer Conference “ The New Normal- Working with Today’s Realities”	July 14-17, 2010	Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa, Thompsonville, Michigan

Section Membership: Notwithstanding some attrition believed to be attributable to economic conditions, in FY 2009-2010 the Section continued to have in excess of 3,000 members.

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Section Bylaws: The most recent version of the Section's By-laws may be viewed on the Section's website – www.michbar.org/real_property/general_info.cfm.

Publications: The Section publishes the Real Property Review on a quarterly basis, an e-newsletter on a monthly basis.

Legislative and Policy issues: During the 2009-2010 legislative session, the Section opposed five house bills and four senate bills. In addition, the Section at the request of the Michigan Supreme Court submitted Amicus Briefs in *Hendee v Putnam* (SC: 137446), and *Florence Beach v Township of Lima* (SC: 139394). The positions taken by the Section are set forth in its Public Policy Reports which can be reviewed at www.michbar.org/real_property/publicpolicy.cfm.

Awards: At the Section's 2010 Summer Conference, the Section's Robert Wartell Award for outstanding service will be presented. The Section will also present \$500.00 Book Award Scholarships to the outstanding student in an advance real estate course at each of Michigan's five law schools. These scholarships will be presented at the State Bar September 2010 Annual Meeting.

Recommendations for Next Council: The recommendations for the next RPLS Council are in large part identified in the RPLS Long Range Plan dated July 23, 2005. In addition, substantial efforts were undertaken during 2009-2010 to grow the Section by promoting membership to young lawyers, and to enhance participation by Section members from the west side of the State. Various successful initiatives and programs were undertaken in pursuit of these goals, and the new Council is encouraged to continue to build on them.

Administration: Arlene Rubinstein continues to serve as the Section's Administrator, and her contributions are an integral part of the Section's success.

Special Committees: The Section has 15 special committees that cover virtually every area of specialization within the practice of real estate law. Most committees are co-chaired by a member of the Section from the east side of the state and a member from the west side of the state. The names of the Section's special committees and their chairs can be found at the Section's website at www.michbar.org/realproperty/committees.cfm.

Continuing Legal Education: The Section's Continuing Legal Education Program was very successful during 2009-2010 under the leadership of CLE Co-chairs Richard Rattner and Gregory Gamalski. The Section presented 4 Homeward Bound Seminars in conjunction with ICLE. In addition, the Section conducted a series of 5 Breakfast Groundbreaker Seminars which provide opportunities to learn about a number of topics in a more informal, networking setting.

Conferences: The Section held another successful winter conference, this year in Scottsdale, Arizona, thanks to the efforts of Co-chairs Melissa Papke and Laura Lynch. The Section also has an

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excellent summer conference planned at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Michigan by
Co-chairs Laurie King and Clay Thomas.

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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Senior Lawyers

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Joseph C. Cox	2010	Mary E. Crusoe Byrne	2012
Alfred E. Gade	2010	James H. Loree	2012
William K. Van't Hof	2010	Kenneth E. Prather	2012
Catherine D. Hoort (recently resigned)	2011		
George S. Lilly	2011		
Kathleen Williams	2011		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Phone Conference	9/10/09	
Council Phone Conference	10/08/09	
Council Face to Face	11/12/09	OCBA Board Room

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Council Phone Conference	12/10/09	
Council Phone Conference	1/14/10	
Council Phone Conference	2/11/10	
Council Phone Conference	3/11/10	
Section Meeting (approve transition to Master Lawyers)	4/08/10	OCBA Board Room
Council Phone Conference	4/08/10	OCBA Board Room
Council Phone Conference	5/13/10	
Council Phone Conference	6/10/10	
Section Meeting Planned for Crystal Mountain	8/20/10-8/22/10	Crystal Mountain Resort

General Budget Information: Not much available not much spent. Much mileage waived etc.

