

Annual Report

Administrative Law Section

The Administrative Law Section began its year with a presentation by Sarah Somers of the National Health Law Program on “Enforcement of federal Rights Against State Agencies —Private Citizens Feel the Pain” at the Section’s 2002 Annual Meeting during the State Bar Annual Meeting in Lansing. At this annual meeting, miscellaneous updates and changes to the section by-laws were approved. Other activities this year include:

- The Council submitted comments in opposition to proposed State Bar of Michigan by-law revisions that would restrict Sections’ ability to engage in public policy advocacy.
- A Section listserv was created to facilitate communication within the Section and to promote the exchange of information and ideas.
- The Legislation and Rules Committee met several times to develop ideas for legislative improvements in the area of administrative law and a plan for pursuing those ideas.
- In May 2003, the Section had a full day seminar on “Administrative Law in Transition,” with special guest David Hollister, Director of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Career Development, and the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, as well as former Legal Counsel to the Governor of Michigan from the Milliken, Blanchard, and Engler administrations. The Seminar, which was well-attended, also included a panel on the effects of administrative proceedings on individual clients.
- The Section continued to publish its *Administrative Law Quarterly*.
- The Council submitted comments opposing proposed legislation that would allow the DEQ/DNR to be represented by non-attorneys in administrative proceedings.
- The Section’s Annual Meeting for 2003 was held concurrently with its May Seminar and the Section approved an amendment to the Section By-laws to allow future flexibility in scheduling the Section’s Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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