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Legislative issues:

n/a

Recommendations for next Council:

We need to move events around so that we have some in Detroit or Grand Rapids. Perhaps some mixers or social events.

Other Information:

We’ve been doing the same events for several years. Each event is very successful and well attended, but I think we need to do other things.

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None

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Amend MCL 600.4901 et seq. - to add provision for "automatic mediation" in civil cases.

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue effort to lobby for amendment of MCL 600.4901 et seq.

Other Information:

ADR Section Mission Statement: To encourage conflict resolution by: 1) providing training and education for ADR professionals; 2) giving professionals the tools to empower people in conflict to create optimal resolutions; and 3) advancing the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in our courts, government, businesses, and communities.

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**Information regarding the Brandi, Sadie, and Wanda Nash awards.**

**Awards**
- **Brandi Award** - Presented to Rep. Robert Kosowski for his significant contributions to animal welfare legislation. November 1, 2017 Lansing, MI
- **Brandi Award - check presentation** - Rep. Kosowski was able to designate a Michigan animal welfare charity to receive a $250 honorarium. February 3, 2017 Westland, MI
- **Wanda Nash Award** - presented to Christian Bucey, 3L, MSU College of Law. May 11, 2017 Lansing, MI
- **Sadie Award** - Presented to Connie Page and the late Tom Conner for extensive work on behalf of the Ingham County Animal Shelter. May 21, 2017 Lansing, MI

**Events**
- **Guest speaker - Delci Winders, Harvard Law** May 7, 2017 Ann Arbor, MI
- **Animal Law Summit** August 12, 2016 Seattle, WA
- **Presentation on Michigan Anticruelty Law to Capitol Area Humane Society** May 24, 2017 Lansing, MI
The Section has been quite active regarding legislative matters and has filed a number of policy reports, all of which may be found at www.michbar.org/sections/animalpp. Members of the legislative committee regularly appear in Lansing to testify on bills for which the Section has policy reports on file.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

**Other Information:**

The Section regularly publishes an Animal Law Newsletter, archived copies of which may be found at www.connect.michbar.org/animallaw/newsletter/newsletters.

The Section is currently working with the State Bar to update its Bylaws to more accurately reflect the Section’s current practices and needs.

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**Wanda Nash Award**: Named for the SBM Animal Law Section's founder, the Wanda Nash Award is presented annually to a graduating law student who has had the most impact on animal law. Nominations are made by professors who teach animal law in Michigan law schools. Nominations are reviewed by the Awards committee, which makes a recommendation to Council for a final vote.

**Brandi Award**: Established in 2000, the award recognizes a person in the legal or legislative profession who has done something notable for animals. It has been awarded to prosecutors, judges, and legislators. The recipient must be based in Michigan. Nominations are made by Section members and reviewed by the Awards committee, which makes a recommendation to Council for a final vote.

**Sadie Award**: This award recognizes exceptional efforts on behalf of animals from those not involved in the legal or legislative systems. It was named in memory of Sadie, a beloved family dog, who was killed by an intentional act of animal cruelty. Nominations are made by Section members and reviewed by the Section Awards committee, which makes a recommendation to Council for a final vote.
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Legislative issues:

None

Recommendations for next Council:

Judges on the Court of Appeals are keenly interested in updating the briefing rules to improve readability and advocacy in the court and take advantage of the new e-filing technology; the Council should continue efforts to develop rule amendments. On another note, the rotation of meetings to various parts of the state continues to serve the Section well by providing greater access to Section members and increasing participation in the Council across the state. And Petoskey continues to be a popular venue for the May meeting.

Other Information:

See Addendum

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Appellate Practice Section of the State Bar of Michigan
Addendum to 2016-2017 Annual Report

Events and Seminars: A summary of the Economics of Appellate Practice Seminar is attached.

Legislative Issues: None.

Court Rules/Policy Positions:

- Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on ADM File No. 2016-32 – Proposed Amendments to MCR 5.801, 5.802, 7.102, 7.103, 7.109, 7.202, 7.203, 7.205, 7.208, 7.209, 7.210, 7.212, and 7.213 (Probate Appeals Amendments): The Council advised the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners that the amendments be supported with a recommendation for two minor amendments: (1) Replace the reference to MCR 5.801(B) with MCR 5.801(A) in the amendment to MCR 7.202(6)(a)(vii), and (2) Combine the proposed MCR 7.202(6)(vi) with the existing MCR 7.202(6)(i) to avoid duplication. The Board of Commissioners adopted the Council’s recommendations and submitted included it in their comment to the Michigan Supreme Court.

- Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on ADM File No. 2015-02 – Proposed Amendment to MCR 7.213 (Mediation): The Council recommended to the Board of Commissioners that the rule amendment should be revised to specifically exclude domestic relations appeals. The Board of Commissioners adopted the Council’s recommendation and reported it to the Michigan Supreme Court in its comments on the proposed amendment.

- Comment on ADM File No. 2014-25 – Proposed Amendments to MCR 7.306 and MCR 7.316: The Council commented to the Michigan Supreme Court that mediations in the Michigan Supreme Court should exclude domestic relations cases, for the reasons stated in the previous position taken with regard to ADM File No. 20-15-02; the Council also echoed the concerns stated by Justice Markman in his concurring comments in the Order about the impropriety of ordering mediation in appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court; and, if a case were ordered to mediation, requested that the Court heed to the mediator’s recommendation(s) with regard to tolling or extending deadlines.

- Comment on SCAO Form CC 265 (Request for Appellate Counsel): The Council commented to the Supreme Court Administrative Office that it supports the proposed revisions to this form, for the sake of simplifying and clarifying the process for indigent defendants to seek court-appointed counsel on appeal. The Council was also in accord with the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System’s reasons for supporting the amendment.

Publications: The Section published three issues of the Appellate Practice Section Journal this term. The winter and fall editions are printed in a traditional manner, but the combined spring/summer edition is electronic-only in an effort to reduce costs. The committee’s goal is to include at least two featured articles in each Journal, along with recurring columns: From the
Other Activities/Events:

**Court Rules** - The Council has approved proposed amendments to MCR 7.209 to clarify the authority of trial courts to stay enforcement of money judgments without a bond, which will soon be submitted to the State Bar as a proposed policy position and then to the Michigan Supreme Court for consideration if not inconsistent with the State Bar’s position.

**Good Deeds** - The Section sponsored a volunteer event at the Gleaners Community Food Bank warehouse in Detroit. Participating with other groups of volunteers from all over the city, appellate lawyers (and family members) worked in teams to fill orders of packaged food items for distribution to Gleaners’ partners. Gleaners operates distribution centers in five counties, providing perishable and non-perishable food items to over 500 soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and other hunger relief agencies throughout southeastern Michigan.

**Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society Luncheon** – The Section sponsored a table at the annual fundraising luncheon for the MSC Historical Society in recognition of the importance of preserving the history of our highest appellate court.

**Ad Hoc E-Briefing Committee** - The Section has assembled a dedicated group of Section members to address the readability, accessibility, and technological issues that have arisen and are expected to arise as a result of recent developments in e-filing. The advent of electronic filing and continuing developments in this area of our practice, both in terms of filing and online access to lower court records, continues to be a topic of great interest to the Section and appellate judiciary. Members of the judiciary in particular have expressed great interested in receiving a recommendation from the Council for rules that will take the most advantage of the new technology to improve the administration of justice in the appellate courts. The Committee’s ultimate objective is to recommend rules changes to the Council that will accomplish this end.
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Legislative issues:
None adopted. Discussed the previous legislative changes in prior years to the Michigan Film Office.

Recommendations for next Council:
Task force/group to work on articles for Dec 2018 ACES theme issue of Bar Journal; Continued support and review of lawyers for creative economy program with Creative Many; support Detroit Music Foundation museum proposal; support Hensel Award; add law student representative(s) to Council

Other Information:
Upcoming Annual Section Meeting 09/28 with program on issues in art and photography, copyright and visual rights; Amended bylaws adopted at 09/22/16 meeting after review and revision by council and long-standing to do project; March 2017 program publicized with law students at the law schools; committees/task forces/groups depending on activity: Lawyers for Creative Economy; Hensel Award; social; film office/legislative; social media; outreach.

