

PUBLIC CORPORATION LAW SECTION  
2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT

This is the annual report summarizing the activities of the Public Corporation Law Section during the year commencing June 27, 2008 through June 25<sup>th</sup> 2009.

The Public Corporation Law Section (the "PCLS") held its annual meeting on Friday, June 27, 2008 in the rustic surroundings of Drummond Island Resort. Council members were elected for their respective terms. Officers were elected to serve until the next annual meeting, June 26, 2009. The Sectional meeting followed, at which goals for the year were established and a Council committee schedule was determined for the coming year. The locations were set and the number of conference call meetings was increased to reduce hazardous driving during the winter.

The Annual PCLS meeting was held in conjunction with the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Education Conference. Heady topics such as municipal finance, labor law, governmental immunity, legislative updates from both Lansing and Washington D.C. and the tricks of holding and making a record at public hearings were discussed. Justice Weaver regaled the group with stories from the Supreme Court bench and bocci ball was the sport of choice.

Several Council members attended the State Bar annual meeting in the fall and several others participated both as speakers and registrants in the joint Real Property Law & PCLS annual Land Use seminar.

PCLS joined with the Administrative Law section to produce a seminar on tax appeals before the State Tax Tribunal in January which was well attended

The PCLS Winter Seminar was held on Friday, February 6, 2009, at St. John's Inn. It focused on giving practical advise to public agency attorneys in the contracting economy. Frank Audia, from Plante \* & Moran started out by scaring everyone with doomsday predictions. The AIA construction contracts were then dissected and taken apart to make them owner friendly. And the day was capped off with ADA and Retirement issues for public entities.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> PCLS participated in a new State Bar sponsored 2009 Law School for Legislators. Eight PCLS members spent two (2) hours lecturing on local government topics to two (20) legislative aids, someone from MSU Extension services and a man with a brown paper bag. No legislators.

The Public Corporation Law Quarterly became an internet paper ahead of its time. Most Section members now receive it via e-mail. It tackled scholarly subjects like government spech, home addresses and telephone numbers under FOIA among many, many others.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Educational Conference will again be co-sponsored by PCLS and the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island on June 26-27, 2009. The Annual meeting will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

It has been my pleasure to serve with a great group of very talented public law attorneys over the past year. Council members include in-house and out-house attorneys, big firms and small firms. I invite suggestions and inquiries about the Sections activities and ask for volunteers to serve on our publication, legislative, educational and web site among other committees.

Bill Beach, Chair

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