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Section Meeting	8/20/10-8/22/10	Crystal Mountain Resort

Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council: become Master Lawyers Section

Other Information:

Edgar Ruff
Chair

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Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Social Security Lawyers Section

Mission Statement: The Social Security Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the website, public service programs and publication of a newsletter.

Officers and Council Members:

Officers:

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Treasurer	Aaron Sumrall	4515 W Saginaw Hwy Ste 102 PO Box 80213 Lansing, MI 48908	(517) 579- 5118	sumrall-law@comcast.net

Council Membership: The Section Council has been discussing the composition of the Council, as the criteria listed in our bylaws have become irrelevant and unusable (see bylaws revision, below). At the outset of the current year, we agreed that Council membership would be open to any Section member who expressed an interest in Section leadership by attending Council meetings and contributing to Council activities. Because we are operating between the formal requirements of our bylaws and the practical realities of current facts, we do not currently have membership terms. This will be corrected by the bylaw revision. In the following list, “Member” reflects those members, in addition to the above officers, who have attended more than one Council Meeting or have contributed to Council activities. “Ex-Officio Members” are past Chairs who have not been active on the Council in the current year. Ex-Officio members are always invited to attend Council meetings.

Member	Ex-Officio Members
Annette Skinner, Immediate Past Chair, Lansing	Carl Anderson, Detroit
B. Thomas Golden, Lowell	Michael Dudley, E. Lansing
D. Louis Weir, Brighton	Kerry Spencer Johnson, Southfield
Edward M. Waud, Petoskey	Diane M. Kwitoski, Pontiac
Evan Zagoria, Bingham Farms	Deanna J. Lee-Kaniowski, Southfield
Kimberly A. Lamb, Petoskey	Charles A Robison, Albion
Lewis M. Seward, Bay City	Thomas M. Stellard, Grand Rapids

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Matthew F. Taylor, Saginaw	
Richard P. Tolle, Muskegon	
Joseph Petrylak, Lansing	

Council Meeting Schedule:

Date	Location
11/11/09	University Club, E. Lansing
1/13/10	University Club, E. Lansing
3/10/10	University Club, E. Lansing
4/21/10	University Club, E. Lansing
7/28/10	University Club, E. Lansing

Seminars:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Meeting and Seminar: The Electronic File	10/1/09	Vista Tech Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia
Description: Officers were elected and new Council members encouraged to participate. Members Greg Frye and Elizabeth Warren, along with support staff Hana Wantuck, presented in-office and at-hearing procedures for interacting with SSA's electronic evidence file. Eileen Moloney, Lansing ODAR, presented from the SSA perspective. Hearing Office Directors (Kyle Andeer, Detroit; Connie Livingston, Oak Park; Jan Pegg, Flint; and Ken Harned, Lansing) gave ODAR updates. Senior Attorney Advisor Janet Alaga-Gadigian, Detroit ODAR, presented guidelines for requesting on-the-record decisions.		
Childhood SSI	2/19/10	Lansing Community College
Description: Members Thomas Geelhoed and Elizabeth Warren gave an introduction to Childhood cases. NOSSCR board member Debra Shifrin, Akron, OH, presented about the Functional Equivalence analysis and gave a short update from NOSSCR. Child psychologist Kay Hodges, PhD, gave a seminar on the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale. A guest presented information about Autism. Geri Caruso, of the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, gave information about their advocacy in the context of education services for children with disabilities.		
The Return of the Electronic File	6/4/10	The Eberhard Center, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids
Description: Member Evan Zagoria presented updates on the electronic file from the practitioner's point of view. Susan Brown, SSA Executive Assistant and point person on all aspects of the electronic file, presented information about current and future functions available to representatives. We expect to be able to register members for access to the full suite of services, including access to the web-based exhibit file, at our next seminar (10/8/10).		

Legislative issues: Kimberly Lamb has spearheaded the Section's response to the proposed tax on legal services. The Council supports the SBM's position opposing the tax.