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:
Follow up on audio-visual library and additional seminars. First meeting of council should be as soon as possible after the annual meeting.

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MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Business Law Section is to foster the highest quality of professionalism and practice in business law and to enhance the legislative and regulatory environment for conducting business in Michigan. To fulfill this mission, the Section shall: (1) expand the resources of business lawyers by providing educational, networking and mentoring opportunities; (2) review and promote improvements to Michigan’s business legislation and regulations; and (3) provide a forum to facilitate service and commitment and to promote ethical conduct and collegiality within the practice.

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Michigan Uniform Securities Act (MUSA) Rule Making

Amendment to MCL 600.6023(k) and (l)

SCAO Forms for Receivership Motions

Other Information:

AWARDS: Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award

The Section established the Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award in 2006, to be presented annually. The award honors Michigan business lawyers who consistently exemplify the characteristics the Business Law Section seeks to foster and facilitate: the highest quality of professionalism, the highest quality of practice, an unwavering dedication to service, ethical conduct, and collegiality within the practice of law. The Section honored Timothy R. Damschroder at its Annual Meeting on October 7, 2016, at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The Award for 2017 will be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 6, 2017 in Grand Rapids.

COMMITTEES: Complete contact information for committee chairpersons is available on the Section’s website.

Business Courts

The Committee's objectives are to serve as a liaison between the Business Court Judges and the Business Law Section, to serve as a resource for the Business Court Judges, and to assist the Business Court Judges in whatever ways they and the Business Law Section deem appropriate.

Commercial Litigation Committee

The Commercial Litigation Committee assists litigators as well as business and corporate counsel in addressing issues that may lead to or arise in business-related litigation. The Committee sponsors seminars and other programs that address such issues and that are designed to enhance the practice of those involved in commercial litigation.

Corporate Laws Committee

The Corporate Laws Committee monitors and reviews matters relating to corporate law statutes and developments in the law of corporate governance. The committee also works with the Business Corporation Act Revision Subcommittee, which reviews the Michigan Business Corporation Act for the purpose of keeping it current with developments in corporate law and which assists from time to time in drafting and advocating proposed changes to the Act.

Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee

The Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee focuses on issues of insolvency, such as bankruptcy, state law alternatives to bankruptcy, secured lending (Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code), and state law exemptions.
Financial Institutions Committee
The Financial Institutions Committee focuses on legislative, regulatory and judicial developments and issues of interest to financial institutions (primarily banks) and their affiliates.

In-House Counsel Committee
The In-House Counsel Committee is committed to addressing the professional interests of in-house counsel by sponsoring continuing legal education programs, informing members about issues of particular interest to them, and offering social and professional networking opportunities.

Law Schools Committee
The Law Schools Committee is designed to promote an interest in business law among students at each of the law schools located in Michigan. The Committee represents a collaborative effort between the Section and the business law societies at the University of Michigan Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Wayne State University Law School and Thomas M. Cooley Law School. The Committee supports programs initiated by the business law societies within the law schools and provides a forum for networking among law students and members of the Section.

LLC and Partnerships Committee
The Committee remains active in conducting seminars regarding unincorporated enterprises, focusing principally on limited liability companies. The Committee has also assisted in informing members of the bar from other sections as to legislation affecting unincorporated enterprises.

Nonprofit Corporations Committee
The Nonprofit Corporations Committee’s principal responsibility is to review and update laws relating to the organization of nonprofit corporations in Michigan. The principal focus has been on the Nonprofit Corporation Act, but it also reviews other legislation, such as bills regulating the solicitation of contributions by charities. The committee also assists with sponsoring continuing legal education programs directed at nonprofit organization issues.

Regulation of Securities Committee
The Regulation of Securities Committee is concerned with federal and state laws and regulations relating to the offer, sale and trading of securities. The Committee also supplies a liaison to the Securities Law Advisory Committee of the Michigan Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau. Activities are designed to inform members of current developments and issues and provide input to appropriate administrative and legislative bodies.

Small Business Forum
The Small Business Forum specifically caters to business owners, attorneys, accountants, and other professionals who work with closely held businesses. The Forum hosts two to three highly productive, time efficient and fun educational events throughout the year. Every event includes a networking portion to mingle with other business professionals.
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Uniform Commercial Code Committee
The Uniform Commercial Code Committee monitors developments and issues under all Articles of the UCC and related commercial statutes. In October of each year, the Committee presents a seminar on recent developments in commercial law. Additionally, the Committee prepares an annual survey of case law involving the UCC and commercial law.

PUBLICATIONS:
The *Michigan Business Law Journal* is published three times per year and is sent to members via U.S. mail and electronically. The *Journal* is posted on the Section’s website.

STRATEGIC PLAN
The Business Law Section recently updated its Strategic Plan. The March 2017 Updated Strategic Plan can be reviewed at [http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/council/councilinfo](http://connect.michbar.org/businesslaw/council/councilinfo). The Strategic Plan’s purpose is to provide goals to achieve the Section’s Mission Statement, specific objectives to achieve those goals, and policies and procedures to administer the Section. The 2017 Update was based in part on the results of a 2016 survey of Section members and to incorporate recommendations of the State Bar of Michigan’s 21st Century Task Force.

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Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

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LEGAL ISSUES:

On behalf of the Section, the Council took positions on numerous legislative and other policy matters during the year, all of which have been duly reported to the Bar and are detailed in our monthly Council meeting minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT COUNCIL:

The 2017-18 Council should continue with a series of seminars, conferences and other events for the benefit of Section members. The work of coordinating a feature issue of the Bar Journal in is ongoing. Our newsletter to Section membership will continue on a regular basis.

OTHER INFORMATION:

The Criminal Law Section is scheduled for a feature issue of the Bar Journal (likely to be in January of 2019). In 2017 our newsletter was re-named in honor of a founding and long-standing Council member, James Shonkwiler, who recently passed. The newsletter is now the "Shonkwiler Sentinel".

REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MAY 31, 2016 TO:

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P64966  Anh-Mot, B. Sanford, Southfield

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Administrator
Mary Anne Pickler, Troy
### State Bar of Michigan
#### Section Annual Report

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Meeting Minutes from 09/22/16, 01/11/17, draft minutes for 4/13/17

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Legislative issues:
None

Recommendations for next Council:
Continue to look at and explore additional joint program opportunities.

Other Information:
The section published the 2017 spring issue of the Michigan Environmental Law Journal Spring. The section is in the process of revising and updating its bylaws this year, to be finalized at the annual meeting. As part of the bylaws update, we will be approving a dues increase.

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MEETING MINUTES
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN - ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COUNCIL
September 22, 2016 - 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Officers Present: Bill Sichkora (Past Chair), Dennis Donohue (Chair Elect), Scott Steinbrue (Vice Chair Elect), Kelly Montorano (Secretary/Treasurer Elect).
Next meeting: January 11, 2017

The Meeting was held directly after the State Bar Annual Meeting and Programming.

1. June 24, 2016 Minutes. A Motion to approve the Minutes was made and seconded. Approved by voice vote.

2. Chairman's Report. Bill Sichkora offered his final comments and thanks as chair of the Section and handed over the duties to Dennis Donohue as the incoming Chair. Presentation of Plaque to Mr. Sichkora.

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report. Scott Steinbrue provided a brief review of the written Secretary/Treasurer's report and 2016 year-end budget report.

4. Administrator's Report. Mary Anne Parks is now the Section Administrator and has been helping plan events and coordinate online/email content, such as the listserv and LinkedIn. Mary Anne will also be available to plan and coordinate webinars/seminars in 2017.

5. Announcements. Dennis Donohue reported that in addition to his transition as Chair, Scott Steinbrue will fill the position of Vice Chair and Kelly Montorano has accepted the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Dennis also noted that there is an open council position and asked for recommendations.


7. Standing and Subcommittees. None presented.

8. Strategic Planning Committee. Bill Sichkora reported that a draft of the member survey is in the final review stages and will be distributed in early 2017.

