

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2008-2009 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2008-2009**

**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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**Council Meeting Schedule:**

<u>Meeting Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Annual	September 19, 2008	Hyatt Regency Hotel – Dearborn, MI
Regular	November 6, 2008	Butzel Long, PC – Detroit, MI
Regular	January 15, 2009	Warner Norcross & Judd LLP.– Southfield, MI
Regular	March 5, 2009	Butzel Long, PC – Detroit, MI
Regular	May 12, 2009	Dykema Gossett PLLC – Bloomfield Hills, MI, with video conference to Dykema Gossett PLLC – Grand Rapids, MI
Regular	June 11, 2009	Detroit Zoo Education Center – Detroit, MI
Annual	September 17, 2009	SBM Annual Meeting – Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI

**Events and/or Seminars:**

<u>Event or Seminar Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Legal Aspects of Doing Business in the Middle East; Speakers–Chibli Mallat, Middle East and Constitutional Professor of Law, S.J. Quinney School of Law, University of Utah, and Bashir Ahmed, Partner with Afridi & Angell, Dubai, United Arab Emirates	September 19, 2008	SBM Annual Meeting – Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI

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Importance of Diversity in Business Relationships and Management; Speaker–Thomas Costello, President and Chief Executive of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion (and former Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Compuware Corporation)	November 6, 2008	Butzel Long, PC – Detroit, MI
Current Trends in Canada: Cross-Border Lending Transactions, Holding Companies and Income Tax Treaties	December 1, 2008	Automation Alley – Troy, MI
Summary of Governor Granholm’s Trade Mission to Israel; Speaker–Margaret Dobrowitsky of Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione	January 15, 2009	Warner Norcross & Judd LLP – Southfield, MI
Ethics & Compliance – Multinational Corporation Perspective; Speaker–Joe Sepsey, Deputy Director of Global Ethics and Compliance of Dow Chemical Company	March 5, 2009	Butzel Long, PC – Detroit, MI
Treasure Hunt: The U.S. Congress and Treasury Engage in a Global Effort to Collect Offshore Tax Bounty; Speaker–Payson R. Peabody of Dykema Gossett PLLC, and formerly Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice	May 12, 2009	Dykema Gossett PLLC – Bloomfield Hills, MI, with video conference to Dykema Gossett PLLC – Grand Rapids, MI
New Approaches to International Legal Issues under the Obama Administration	June 11, 2009	Detroit Zoo Ford Education Center – Detroit, MI
International Legal Aspects of the Global Financial Crises	September 17, 2009	SBM Annual Meeting – Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI

**Other Information:**

1. At the 2008 Annual Meeting, the Chairman, upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and in accordance with the Section’s Bylaws, appointed the following persons as *ex-officio* law student members of the Council: Douglas Peters (University of Detroit Law School) and Sonia Salah (Wayne State University Law School).

2. 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](http://michbar.org/international).

3. The Section provided a cash sponsorship to help send four law student members of the Wayne State University Law School's International Law Student Association to attend the global International Law Student Association Spring 2009 Conference in Washington, D.C., from March 26-28, 2009.