

## Board of Commissioners Section Liaison

- *Responsibilities primarily include:* initiating a relationship with the Section Chair by introducing yourself and explaining your role as the assigned BOC liaison; discussing issues to be addressed; participating in Section meetings, as suggested by the Section Chair or as your schedule permits; understanding the Section's primary methods of communication (e.g., newsletters, list-serve, e-blasts, Facebook, LinkedIn) and subscribing to them.
- Facilitate communications to and from the Section and the BOC; foster cooperation and mutual support of our respective and collective goals.
- Assure that Section issues discussed have the benefit of the BOC perspective, and assure that the BOC is apprised of issues being considered by the Section.
- Advise the SBM Executive Director of important work groups that the Section may form.
- Until further notice, on matters of policy, remind Section leadership of State Bar Bylaw Article VIII concerning public policy and AO 2004-01 (*Keller*) and how the SBM must be notified of a Section's recommended position on legislation, court proposals, or other matters of policy; assist the Section in having the State Bar's Public Policy, Image and Identity Committee and the BOC review (and hopefully adopt) its policy positions when applicable; communicate with staff and the BOC regarding possible compromise positions.
- Be prepared to assist with implementation of any changes to policy work that will occur this year.
- Assure that the Section knows of available SBM section services and possible staff support. Visit SBM Section website for answers to questions <http://www.michbar.org/sections/> and use "Who Sections Contact with Questions" as a guide.