9. Action and Discussion.

   The Council voted to continue to waive the annual student member and governmental member dues. There was some discussion regarding raising dues in 2017. No action was taken and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.
MINUTES

State Bar of Michigan
Environmental Law Section Meeting
Southfield Office of Warner Norcross and Judd
January 11, 2017 - 6:00pm

Meeting called to order 6:01pm

In attendance:

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1. September 2016 Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded, approved by voice vote.

2. Chairman’s Report. Dennis Donohue presented the following report:

   a. Acceptance of Committee reports received. No need for written reports from committee chairs that are present in-person or by phone and can provide a verbal report.

   b. Council vacancy due to Brad Syslo’s departure.
      - The question is whether the council needs to replace him and ultimately do we need such a large council?  
      - Currently the Council has 15 plus representatives and one ex officio member. Should we get down to 12 people in the next several years?
      - Mr. Donahue and Mr. Steiner suggested that the Section Bylaws would need to be amended, per State Bar rules. We would need a resolution to change the Bylaws, publish at Annual meeting and present to Board of Trustees.
      - Mary Anne commented that there are twelve people on Administrative Law Section Council.
      - Discussion regarding the amendment of the Bylaws as relates to council size. It was suggested that we could amend to say that the Council shall have up to X number of members, so there is flexibility.
• We need to increase flexibility for people to move into leadership positions (not having to have 3 years on Council, such strict requirements).
• We want flexibility, but also want to avoid the need to do any further amendments to the bylaws in the future.

c. Margarethe Karmay(sp?) has agreed to be on the programs committee. Kelly will step down from the membership committee due to Secretary/Treasurer duties and Anne Marie Sanford will handle membership.

d. Membership is a standing committee in the bylaws, should we review this committee and others and possible change when we make changes to the bylaws?

e. Doug McClure is seeking a co-chair for litigation committee.

f. Ontario Bar Association - Joint Program. They have a long term program planning approach. Lynn Mitchell (Dennis’s Counterpart for the Ontario Bar Association), Special ad hoc committees to look into this type of program? Yes, Dennis, Anne Marie, Sue agreed to participate on ad hoc committee to discuss/review options. Dennis will report back after further discussion with the Ontario Bar Association.

g. Webinars/Events Calendar. Anne Marie suggested that maybe we could assign committees to cover a webinar each quarter. That way committee will know they need to produce a webinar and we will have some firm commitments.

h. MMA has asked about partnering with other media specific groups for webinars/seminars, such as waste, water, etc.

3. Treasurer’s Report. Kelly Martorano presented the Treasurer’s report showing 2016 year end totals and provided a draft 2017 budget.

a. Dues increase for 2017 - think about it and vote on it at the April meeting or put off until strategic planning is done? The consensus was that we should prepare to vote on it at the April meeting.

b. Upon review of the draft budget there was further discussion regarding the continued need for some budgeted items. K. Martorano will look at the Budget and adjust based on discussion and then put together final budget for approval at the April meeting.
4. Administrator's Report. MaryAnne says there are 400 survey responses.
   Upcoming events, include the Spring Air Conference with MMA and she is
   involved in planning. There is a need for some additional help with the Section
   Journal. Eliminated Facebook, Twitter is active. We do not have any scheduled
   webinars for first quarter 2017. She is making updates to the webpage at least
   once per week. She has tried to obtain a video or disk with the fireside chat from
   Grant Trigger to post on the webpage and use for marketing purposes. This
   video was from the 25th anniversary event. We are up to 33 Twitter followers!

5. Standing Committee Reports.
   - Deskbook – absent
   - Membership – Anna Marie, how can you service your members? The current
     survey is aimed at answering this question.
   - Programs Committee – Todd Schebor, Summer Program to be held at the
     Bengal Center June 8th (especially because we have a credit there).
   - Law Journal - Chris Dusin, he expects to publish end of Jan/Feb/early
     February

   - Air Committee, Kurt and Paul, April 13th program with MMA – The are doing it
     differently this year. Sponsorship/articles, etc. You'll have more content at the
     conference to look at.
   - Environmental Litigation and Administrative Practice Committee, Doug
     McClure, he wants to explore webinar ideas with committee members and
     produce a webinar.
   - Natural Resources Committee, Sue Sadler, working on a webinar that will be
     a 101 and 201 on Endangered Species Act. Trying to make the program
     broad.
   - Great Lakes and Inland Waters Committee, Ross Hammersley, Recent ALJ
     opinion on Anglers of the Ausable case, they were planning a webinar of this
     case.
   - Hazardous Substances and Brownfields Committee, Tammy Helminski, they
     hope to have a webinar topic soon and then they will present something.

7. Strategic Planning. Bill Schikora noted that the membership survey was
   recently sent via e-mail to all ELS members; we've had a good response so far.
   Please ask colleagues and clients to fill out the survey.

Deleted Liaison reports from the agenda. We no longer have any!

Next Meeting - April 13th at 2:30pm, following the MMA meeting.
Then the next meeting is June 8th, 2017 at Bengal Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11pm
MINUTES
State Bar of Michigan
Environmental Law Section Meeting
Michigan Manufacturers Association – Lansing
April 13, 2017 - 2:00pm

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm

In attendance:

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1. **January 2017 Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded, approved by voice vote.

2. **Chairman’s Report.** Dennis Donahue was out of the country and unable to attend so Scott Steiner presented the Chairman’s report as follows:

   a. A draft version of the updated and revised Environmental Law Section Bylaws was distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. Changes were made to the provisions discussing the size of the Council, the qualifications for being nominated to serve on the counsel, and counsel dues.

   Mr. Enright suggested that we also look at the section on term limits for Council members and committee chairs; how do the draft revisions impact current Council members. Nomination to serve as a member, 4 full years as a member. Term limits for subject matter committees. Are term limit provisions something that we even want for committees?

   b. Comments and suggested revisions to the draft Bylaws should be sent to Mr. Donahue by May 24th.

   c. Next steps will be to review comments and final draft of the Bylaws at the June 7th council meeting and present the revised Bylaws for a vote by the ELS at the Annual State Bar Meeting September 28/29.
d. Ontario Bar Association - Joint Program. Planning for this event is ongoing.

e. Webinars/Events Calendar.
   i. Hazardous Waste Committee held a successful webinar on vapor intrusion and has another one coming up on April 25th.
   ii. Natural Resources Committee held a webinar on endangered species.
   iii. Air committee involvement in April 13th joint program with MMA.

f. Michigan Environmental Law Journal (MELJ). Chris Dunskey is stepping down after many years of dedicated service on the MELJ. ELS appreciates his dedication and he will be sorely missed. Discussed finding other volunteers for this job. Also discussed taking on a new approach to the MELJ, capitalizing on social media outlets, student involvement, etc. Is SBM Connect a good forum for blog posts/articles?

g. One law student has expressed interest in getting students to attend the annual meeting, work on strategic planning and outreach to students and young professionals. Danil? MaryAnne/Dennis to respond to him or keep in touch with him.

3. Treasurer's Report. Kelly Martorano presented the Treasurer's report showing Section fund balance as of the end of February 2017 is $50,165.89, which still exceeds the ending fund balance for FY 2016. Expenses as of the end of February were $3,164.

Presentation of 2017 budget. Some expenses eliminated such as student writing contest awards. Discussion regarding MELJ expense for Chris Dunskey.

- A motion to approve the 2017 budget was made and seconded, approved by voice vote.

- A motion to approve the budget line item for the Michigan Environmental Law Journal, of $2,500 and to pay Chris Dunskey for his service was made and seconded, approved by voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report. MaryAnne is working on preparations for the annual meeting in September. We need to provide an explanation to the State Bar of the programs we are doing for the Annual Meeting. The State Bar has an event that they want people to attend during the Annual Meeting; therefore, we have adjusted our council meeting time to be from 11:30-12:30pm, with programs to follow and SBM social event at 5:00pm.
She is making updates to the webpage at least once per week and posting events and materials. The MMA event today was successful.

5. **Standing Committee Reports.**

- Programs Committee – Todd Schebor, Summer Program cancelled. Focus is on annual meeting in Detroit; program committee is looking for ideas and topics.

