

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SECTION'S
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008/2009

2008/2009 Officers:

The Officers for the 2008/2009 year took office at the September 2008 State Bar Annual Meeting. They include

Chair: Rebecca Simkins
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Chair-Elect: Austin G. Anderson, Ann Arbor

Vice-Chair: Wm Burt Burleson, Lansing

Secretary: Elizabeth Joliffe, Ann Arbor. Elizabeth filled the seat vacated when Konnie Kustron resigned due to family illness.

Treasurer: Vincent A. Romano, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

Representative from the Law Student Section: While this is vacant at this time, the section is planning on doing presentations at Cooley Law School and Michigan State College of Law in the Fall to educate and recruit students to LPM section.

Council Members:

Term Expires 2009:

Stacey L. Dinser

Joseph Edward Ernst

John Dominic Gorzalski, from Legal Administrator's Section

Jeffrey E. Kirkey

Marla A. Linderman

Sally B. VanDenBerg

Term Expires 2010:

Nicholas P. D'isa

Steven Mark Feigelson

Sharon Horner Gant

James G. Schmier

Kris M. Yockey

Term Expires 2011:

Patrick F. Geary – per by-laws will be replaced due to non-attendance at any meetings

Ernest I. Gifford

William D. Gilbride, Jr. - per by-laws will be replaced due to non-attendance at any meetings

Immediate Past Chair: Gary P. Bauer, Lansing

Ex-Officio:

Austin G. Anderson

Benson J. Barr

Linda D. Bernard

L. Ray Bishop

Barry L. Brickner

John C. Buchanan

Daniel J. Cline

Reginald G. Dozier

Harold A. Draper *

Mark R. Filipp

Milton I. Firestone

Michael J. Fraleigh

Howard J. Gourwitz

Wesley P. Hackett, Jr.

Kenneth Lee Lewis

William A. Ortman

Miles J. Postema

Vincent A. Romano

David C. Sarnacki

Thomas R. Winquist

*deceased

Commissioner Liaison: Julie Fershtman, Farmington Hills

2008/2009 Section Activities:

- Merger with Legal Administrators – still pending. Section has voted and finalized merger, by-laws and mission have been revised. Waiting for final State Bar Approval
- ICLE Annual Solo/Small Firm Institute - our section has worked with ICLE to put this together and is also a sponsor of this event. We offer two scholarships to young lawyers. Several our members will be speaking and moderating at the institute.

- Membership events – We are planning two social/networking events outside of the metro Detroit area to tap into the members in Washtenaw and Kent Counties. We are also planning on a similar event next year in Macomb county, where the section has 88 members. Through these programs, we hope to increase awareness of the section, increase membership.
- We are also targeting the law schools with educational programming and support to provide students with awareness of our section and what it can offer a new lawyer. We plan to have these events in the Fall at Cooley and Michigan State College of Law.

Section Newsletter

The section continues to publish its quarterly newsletter to all section members. Many council members have contributed articles for the newsletter. This newsletter is sent electronically and is available on the state bar's website each month.

2008 ABA Tech Show – two council members attended the Tech Show and wrote articles for the section's newsletter.

Mackinaw conference – articles will be written about the Leadership conference and how the information can benefit the section in terms of its purpose and growth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Simkins
2008/2009 Chair

July 10, 2009