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Other projects:

- Annette Skinner and Matthew Taylor continue working on our bylaw revision. Bylaws currently require Council membership to be representatives apportioned according to the number of members within the areas served by the Michigan hearing offices. This presents at least two problems to current practice: 1) We now practice with many other hearing offices in addition to the Michigan offices listed in the bylaws. Some members practice almost exclusively in front of ALJ's who are outside of Michigan; 2) The number of representatives per number of members in the 5 areas was based on a very small Section membership number. Our Section has grown tremendously. If we complied with the bylaw requirements, the Council would have an unwieldy number of members. A related issue is that a relatively small number of members are interested in being Council members. Section members should expect proposed revisions to the bylaws for their review and approval during the next year.
- Thomas Golden recently took responsibility for updating our SBM webpage.
- Lewis Seward continues to produce the Section newsletter.
- The remaining Council members have contributed to the 3 seminars that are the main work of the Section. Contributions include organizational and speaking tasks.

Recommendations for next Council:

- Finish the bylaw revision.
- Continue the seminars.

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TAXATION SECTION - ANNUAL REPORT**

Section Name: Taxation

Mission Statement:

The Section, as a representative of the legal profession, shall serve its members and the public through education and leadership in efforts to achieve an equitable, efficient, and workable tax system. The purpose of this Section is to improve public understanding of, confidence in, and respect for the federal, state and local tax systems; to provide leadership in simplifying and improving the federal, state and local tax systems; to provide unbiased, thoughtful and timely input into the legislative and administrative process at the national, state and local levels; To promote and maintain an active, vigorous, growing and interested Section membership; To provide programs and services of unique quality which promote professionalism, competence and ethical conduct; to provide a forum for communication among Section members and interchange between the public and private sectors

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Gary R. Glenn - P31897	2012		
Gary M. Remer – P57230	2012		
Marjorie B. Gell – P46974	2012		
Michael W. Domanski – P56061	2011		
Paul V. McCord – P61138	2011		
Christopher Ballard – P47015	2010		
Lynnteri Arshnt Gandhi – P60466	2010		
John M. O'Hara – P41157	2010		
David B. Walters – P36608	2010		
Jess A. Bahs – P46905	2010		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 22, 2009	Varnum Law firm, Novi, MI
Officer Meeting	November 12, 2009	(via telephone conference)
Officer Meeting	December 15, 2009	(via telephone conference)
Council Meeting	January 7, 2010	Howard & Howard, Royal Oak
Officer Meeting	February 11, 2010	(via telephone conference)
Council Meeting	March 4, 2010	Maddin Hauser, Southfield
Officer Meeting	April 1, 2010	(via telephone conference)
Council Meeting	April 29, 2010	Butzel Long, Blmd Hills
Council Meeting	June 17, 2010	Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills Campus
Officer Meeting	July 22, 2010	(via telephone conference)
Council Meeting	September 16, 2010	Inn at St John's Plymouth, MI
Annual Meeting & Dinner	September 16, 2010	Inn at St John's Plymouth, MI

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
After Hours Tax Series	October 6, 2009	Inn at St John's Plymouth, MI
Tax Court Luncheon	October 20, 2009	Westin Book Cadillac, Detroit
Michigan Business Tax Conf.	November 3 rd and 4 th 3009	Rock Financial, Novi
After Hours Tax Series	November 17, 2009	Inn at St John's Plymouth, MI
After Hours Tax Series	January 26, 2010	Inn at St John's Plymouth, MI
After Hours Tax Series	February 23, 2010	Inn at St John's Plymouth, MI
Tax Court Luncheon	March 23, 2010	Westin Book Cadillac, Detroit
Annual Tax Conference	May 20, 2010	Rock Financial, Novi

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Other activities: Michigan Tax Lawyer published 3 time a year; Committee meetings and other educational programs for Section members; Grants made to organizations assisting low-income taxpayers; awards given to law students;

Legislative issues: Discussions regarding possible tax on legal services discussions; work on reform measures regarding the Michigan Tax Tribunal; and comments regarding temporary repeal of the federal estate tax in 2010

Recommendations for next Council: Membership growth/retention with emphasis on outreach efforts; more involvement with legislative matters.

Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Worker's Compensation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan

Mission Statement: The Worker's Compensation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, a web site, public service programs and publication of a 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.

Officers and Council Members:

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John Charters - 2010
David DeGraw
Timothy Esper - 2011
Murray Feldman
Dennis Flynn - 2012
William Housefield - 2010
Denise LeVasseur
Chuck Palmer - 2012
Ella Parker - 2011
Chris Rabideau - 2012
Tom Ruth - 2011

John M. Sims
Mark Viel - 2010

Council Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type:

Annual Meeting	June 18, 2009	Crystal Mountain, Thomsonville, MI
Section Council Meeting	July 31, 2009	Detroit/Lansing offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	Oct. 30, 2009	Detroit/Lansing offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	Dec. 11, 2009	Detroit offices of Workers' Compensation Agency
Section Council Meeting	Jan. 15, 2010	Detroit/Lansing offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	Feb. 19, 2010	Detroit/Lansing offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	March 19, 2010	Detroit/Lansing offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	April 16, 2010	Detroit/Lansing offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	May 17, 2010	Detroit/Lansing offices of Workers' Compensation Agency teleconference
Section Council Meeting	June 17, 2010	Crystal Mountain, Thomsonville, MI

General Budget Information:

Events and/or Seminars:

Winter Seminar	Dec. 11, 2009	Cadillac Tower Building, Detroit
Seminar	February, 2010	Costa Rica
Seminar	April, 2010	Las Vegas, Nevada
Past Chairpersons' Golf Outing	May 14, 2010	Forest Akers Golf Course, Lansing
Annual Meeting/Election of Officers	June 17-18, 2010	Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville

Legislative Issues:

The Worker's Compensation Law Section Council reviewed, investigated and/or commented upon various forms of legislation. The Section Council considered the implications upon the practice of workers' compensation law with regards to various pieces of legislation. The Section Council concerned itself with Federal legislation effecting the practice of workers' compensation, most particularly with regard to Medicare and Medicare Set-Aside issues - HR 4796 and HR 2641. The Section Council also considered the executive orders dealing with budget cuts and the effect upon the practice, and it was actively involved in the Governor's Workers' Compensation Efficiency Initiative.

Additionally the Section commented with regard to various decisions of the Supreme Court. The Section was requested to file Amicus Briefs with regard to several cases pending in the Supreme Court. The Section Council declined the filing of Amicus briefs during this year.

Recommendations for next Council:

The Section hopes that in the coming year, to pursue aggressively the availability of new technology and its application to the practice of workers' compensation law in the form of electronic filings, electronic file keeping and electronic maintenance of records by the Agency and practitioners.

The Section Council will be preparing for the 2011 celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the enactment of Workers' Compensation Law in the United States. Given the budget crises in the State of Michigan and its effect upon the practice and practitioners, the Section looks forward to the challenges that it will be facing in the practice of workers' compensation over the next

years,

Other Information:

In the course of this year the Worker's Compensation Law Section Council has maintained various section committees dealing with events and activities sponsored by, or proposed by the Section. These committees include the Past Chairpersons' Golf Outing Committee, the Hall of Fame Criteria Committee, the Hall of Fame Nomination Committee, the Technology and Practice Committee, the Historical Documents Committee (which focuses on the preservation of historical documents in the practice of workers' compensation), and the Worker's Compensation Law Section Scholarship Committee. Each of these Committees were assigned a particular task over the course of the year to improve the efficiency of activities of the Worker's Compensation Law Section and its council. These Committees exist in addition to the Committees that generally handles the yearly seminars, to-wit: the Winter Seminar, which provides an annual update with regard to Michigan Workers' Compensation Law and Practice, and the Spring Seminar, which is the annual meeting held in June with regard to the Section, dealing with the election of officers and members of the Section Council.