6. **Subject Matter Committees.**

- Air Committee. Kurt and Paul, program with MMA today was successful, reasonably well attended. We will get survey/feedback information and can see how we did with overall financially and participation levels.

  DEQ is considering a waste program this fall during the same week as the annual East and West Michigan and State Bar Joint Conference. They have asked us to potentially move that conference so it does not conflict with DEQ event. Could move the event date and location to Cooley Law School. May be a consideration for future events. Wait to see what West Michigan decides to do because they are leading the joint conference planning this year. Kurt will keep us posted.

- Environmental Litigation and Administrative Practice Committee, Doug McClure, he had a planning conference call and there were 20 participants/members of the committee. Possible webinar topics include Enbridge case at MI Supreme Ct., aquaculture regulations, NESHAP/asbestos.

- Natural Resources Committee, Sue Sadler, working on a sustainability webinar/seminar.

- Great Lakes and Inland Waters Committee, Ross Hammersley, aquaculture webinar. Nick and Ross think this could be bigger than a webinar and want to gauge interest. Possible other topics include a hatchery case or water law in general.

- Hazardous Substances and Brownfields Committee, Tammy Helminski/Jim Enright, upcoming webinar on vapor intrusion and due diligence.

7. **Strategic Planning.** Bill Schikora noted that the membership survey was recently completed and we got approximately 40 complete responses. More date gathering needs to be done and then they would like to target specific groups of people (i.e. non-profits, government, industry).
8. Miscellaneous/General Discussion.

- Motion to approve $500 for a representative of the ELS to go to the Mackinaw Conference, motion seconded, approved by voice vote.

- How can we offer CLE credits for our webinars, specifically to those out-of-state participants who need them? The ELS should look into and discuss at the next meeting. MaryAnne will check with the State Bar to see if they have any insight.

Next Meeting – June 7th, 5:30pm; Grand Rapids offices of Warner Norcross & Judd.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:03pm
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Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2” x 11” pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

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### Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meetings have been well attended by section members

### Events and/or Seminars:

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COMMITTEE: Adoption Sub-Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dion E. Roddy

° Tel No. (313) 278-8779

° Email: dion@michigan-adoptions.com

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:

- Dion Roddy
- Joanne Lax
- Teri Rosenzweig
- Mary Conklin
- Donna Medina
- Ken Rathert
- Jen Grahek
- Melissa Neckers
- Chantal Wentworth-Mullin
- Jane Sylvester
- Laura Morris
- Keela Gracey
- Lauran Howard
- Liisa Speaker
- Mark Pellecchia

DATE: May 31, 2017

DATES of COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 3rd Thursday of every odd month

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE ACTIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Advising the Family Law Section on adoption matters; review proposed legislation, as well as proposing new legislation and amendments to existing legislation; filing of amicus brief by a coalition of individual members (not sanctioned by the Family Law Section and independent of the sub-committee) in appeal cases regarding approval of fees in adoption; election of new chairperson Dion E. Roddy with the departure of former chairperson Stephanie Benedict; farewell to former chairperson and long-time active member Herbert Brail as he retires from the practice of law.

PENDING COMMITTEE MATTERS: Proposed amended language to MCL 710.55 and MCL 750.136c; commenting on proposed SCAO forms; proposed communications with adoption departments statewide regarding hearings on out-of-court consents.

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Proposed amended language to MCL 710.55 and MCL 750.136c to protect attorneys representing and advising clients in court-supervised adoptions

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (USE 2ND PAGE IF NECESSARY): None.
By: /s/ Dion E. Roddy
Dion E. Roddy

Date: May 31, 2017
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Legislative issues:
The Section has been working to review Michigan's Child Custody Laws has been working with the Michigan Judges Association to review problems in this area.

Recommendations for next Council:
Continue legislative efforts with regards to child custody and work to implement suggestions of the Twenty year review committee.

Other Information:
See attached committee reports from 2016-17
The Section has developed awards to recognize Family Division Judges for 10, 15, and 20 years of service as family judges.
The Section Awarded the Marilyn J Kelly Outstanding Service Award to Judge Kathleen Feeney.

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2016 to:

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Administrative Assistant
306 Townsend Street, Lansing MI 48933
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Reset Form
e-mail form
Committee: ADR
Date: May 29, 2017
Committee Co-chairs: Randy Velzen and Gail Towne.
Telephone 616-632-8084 & 269-381-8844
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Active members of the committee: Randy Velzen, Gail Towne, Deb Berecz, Lee Hornberger, Mary Lovik, Rebecca Shiemke, Toni Raheem, Zena Zumeta Nina Abrams Bill Caprathe, & Shon Cook.

Dates of Committee Meetings: 6/16/16, 7/26/16, 9/15/16, 10/20/16, 11/17/16, 12/15/16, 1/16/17, 2/2/16/17, 3/16/17, 4/20/17, & 5/18/17.

Significant accomplishments:

The committee was involved with the ADR section in the concept of automatic (mandatory) mediation. Committee members were actively involved in SCAO committees: Collaborative Court rules, parenting coordination, and FOC ADR. The committee was actively involved in obtaining ADR articles for the Michigan Family Law Journal. The committee was actively involved in promoting the new statute and court rules regarding domestic violence in domestic relations mediation. The committee is starting to look at the issue of self-represented litigants.

Pending Matters: Most of the issues that we have been working on will continue to need our attention. Primarily, domestic violence issues, streamlining the divorce process for settled cases primarily as a result of mediation. The SCAO committees will continue to need our assistance. We have also begun looking at Elder mediation. We also intend to be part of helping find authors for the Family Law Journal.

Additional Comments. This is an extremely active committee. It really consists of the main committee and several subcommittees. The subcommittees include the domestic violence subcommittee, the 3 Supreme Court-related committees, the new self-represented litigants committee, and the mandatory mediation committee.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Velzen and Gail Towne.
Committee: Alternative Family  
Date: May 30, 2017  
Committee Chair: Peter M. Kulas-Dominguez.  
Telephone 616.752.2092  
Email: pkulas-Dominguez@wnj.com

Active members of the committee: Nycolle Schindlbeck, Anne Argiroff, Anthea Papista, Rebecca Shiemke, Richard Halloran, Shon Cock, Vanessa Moss Wilson.

Dates of Committee Meetings: 11/9/16, 12/7/16, 1/18/17, 3/1/17.

Significant accomplishments:

The committee was involved with the ADR section in the concept of automatic (mandatory) mediation. Committee members were actively involved in SCAO committees: Collaborative Court rules, parenting coordination, and FOC ADR. The committee was actively involved in obtaining ADR articles for the Michigan Family Law Journal. The committee was actively involved in promoting the new statute and court rules regarding domestic violence in domestic relations mediation. The committee is starting to look at the issue of self-represented litigants.

Pending Matters: Working with the SBM LGBTQA section and the Journal Committee regarding the special edition coming out June 2017.

Additional Comments. This is an extremely active committee. It really consists of the main committee and several subcommittees. The subcommittees include the domestic violence subcommittee, the 3 Supreme Court-related committees, the new self-represented litigants committee, and the mandatory mediation committee.

Respectfully submitted, Peter M. Kulas-Dominguez.
2017 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT
FAMILY LAW SECTION

COMMITTEE: Collaborative Divorce

COMMITTEE CHAIR: James Chryssikos
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DATE: 5/30/2017

CO-CHAIR: Jessica Pospiech
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ACTIVE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:
- James Chryssikos, Jessica Pospiech
- Carlo Martina, Randall Piller
- Amy Yu, Danielle Smith
- Lori Becker, Randall Velzen
- Jennifer Johnson, Mathew Kobliska
- Elizabeth Bransdorfer
- Hon. Tina Yost Johnson

DATES of COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE ACTIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This committee was created in December of 2016, initially as an ad hoc committee, then becoming a standing committee in March of 2017. This committee has also been involved in commenting on the draft collaborative divorce court rule, MCR 3.222. This committee works to increase awareness of the collaborative divorce option to both the general public and legal community, by promoting collaborative training, upcoming article(s) in Family Law Journal.

PENDING COMMITTEE MATTERS: Continue to find ways to promote the collaborative process.

