



# Insurance and Indemnity Law

## Theme Introduction

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The State Bar of Michigan Insurance and Indemnity Law Section is honored to present this theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. Our section is neutral in disputes between insurers and insureds, and is comprised of approximately 882 members from all practice perspectives, including plaintiffs' trial lawyers, defense lawyers, regulatory lawyers, in-house lawyers, and more.

The section's mission is to provide a forum for the exchange of information, views, and expertise from all perspectives on both insurance coverage issues and indemnity issues, and to offer information and assistance to individuals or organizations on matters relating to insurance and indemnity law. Membership is open to all SBM members.

Insurance protection is an integral and indispensable part of the economy and affects a broad range of practice areas as evident from the articles in this issue. Insurance practice lawyers have a significant impact on individuals, corporations, and governmental entities. For example, the articles in this edition of the *Bar Journal* discuss cyber liability issues, claims of bad faith and entitlement to extra-contractual damages, disclosure of changes in coverage when a policy is renewed, and an introduction to indemnity-law principles.

### Our programs

Most of the section's members belong to other sections. Consequently, we actively seek out other sections to present and host joint programs. For example, this January our section presented in conjunction with the Marijuana Law Section a program featuring emerging issues relating to insurance coverage for the burgeoning marijuana industry in Michigan.

If your section would like to cosponsor a joint program with our section, please contact us.

### Our Journal

The section's well-regarded quarterly *Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law*, now in its 12th year, features articles, case updates, analyses, and opinions of interest pertaining to insurance and indemnity law. We encourage our readers to be a part of the *Journal* by submitting an article or opinion piece to our editor for publication. You do not need to be a section member to submit an article.

### Our website

We welcome anyone with an interest in insurance and indemnity law to visit our website at <http://connect.michbar.org/insurance/home> and like us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SBMIILS>. ■



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