

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT  
SECTIONS**

**Introduction**

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

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

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

**Additional Materials**

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

**Templates**

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

**Submission**

All annual reports should be submitted by May 31, 2008. They should be submitted to:

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ANNUAL REPORT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Bar Year: 2007-2008**

**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, this site, 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. 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	Susan L. Hlywa Topp	213 E Main St, Gaylord, MI 48734	989 732 4014	susan@topplaw.com
Chair-Elect	Charles E. Barbieri	313 S. Washington Sq Lansing, MI 48933	517 371 8155	cbarbieri@fosterswift.com
Secretary	Christopher J. Dunsky	660 Woodward Ste. 2290, Detroit, MI 48226	313 465-7364	cjd@honigman.com
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Member	Term	Member	Term
Kurt M. Brauer	2008	Christopher M. Bzdok	2010
Dennis J. Donohue	2008	Michael L. Caldwell	2010
Matthew B. Eugster	2008	R. Craig Hupp	2010
Kenneth C. Gold	2008	Anna M. Maiuri	2010
Patricia Paruch	2008	Dustin P. Ordway	2010
Ernest P. Chiodo	2009		
Jeffrey K. Haynes	2009		
Scott D. Hubbard	2009		
Timothy J. Lozen	2009		
James K. O'Brien	2009		

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	November 10, 2007	Cooley Law School, Lansing
Council Meeting	February 23, 2008	Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills Campus
Council Meeting	June 14, 2008	Ralph McMullen Center
Council Meeting/Annual Meeting	September 18, 2008	Dearborn

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**General Budget Information: Section Account Balance as of April 30, 2008 was \$62,655.32.**

**Events and/or Seminars:**

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Climate Change & Alternative Energy: Joint Program with East and West Chapters of AWMA.	November 28, 2007	Lansing Community College
Administrative Agency Rejection of Staff Recommendations and the California's Request to Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions	February 23, 2008	Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills Campus
Grayling Stormwater Project Tour followed by a short program comprised of a MDEQ Forum and Brownfield Update.	June 13, 2008	Ralph McMullen Conference Center, Higgins Lake
Legislative Update; Brownfield Redevelopment (Case Study: Fairlane Green, Allen Park, Michigan); Climate Change State of the Law.	September 18, 2008	Dearborn Hyatt Regency

**Legislative issues:**

**Recommendations for next Council:**

It has been the objective of the current Council and the Deskbook Committee to achieve the publication of the Environmental Law Deskbook in both electronic and hard copy format. If the

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authors of the Deskbook fail to meet their deadline of September 17, 2008, that task will fall upon the next Council to complete. It is also recommended that the next Council continue efforts to expand the number of younger attorneys and students that participate in the Section. The ELS Council will need to develop theme articles for the October 2009 Bar Journal and complete the dedication of the Environmental Law Legal Milestone. The current Council made great advances in the use of technology and began initiatives to partner with larger associations to put on programs to address Climate Change and Global Warming. It is hoped that the next Council will continue these efforts to address these multi state issues, especially the impacts to the Great Lakes region. I would like to thank all the Committee Chairs, Council Chair Elect Chuck Barbieri, and Council Secretary-Treasurer Chris Dunsky for their hard work. I would also like to thank Past Chair John Byl for showing me the way. It is my hope that the next Council will find the strength to guide the Section through what appears to be a very challenging time for our environment.

Susan Hlywa Topp, ELS Chair

### **Other Information:**

The Environmental Law Section has an active committee structure which consists of:

#### **Air:**

Chair: S. Lee Johnson, Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn LLP

Vice-Chair: Kurt Kissling, Pepper Hamilton

#### **Deskbook:**

Chair: Jeffrey K. Haynes, Beier Howlett, PC

Vice-Chair: Gene Smary, Warner, Norcross & Judd LLP

#### **Environmental Litigation and Administrative Practice:**

Chair: Steven H. Huff, Of Counsel Donnelly W. Hadden, PC

Vice-Chair: Ernest P. Chiodo, Ernest Ciodo PC

#### **Hazardous Substances and Brownfields:**

Chair: Charles M. Denton, Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP

Vice-Chair: Joshua W. Gubkin, Office of the General Counsel, Chrysler LLC

#### **Journal:**

Chair: Robert Schroder, ArvinMeritor Inc.

Vice-Chair: Peter D. Holmes, BorgWarner Inc.

#### **Membership:**

Chair: Dustin Ordway, Miller Johnson

Vice-Chair: Christopher M. Bzdok, Olson Bzdok & Howard PC

#### **Natural Resources:**

Chair: Joseph E. Quandt, Zimmerman Kuhn Darling Boyd Taylor Quandt & Phelps PLC

Vice-Chair: Matthew D. Zimmerman, Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP

#### **Program:**

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Chair: Kurt M. Brauer, Bodman LLP

**Technology:**

Chair: John L. Tatum, John L. Tatum, PC

Vice-Chair: Chris Bzdok, Olson Bzdok & Howard PC

**Water:**

Chair: Dennis J. Donohue, Warner, Norcross & Judd LLP

Vice-Chair: Scott J. Steiner, Rhoades McKee

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

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