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:
This committee has recommended revisions to draft collaborative divorce court rule, 3.222.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (USE 2ND PAGE IF NECESSARY):
Prior to the formation of this committee, collaborative divorce was viewed as part of the ADR committee. This committee will continue to promote the collaborative process to the legal community and public as an option to traditional litigation.

By: James W. Chryssikos
Date: 5/30/2017

REVISED 5/7/2014
2017 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT
FAMILY LAW SECTION

COMMITTEE: Court Rules/Ethics
COMMITTEE CHAIR: Christopher J. Harrington
  • Tel No. 248-347-9620
  • Email: cjh@jjharringtonlaw.com

DATE: 5/19/2017
CO-CHAIR: 
  Tel No. 
  Email: 

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:
  • Mathew Kobliska
  • Kent Weichmann
  • Daniel Bates
  • Kristen Robinson
  • Bob Treet
  • Amy Spilman
  • Elizabeth Bransdorfer
  • Lori Buitewig
  • Tina Yost
  • Steve Reinheimer
  • Jennifer Johnsen

  2/28/2017, 3/28/2017, 5/2/2017

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE ACTIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The committee reviewed the
  following ADM Files over the past calendar year: 2013-18, 2014-29, 2016-33, 2016-11
  2017-06. Of those files, a formal vote was taken on seven (7) of the matters, with
  five (5) being published for public comment, and two more expected to be voted
  on at the next Council meeting. Several matters were advisory in nature.

PENDING COMMITTEE MATTERS: Review and vote on the following ADM Files: 2016-41 (limited
  scope representation) and 2017-06 (supreme court administrative revisions).
  The committee is in the process of modifying MCR 3.211(B)(1) to eliminate the Dower
  requirement in a Judgment of Divorce.

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (USE 2ND PAGE IF NECESSARY):
The Committee responded to the State Bar Standing Committee on Ethics for questions regarding
attorneys obtaining liens against clients’ real estate in Domestic Relations matters. The Committee

By: Christopher J. Harrington
Date: 5/19/2017

REVISED 5/7, 2014
SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT:

understands that the State Bar is still reviewing this issue and hopes to continue the discussion if further questions need to be answered on this important issue.

There is an ongoing discussion about the State Bar Civil Discovery Reform work group. There are no pending matters, but Committee member Mathew Kobliska has been a member of the work group, and has provided updates through the year.
2014 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT
FAMILY LAW SECTION

COMMITTEE: Domestic Violence

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Daniel Bates
Tel No. 248-792-6453
Email: dan@danbateslaw.com

DATE: May 30, 2017

CO-CHAIR: 
Tel No. 
Email: 

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:
- Lorie Savin
- Rebecca Shiemke
- Shelley Kester
- Katie Strickfaden

- Katie Sharkey
- Sean Blume

DATES of COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 11/4/16, 12/8/16, 1/19/17, 2/2/17, 3/30/17, 4/4/17, 5/1/17, 6/1/17

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE ACTIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
Recommendations regarding mediation court rule amendments, proposed automatic mediation statutes; Recommendations regarding modernization and implementation of betterer intervention standards; recommendations and local presentations of domestic screening in ADR proceedings; Studying the effects of screening on mediated agreements.

PENDING COMMITTEE MATTERS: Continuing activity in the area of domestic abuse screening in ADR proceedings; Studying the effect of screening and domestic violence on mediated agreements.

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:
Betterer intervention Standards should be modernized and expanded to family law cases (from the previous application to criminal cases). Appropriate avenues toward implementation should be utilized. Continued education of attorneys and judges regarding screening for domestic abuse in ADR.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (USE 2ND PAGE IF NECESSARY):

By: Daniel Bates
Date: May 30, 2017

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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT:


2016-2017 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT
FAMILY LAW SECTION

COMMITTEE: FLS Winter Conference DATE: May 30, 2017

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Kristen L. Robinson CO-CHAIR: 

Tel No. 248.614.9005 Tel.No. 

Email: kristen@mellinrobinson.com Email: 

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:

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DATES of COMMITTEE MEETINGS: N/A (one person committee)

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE ACTIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Plan Winter Conference for Section members; research locations; negotiate contracts with facility and vendors; interact with SBM general counsel and finance staff; secure speakers for seminar; compile and distribute materials for seminar; plan conference networking events; create advertisement for conference; solicit member participation; oversee event on-site.

PENDING COMMITTEE MATTERS: working with SBM regarding final resort contract approval; secure liability coverage per SBM directive; advertising event to Section members soliciting speakers for seminar.

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Consideration of alternate locations for conference due to recent changes in liability insurance coverage restrictions.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (USE 2ND PAGE IF NECESSARY): None.

By: 

Kristen L. Robinson

Date: 5-30-17
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FAMILY LAW SECTION

COMMITTEE: Journal
COMMITTEE CHAIR: Anthea E. Papista
- Tel No. (313) 955-1688
- Email: aep@papistalaw.com

DATE: May 30, 2017
CO-CHAIR: Amy M. Spilman
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ACTIVE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:
- Shon Cook
- Daniel Bates
- Sahera G. Housay
- James Chrysikos
- Ryan O'Neil
- Shelley Spivack
- Lisa Damphousse
- Kiana Franulik
- Ashish Joshi

DATES of COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 11/29/16; 01/10/17; 02/22/17; and, 03/21/17

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE ACTIONS/AccOMPLISHMENTS: The addition of: 1) New columns and features; 2) Publication of a joint Journal with the LGBTQA Section; 3) A continued variety of new authors; and, 4) Plans for future Journal collaborations with other Sections, i.e., probate, business, technology, and criminal.

PENDING COMMITTEE MATTERS: None.

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:
See below.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (USE 2ND PAGE IF NECESSARY):
This year, our Committee has focused on continued 'best practices' processes in order to improve the quality of the Family Law Journal. This includes reaching out to younger attorneys as well as new attorneys across the state as potential contributors. We have also added a judicial.

By: /s/ Anthea E. Papista & Amy M. Spilman
Date: May 30, 2017

REVISED 5/7, 2014
SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT:

profile feature entitled "Off the Bench" which spotlights family law judges from across the state. We have added an "Out and About" page of photographs spotlighting a variety state-wide family law events. Our editors have devoted a significant amount of time to create a joint Journal with the LGBTQA Section which will be published as a June/July 2017 Special Edition in conjunction with the Obergefell decision's second year anniversary. As always, we continue to strive to ensure a quality Journal, to promote authors, and educate our Section members with informative columns for our Section members. Finally, we work with the Advertising Committee to monitor monthly revenues and encourage new sponsorships and advertisements from a variety of sources.
2016-2017 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT
FAMILY LAW SECTION

COMMITTEE: Journal Advertising    DATE: May 30, 2017

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DATES of COMMITTEE MEETINGS: N/A (one person committee)

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE ACTIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Solicit advertisers for the Family Law Journal; Create advertisements; Coordinate communication between advertisers and editors; Proof journal ads; Send invoices to advertisers; Collect advertising fees; Forward checks to State Bar; Solicit advertisers for Great Lake Honor Role; Create ads for Great Lakes Honor Role; send renewal notices for GLHR; Increase advertising revenue; update journal notice for GLHR;

PENDING COMMITTEE MATTERS: increase exposure to increase interest for potential advertisers.

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Use advertising as incentive to help secure FLS sponsors for section’s various events.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (USE 2ND PAGE IF NECESSARY): None.

By: 

Krisjen L. Robinson

Date: 5.30.17
COMMITTEE: Legislation

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DATE: May 31, 2017

CO-CHAIR: Barb Kelly

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DATES of COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Thursdays immediately before Council meetings

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE ACTIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: We review all legislation initiated in the family law area, and make recommendations to Council to support or oppose bills.

PENDING COMMITTEE MATTERS: We are awaiting this term’s version of the mandatory equal physical custody bill. We are seeking a sponsor for a bill to amend the post minority child support statute.

SIGNIFICANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: All of our legislative recommendations are significant.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON (USE 2ND PAGE IF NECESSARY): The Legislative Committee will need a new chairperson in September.