Membership:

With 791 members, the Michigan Workers' Compensation Law Section has one of the largest memberships of any Section in the State Bar of Michigan.

By-Laws:

The By Laws of the Section were amended in the past year to change the payment of fees and dues with regard to individuals who are working in the Workers' Compensation Agency. A Section By Law Amendment was proposed and passed at the annual meeting, has been properly instituted through the State Bar, which removes the necessity for payment of dues for membership in the Section from any Agency representative as set forth in the new By Law.

Publications:

The Michigan Workers' Compensation Law Section has maintained a Newsletter published on a regular basis during the course of the year. Special mention must be made of Member Tom Ruth who has worked diligently to maintain that particular Newsletter and to see to its production. During the course of this year a change was made with regard to the Workers' Compensation Law Section Newsletter in that hard copies are no longer sent through the US mail. Instead the Newsletter is sent to our members by electronic mailing.

During the course of the year meetings, activities and seminars were carried out as noted in that the Section sponsored or took part in a Winter Seminar to Costa Rica, a Las Vegas Seminar in April, a highly informative educational seminar held in Detroit in December, 2009, as well as the important annual meeting held in June, 2009 and which will be held again in June, 2010.

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Bar Year: 2009/2010

Section Name: Young Lawyer Section

Officers and Council Members:

Officer	Name
Chair	Danielle Mason Anderson
Chair-Elect	Maureen McGinnis
Secretary	Brandy Robinson
Treasurer	Felicia Johnson

Member	Term	Member	Term
Erika Lynn Anderson	9/30/10	Sean P. McNally	9/30/10
Bernhardt D. Christenson	9/30/10	Alexandra Nassar	9/30/10
Syeda Farhana Davidson	9/30/10	Joseph P. Pittel	9/30/10
Carlos A. Escurel	9/30/10	Brent George Seitz	9/30/10
Nicholas G. Even	9/30/11	Bonnie R. Shaw	9/30/10
Lisa C. Hagan	9/30/11	Hope V. Shovein	9/30/11
Jennifer M. Harvey	9/30/11	Jessica Renee Simmons	9/30/11
Andrea Irons	9/30/10	Adam G. Zuwerink	9/30/11
Mark William Jane	9/30/11		
James William Low	9/30/10		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	9/17/09	Dearborn
Planning Retreat	10/10/09	Mt. Pleasant
Council Meeting	11/19/09	Lansing
Council Meeting	1/21/10	Lansing
Council Meeting/BOC challenge	3/26/10	Lansing
Council Meeting	4/22/10	Phone meeting
Summit	6/4-6/6/10	Acme

General Budget Information: \$62,100 for 2009/10 from SBM

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Board Retreat	10/10/09	Mt. Pleasant
Food Drive and Networking	11/18/09	Central High School, Detroit
New Lawyer Seminar w/FBA	12/1-2/09	US Dist. Ct. for E. District
Macomb Holiday Dinner	12/10/09	Mt. Clemens
Flint Holiday Dinner	12/09/09	Flint
Kalamazoo Holiday Dinner	1/16/10	Kalamazoo
Mentors Plus Night	1/27/10	Auburn Hills
OCBA & Macomb New lawyers panel event	1/27/10	Oakland County
Appellate Practice Panel Discussion	2/9/10	Detroit
Free Legal Seminar	2/12 and 2/19/10	Black Child & Family Institute
MLK Justice Advocacy Program	2/27/10	Detroit
Bowling Challenge	3/26/10	Lansing
Technology Networking Event	4/15/10	Detroit
Youth Leadership Conference	4/17/10	Detroit
Practicing Law in Washtenaw	4/16/10	Washtenaw
Town Hall on Youth Violence	5/3/10	Detroit
Law Day	5/3/10	Central High, Detroit
Foreclosure Prevention Seminar	5/27/10	Detroit
3 rd Annual Summit	6/4-6/6/10	Acme

It has been a very active year for our section, thanks to the hard work of our Executive Council and the funds allocated to us by the SBM. We thank you for your support!!

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