2006-2007 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Section Name:

Family Law Section

Mission Statement:

To provide education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter.

Officers and Membership:

Chair: David C. Sarnacki, Grand Rapids

Council Members: Karen S. Sendelbach, Amy A. Yu, Barbara J. Kelly, Carlo J. Martina, Charlotte Allen, Neil M. Colman, John Forczak, Jules Hanslovsky, Mark A. Snover, Ross F. Stancati, Lorne B. Gold, Hon. John T. Hammond, Connie R. Thacker, Anne L. Argiroff, Judith O'Donnell, Philip B. Navarre, Rebecca Shiemke, Traci L. Rink, Todd Selin, Kent L. Weichmann

2006-07 Council Meeting Schedule (date and location): Lansing on October 6th, March 10th and June 2nd; Grand Rapids on November 4th and April 7th; Ann Arbor on December 2nd and May 5th; and Novi on February 3rd. The Annual Meeting will be held in Grand Rapids this year.

Events/Seminars:

The Section has an active advocacy program (Amicus, Court Rules, Family Support, Legislation) and member services program (Family Court Forum; Family Law Journal, Family Law Institute; Mid-Winter Conference; Mediation Training; Mentor Roundtables; Technology [website and listserv]).

Article VIII, § 1

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.

Please submit your report via e-mail to smcmann@mail.michbar.org

Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan

Susan McMann has been a tremendous help with the Council. Sandra Barger and Nancy Brown are facilitating improvements to the Section's website.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Family Law Section has adopted a Strategic Plan. We will build the Section's reputation for Excellence and Accomplishment in our activities and services. We will build Section resources and relationship experiences that our members value. We will build within our Section the expertise and leadership that impact decision makers.

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