By: ________________________________
   Kent Weichmann

Date: _5/31/2017________________________
Committee: Mid-Summer Conference
Date: May 29, 2017
Ctte Co-Chairs: Traci Rink and Liz Bransdorfer
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Significant accomplishments: Secured location, speakers and sponsors for 2017 conference that will be held July 20-23, 2017 at Mission Point, Mackinac Island.

Pending matters: The actual conference itself. It is expected to be well attended based on early registrations and to pay for itself and provide some revenue for the section again this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Rink and Liz Bransdorfer
QDRO Committee Report:
Members are Robert Treat - chair, Joseph Cunningham co-chair, and Nancy Keppelman.
The committee met by phone on 1/24/17, 3/1/17, 3/27/17 and plans to meet on 6/1/17. The initiatives are the ongoing pro bono QDRO program through the SBM Access to Justice Program, and possibly amending the Eligible Domestic Relations Order ("EDRO") Act to deal with the problem of unfair recoupment of a participant's benefit when a pension covered by the EDRO Act is divided by EDRO, or possibly a non-legislative solution.
Treasurer's Report:
The Treasurer's report is brief, as it was last year. As of the end of the second fiscal quarter (April) the ending balance has increased about $28,000 from April 2016. This is due to cost controls; mainly the cost savings of sending the Family Law Journal electronically instead of sending paper copies. There remains the ongoing concern of gradually decreasing dues revenue.
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN FAMILY LAW SECTION
FAMILY LAW COUNCIL 20-YEAR REVIEW COMMITTEE
FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

May 6, 2017

As evidenced by the recent memorandum of Scott Bassett, Esq., entitled "History of Michigan's Family Court Legislation", and its appendices, it is evident that the concept of a "family court" has received considerable attention in the 20th and 21st centuries. In Michigan it has now been 20 years since the legislation was signed into law on September 30, 1996. The Michigan legislature, in 1996, amended the Michigan Judicature Act ("Act") (MCL 600.151 et seq) to allow, and in fact require, family courts to operate in Michigan. In spite of the family court's existence over the past two decades, there still remains a lack of consensus concerning the specific goals of a family court. There is even less agreement concerning the best vehicle for family case coordination. For example, is family court best described as a court structure, or a court function, or a state-of-mind among court professionals, or all of the above?

There is wide diversity in the jurisdiction of structural family courts, their operations, and the management structure within which they exist. Traditionally, specialized courts in urban jurisdictions have had jurisdiction over different pieces of a family's legal disputes. However, the basic model of a family court is the consolidation of all, or mostly all, categories of family-related legal matters into one court structure. The consolidation of courts into a structural family court essentially has involved merging of the domestic relations court, probate court and juvenile court.

The family division of circuit court was created as a division of the circuit court and organized pursuant to the Act (MCL 600.1001). Each circuit in Michigan was required by legislative act to have a family division of the circuit court (MCL 600.1003). The judges were then placed on equal footing with their contemporaries in circuit court as the legislature stated, "A judge of the family division of circuit court has the same power and authority as a judge of the circuit court." (MCL 600.1005). The legislature also placed the traditional Michigan probate court matters into the family court without amending the entire Probate Code by stating, "A reference to the former juvenile division of probate court in any statute of this state shall be construed to be a reference to the family division of the circuit court." (MCL 600.1009). Operational plans for each circuit were required to be completed by July 1, 1997. (MCL 600.1011(1)). The plans could be modified to make same more palatable to the judges and community. These "local plans", were and are in control of each circuit (subject to the approval by the Michigan Supreme Court) and the legislature specified the type of cases to be included in the family division.

With jurisdiction established, the legislation created the test for when a case shall be assigned to the same Judge. "When 2 or more matters within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving members of the same family are pending in the same judicial circuit, those matters, whenever practicable, shall be assigned to the judge to whom the first such case was assigned," MCL 600.1023. The legislature provided considerable detail as to the jurisdiction of the family division.

In 2002 the Michigan legislature required amended plans, and stated a comprehensive goal for each family division plan as follows: "The plan shall describe how the family division of the circuit court will operate in that circuit and how to coordinate and promote that which the
Legislature has described as 'more efficient and effective services to families and individuals.' This appears to remain the necessary baseline.

Leadership is required to address the issues created when considering family courts. Judge Richard Halloran's leadership of this Council, and the development of this committee, evidences that he has the right attitude, vision, open-mindedness, focus, planning knowledge of industry best practices, active involvement, and a can-do work ethic. Through discussion and analysis of the following ideas, concerns, and/or goals, the courts that focus on their operations from a citizen's perspective will treat people better. Family friendly courts will provide effective service to the public and be friendlier and more accessible to families who need to maneuver through it. Family friendly courts provide access to services that heal and protect children and families whenever possible, and they resolve cases in a timely and efficient manner. To accomplish same, your guidance is necessary so as to develop the recommendations of this Council going forward.

**Issues/Ideas/Concerns/Goals**

1. What is the purpose of the family division of the circuit court?

2. Should we have a "One Family – One Judge" model for the family court?

3. Is MCL 600.1023 functional and effective, as it provides: "When 2 or more matters within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving members of the same family are pending in the same judicial circuit, those matters, whenever practicable, shall be assigned to the judge to whom the first such case was assigned."
   (a) If yes, how are cases assigned to a particular judge?
   (b) If yes, how are referees/magistrates utilized?
   (c) If yes, do you believe this is a good model for all jurisdictions?
   (d) If no, how are cases best assigned in the family court?

4. If numbers 2 and 3 above are in the negative, how best do we coordinate (1) the friend of the court, (2) family counseling services, (3) county juvenile officers, and (4) all other state and public agencies that provide assistance to families or juveniles, in order to promote more efficient and effective services to families and individuals?

5. Should there be a permanent (non-rotating) circuit court family division bench, elected on ballot separate from judges of other courts?

6. How do we best achieve the goal of developing sufficient judicial expertise in family law to properly serve the interests of the families and children whose cases are assigned to that judge?

7. Is the current methodology of the assignment of family division judges optimal? How can it be improved?

8. What if any problems are there in using district court judges and/or probate court judges in handling certain domestic relations matters? How are these problems best resolved?

9. Of the following, what are the most positive, and the least positive, aspect(s) of the family division?
10. What other current problems generally exist in the family division(s) of the circuit court(s)? How are these problems best resolved?

11. What training should be mandatory for family court judges? Should each new judge undergo a comprehensive training program in family law substance and procedure before assuming regular caseload duties? On a periodic basis thereafter, should such a judge be required to take a brief leave in order to read, write, and take further training?

The American Bar Association created a model proposal that contained five characteristics a unified family court should have, as follows:

- "The jurisdiction of the unified family court must cover all family related legal matters, from marriage and paternity to delinquency, child protection, and domestic violence.

- The court must help coordinate and manage outside agencies in providing services to families in crises. This includes having liaisons with social service agencies within the court system.

- Optimally, courts should have a 'one judge, one family' arrangement, in which the family has a single team of social service workers throughout their relationship with the court. Given the understaffing problems of family courts, however, ABA only requires that a judge be informed of all previous and pending litigation regarding the family and its individual members to consider the full picture in making a decision.

- In addition to agencies and services to help families outside the courtroom, each unified family court must also have a team of counselors, mediators, and crises interventionists to counsel families and enforce decisions. ABA also recommends including community outreach programs in the courts to facilitate the relationship between the family and the court and to educate the public.

- Unified family courts should use technology to properly track families and their relationships with the court. Access to automated information is strictly governed by policy, court rules, and statutes." See "Unified Family Courts – Streamlining Justice for Troubled Families" by Julie Patton. Children's Voice (Fall 1999) page 5-6.

Accordingly, how should the courts in Michigan be organized to face the issues of family courts? The goal of a court dealing with family issues should be more than simply resolving the
particular issues before them. Ideally a family should be left with the skills and access to support services necessary to enable them to resolve subsequent disputes constructively with a minimum of legal intervention. Courts play a pivotal role at the crossroads of legal processes and social service interventions, and the effective case coordination systems are essential to avoid fragmentation of services and misallocation of judicial resources.

