

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

Bar Year: 2008-2009

Section Name: LAW STUDENT SECTION

Mission Statement: The mission of the Law Student Section Governing Council is to represent the students of Michigan's law schools and to act as a liaison to the State Bar sections; to increase student involvement in the State Bar of Michigan; to actively support other State Bar sections' philanthropic activities; and to further professional opportunities among law students. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

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Council Meeting Schedule:

The Council met several time between the annual meeting in September 2008 and our elections on April 10, 2009. These meetings were mostly conducted via teleconference, due to the membership being spread throughout the state. Generally these meetings were held on Fridays at 11:00 am and occurred about once a month.

General Budget Information: We did utilize our full budget this year. We budgeted for a golf outing and also for speaking events to be held at individual schools. Because of the state of the economy, we were unable to hold the golf outing. Although a budget was set, the amount was less

than 25% of the cost of the outing. We also had budgeted money to host speaking events at each school. Although this was not utilized by the schools to the extent anticipated, the Section has increased awareness of other sections and is creating strategic partnerships with other sections to help us fulfill our mission statement and hold meaningful speaking events at each school in future years.

Events and/or Seminars:

The Law Student Section had two great events this year. First, at our Annual Meeting we had a lecture on Roberts Rules of Order. The Section brought in a speaker who was able to instruct us (and those from other sections who were there) about the importance of Robert's Rules and how to correctly use them to host effective meetings. Our Second event was our Annual 1L Oral Advocacy Competition. This event was highly successful and brought a significant amount of members to the section. The event brought 1Ls from around the state to Ann Arbor to develop their oral advocacy skills. We had almost two times the amount of competitors than in prior years and were able to incorporate members from other sections as judges at this event.

Recommendations for next Council: Utilize your council to help grow the section membership. Doug Koenig has some excellent plans for the new year and should be successful in implementing these with active participation from each member of the governing council.