As the Family Law Section Council you are tasked with improving the efficiency for the family court system while humanizing the process for the public. What do you suggest to overcome the obstacles to implementation of the type of plan(s) envisioned by the American Bar Association, legislators Michael Nye, VanRegenmorter and Bullard, and others?
Bar Year: 2016-2017

Section Name: Health Care Law Section

Mission Statement:
Serves as an educational resource for members of the Section for the purpose of fostering professional development and understanding of health care laws and issues;

Provide education to members of the State Bar, members of the health care community and the general public with regard to health care laws and related issues;

Advocate, comment on or provide input with respect to state and federal legislation, regulations and public policy that affect the practice of health care law, consistent with the Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan;

Establish and maintain working relationships with attorney organizations and organizations of health care professionals, providers, consumers and other members of the health care community in this State and other states for the purpose of fostering better communication and understanding of health care laws and related issues and advocating Section interests; and

Promote awareness of the purpose and work of the Section among State Bar members, the health care community and the general public and encourage their participation in Section activities.

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**Council Meeting Schedule:** Council meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday of each month via teleconference.

**General Budget Information:** The Section received approximately $33,000 in member dues during Fiscal Year 2017. The funds are used for the following purposes: (1) educational opportunities via webinars and an in-person Annual Meeting; (2) in support of the annual ICLE Health Law Institute; (3) scholarships for law students interested in a health law career; (4) membership outreach and networking activities; and (5) administrative services. Consistent with prior years, the financial position of the Section remains strong.

**Events and/or Seminars:**  
Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

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<td>Wednesday, January 18, 2017</td>
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<td>Friday, February 24, 2017</td>
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<td>Thursday, June 15, 2017</td>
<td>Bodman PLC (Ford Field) &amp; Comerica Park</td>
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<td>HCLS Annual Meeting</td>
<td>Tuesday, September 12, 2017</td>
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**Section Committees:** The Health Care Law Section features seven standing committees: Substantive Law, Publications, Legislative, Pro Bono, Fellows, New Lawyers and Law Students, and Membership. The work of each of those committees is summarized below:

**Substantive Law Committee:** The Substantive Law Committee is the Section Committee responsible for arranging educational programs throughout the year, typically presented in a teleconference/webinar format to benefit the Section's membership at no additional cost. Its work is accomplished through four subject matter subcommittees: Technology Subcommittee, Payors Subcommittee, Providers Subcommittee and Medical–Legal Subcommittee. It produced four webinars on a wide variety of health care law topics with others planned for Summer and early Fall.
2017. The topics and titles of the webinars are listed above under the heading “Events and/or Seminars.”

Publications Committee: This year, the Committee published three new papers:

- *Corporate Integrity Agreements: Understanding Compliance Risk and Obligations to the Government* to be published in June.
- “*Commercial Audits and Appeals White Paper*” also to be published in June.
- And, a comprehensive whitepaper entitled “*Representing Physicians in Fair Hearing Proceedings*” to be published in July.

The Committee also has continued to promote and streamline the existing online publication resources for HCLS members.

Legislative Committee: The Committee monitored Michigan health care legislative developments on an as-needed basis, reporting on such matters to the Section Council. The Committee’s activities included monitoring and reporting on Michigan legislation such as Public Act 499 of 2016 (advance practice registered nurses), Public Act 379 of 2016 (physician assistants), Public Act 22 of 2017 (telehealth services including prescribing and clinical nurse specialists licensing matters), Public Act 359 of 2016 (telehealth services including prescribing), Senate Bill 270 of 2017 (prohibits prescribing Schedule 2 – 5 controlled substance absent bona fide prescriber-patient relationship), Senate Bill 272 of 2017 (prescribing opioids/patient consent form), Senate Bill 273 of 2017 (requires prescribers to provide information on substance use disorder services to patients treated for opioid-related overdoses), Senate Bill 274 of 2017 (prohibits prescribers from prescribing opioids under specified circumstances), House Bill 4404 of 2017 (regulates pain management facilities), House Bill 4405 of 2017 (qualified immunity to pharmacists who refuses to dispense Schedule 2 -5 controlled substances), and House Bill 4408 (mandates parental consent/disclosures when prescribing to a minor a controlled substance containing an opioid, subject to certain exceptions).

Pro Bono Committee: The Pro Bono Committee continues its partnership with the Veteran’s Law Clinic at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. This partnership seeks to pair section members with an interest in serving veterans with the population served by the clinic. The Section sends out reminders about the clinic and its work in conjunction with Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day, and publishes information about available training sessions offered through the clinic. The committee is working to establish additional partnerships with similar clinics serving different populations and is in communication with a number of different potential partners to expand the groups the Health Care Law Section works with to provide pro bono services. The goal of the committee is to pair section members with diverse interests with existing organizations that serve the community and to promote awareness of and interest in these groups and the legal needs of the clients they serve. The committee hopes to establish relationships with a number of groups to provide varying opportunities for pro bono service among Health Care Law Section members and then to serve as a liaison between the members and these various organizations.

Fellows Committee: The Section established a Fellows Program in 2011 to honor former Health Care Law Section leaders who have made sustained, outstanding contributions to the Section and the practice of health care law in Michigan. Fellows are recognized each year at the Section's Annual Meeting. The Fellows Committee administers the Fellows Program, which includes nominating
Fellows for election by the Council, and handling all matters regarding the presentation of Fellows at the Annual Meeting. The Fellows Committee meets periodically to discuss nominations and other matters concerning the program. In 2016, the Fellows Committee nominated, and the Council elected, the following attorneys as Fellows: Agnes G. Hagerty, Marta J. Hoffman, Robert S. Iwrey, Thomas J. McGraw, and John R. Mucha. The 2017 class of Fellows will be selected in early summer and honored at a dinner following the Section’s Annual Meeting on September 12, 2017. A list of all Health Care Law Section Fellows is posted on the Section’s web page.

New Lawyers and Law Student Committee: As part of its mission to develop new health care lawyers, the Committee hosted a series of well-attended “Lunch & Learn” programs regarding the practice of health law at several Michigan law schools. The Committee also administered the Section’s Academic Achievement program under which the Section awards $1,500 scholarships to law students at eligible Michigan law schools who exhibit a high level of achievement in health care-related law courses. The recipients will attend and be honored at our Annual Meeting.

Membership Committee: Organized several networking events this year. The Committee orients new Section members to the Section and engages Section members through the Section’s Twitter account. Key events and milestones included:

- October 18, 2016 – Great Lakes Pub Cruiser social event held in Grand Rapids, MI.
- January 18, 2017 – Pistons Game Networking Event in Detroit, MI
- February 24, 2017 – Grand Rapids Griffins Networking Event in Grand Rapids, MI
- March 9, 2017 – Tweets for Treats at ICLE Health Law Institute
- June 15, 2017 – Detroit Tigers Game social event held in Detroit, MI.

Recommendations for next Council:

- Continue to provide educational opportunities to the Section’s membership via expert led webinars and educational papers with an emphasis on addressing a diverse array of topics that reflects the diverse practice areas of Section members.
- Continue to expand and emphasize networking opportunities to the Section's membership.
- Continue efforts to increase all types of diversity in the Section’s membership and in all of its operations and programming.
- Continue to build and strengthen affiliations with Michigan law schools and encouraging law students to become committee members and actively participate in the Section’s social and educational opportunities.
- Continue the Section’s strong relationship with ICLE including continued co-sponsorship of the Annual Health Law Institute and Section Appreciation Dinner and consider co-sponsoring a mid-year educational event with ICLE.
- Continue to support the Section’s Pro-Bono efforts and develop additional opportunities for Members to utilize their expertise to benefit their community.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of the Section’s Bylaws and make any necessary changes.
Other Information: It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Section and to be a part of such a dedicated and hard-working team. I thank all Council members, officers, committee and subcommittee members and chairs, and the many volunteers who contributed so much of their time and talent to the Section this year. I would like to especially thank Mark Kopson and Patrick Haddad for their years of service and leadership on the Council and Mark’s advice and hard work as Immediate Past Chair. Finally, I offer special thanks and appreciation to our incredibly dedicated, hard-working, efficient and always positive Section Administrative Assistant, Susan Stokes, and the entire SBM staff, without whose help this year’s successes would not have been achieved.

Timothy C. Gutwald  
Chair, Health Care Law Section  
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Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

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**Minutes from Council Meetings are attached with summary of revisions to bylaws.**

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Legislative issues:
We established a legislative liaison at the beginning of 2016.

Recommendations for next Council:
The council has good continuity between each new councils, so there is no need for recommendations here.

Other Information:
During the 2016 term, we amended our by-laws, participated in the 21st Century Task Force, began the process of establishing a law student scholarship, published 4 Journals, conducted a survey of membership concerning programs and publications, completed the establishment of a search-able database of members, and met 4 times. We met all of our goals for the year and the long term strategic plans in place with the bar.

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2016 to:

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Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

Minutes
of the Meeting of the Section Council
January 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Kathleen Lopilato, who confirmed that a quorum was present. The persons in attendance were:

Kathleen Lopilato
Hal O. Carroll
Yosef Klein (Section member – Guest)
Lauren Frederick (Section member – Guest)
Nicole Wilinski
Jason Liss
Augustine Igwe
Lauretta Pominville
Renee VanderHagen
Adam Kutinsky
Elaine Pohl
Doug Young
Jim Thome

The secretary being unavailable, Chair Lopilato requested that Hal Carroll record the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Adam Kutinsky, second by Jason Liss, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Igwe reported balances as follows:

December 31, 2015  $44,398.36, an increase of $1,413.93 compared to last year
December 31, 2014  $42,984.93
Balance at end of fiscal year (September 30, 2015): $32,359.72
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chair Lopilato reported the membership as follows:

Paid and current: 686
Unpaid 287 (new attorneys – free membership)
Unpaid (in arrears) 62
Total: 955

The chair also reported on the demographic distribution of the membership.

CHAIR REPORT

State Bar 21st Century Task Force. Ms. Lopilato and Mr. Igwe attended a State Bar function, the 21st Century Task Force, which focused on issues of the availability and affordability of legal services, and economic issues concerning the practice of law.

Young Lawyers Section “Summit.” The Young Lawyers Section annual “summit” will take place in Novi on June 3-4. It was agreed that we will again attend, on June 4. To supplement the “give-aways,” it was moved (Lauren Pominville) and seconded (Nicole Wilinski) that up to $1000 be spent. The motion carried unanimously. The council also discussed the possibility of offering to present a program to the Young Lawyers Section. Various possible topics were discussed.

EDITOR’S REPORT

Current Issue: The current issue of the Journal will arrive in mailboxes this week.

April Issue: At present we have received one article, a primer on ERISA, by Kimberley Ruppel and K. Scott Hamilton. Michael Hale has also promised an article on reservations of rights.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment of Bylaws. The advisability of amending the bylaws was discussed. Lauretta Pominville volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to explore the issue, including the relationship between amendments and the Section’s strategic plan. Nicole Wilinski, Renee VanderHagen, Elaine Pohl and Hal Carroll agreed to serve on the committee. A report will be presented at the next council meeting.

Membership Survey. The council discussed the question whether a survey should be conducted, to determine how the Section can better serve the needs and interests of its members.
Chair Lopilato will begin the design of a survey and circulate it for council members’ comments and suggestions.

**Proposed change to MCR 2.403.** The council discussed a proposed change to MCR 2.403 to shorten the deadline for acceptance or rejection of a case evaluation award from 28 to 14 days. After discussion, there was a consensus that the Section need not comment on the proposed change.

**Searchable Directory.** The council discussed the Section’s existing “searchable directory.” The origin and progression of the searchable directory was discussed, as well as the fact that not many of the Section’s members had registered for it. In addition, the State Bar’s adoption of ZeekBeek may serve at least some of the same functions. It was moved (Kathleen Lopilato) and seconded (Jason Liss) that the searchable directory be terminated. The motion carried unanimously.

**Donations to legal aid societies, and/or scholarships.** Adam Kutinsky raised the question of the Section making donations to legal aid societies and/or establishing or contributing to a scholarship fund. The threshold question is whether donations of this type are permissible; Chair Lopilato will present the question to the State Bar and report at the next meeting.

**Possible future programs.** The council also discussed, as the subject matter for possible future programs, Insurance and Intellectual Property Law, and the Business Courts (in theory and in practice).

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**NEXT MEETING**

Chair Lopilato announced that the next council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 19 at 4:00, the location to be determined.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved (Nicole Wilinski) and seconded (Lauretta Pominville) that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. At 5:35, the meeting adjourned.
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING

April 25, 2016
39533 Woodward Avenue, Suite 200
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Chair, Kathleen Lopilato, who confirmed that a quorum was present.

Present in person:  Kathleen Lopilato
                   Adam Kutinsky
                   Larry Bennett
                   Hal Carroll
                   Jason Liss
                   Laurelta Pominville
                   James Thome
                   Doug Young

Present by phone:  Elaine Pohl
                   Renee VanderHagen
                   Nicole Willinski

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed. Adam Kutinsky moved that the minutes be approved. Jason Liss seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by vote.

2. TREASURER’S REPORT - The Chair presented the Treasurer’s Report. The current balance is $39,991.43.

3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT - The Chair reported there are 896 active members. This is a reduction from the number of members reported in January, 2016 and is likely related to deletion of individuals who were previously reported as “Unpaid (in arrears)”.

4. CHAIR’S REPORT - This year’s Bar Leadership Forum is on June 10-11, 2016 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. It was decided that Larry Bennett would attend. Other officers and/or council members may also attend. Forms for attendance must be submitted by May 10, 2016.

5. EDITOR’S REPORT - presented by Hal Carroll.

This month’s Journal has been sent to the publisher for printing. It is anticipated that it will be mailed before May 1st. A PDF version of the Journal has already been
sent to those who requested the Journal in that format.

Hal requested that information concerning the Section’s proposed program at the Annual Meeting be made available to him so that it may be included in the next edition of the Journal. Also to be included for publication in the Journal are the proposed Revised Bylaws.

The next issue of the Journal is scheduled for July.

6. PROGRAMS REPORT - presented by Adam Kutinsky

Adam discussed our participation in the University of Detroit Mercy Job Fair. The Section’s program at the Annual Meeting was also discussed. The Annual Meeting is September 22, 2017 in Grand Rapids. The business meeting will run from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Program will run from 9:30 to 11. The subject matter will be a revamp of the Section’s prior Property Appraisal Program. Patrick King has agreed to appear. Adam will request that Bill Butler (appraiser); Don Balms (broker); and Alan Philbrick (defense attorney) also appear. Lauretta Pominville and Larry Bennett agreed to help with the Program.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed new bylaws prepared by Lauretta Pominville; Hal Carroll; Elaine Pohl; Nicole Wilinski and Kathleen Lopilato were reviewed. Several revisions to the bylaws were agreed upon. The proposed revised bylaws are attached to these minutes and will be published in the Section’s Journal as a prerequisite to adoption.

The Section will participate in the Young Lawyer’s Summit at the Crown Plaza in Novi. The event is held on Saturday, June 4, 2017 from 8:30 to 5 p.m. Coverage will be provided as follows:

- Doug Young 8:30 to 10:30
- Renee VanderHagen 10:30 to 12:30
- Hal Carroll 12:30 to 2:30
- Lauretta Pominville 2:30 to 5:00

7. It was agreed the next meeting will be on July 12, 2017 at 4 p.m. at Larry Bennett’s office, 30445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250, Farmington Hills. The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bennett, Secretary
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2016
30445 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by the Chair, Kathleen Lopilato, who confirmed that a quorum was present.

Present in person: Hal Carroll
Larry Bennett
Jason Liss
Renee Vander Hagen
Augustine Igwe

Present by Phone: Kathleen Lopilato
James Thome
Doug Young
Nicole Wilinski
Kim Ruppel
Loretta Pomminville

2. CHAIR’S REPORT - The Section is close to being fully prepared for the annual meeting. The program is agreed upon: Commercial Property, From Start To Finish. The meeting space and the speakers have been finalized. The Chair also reported that the Section had more traffic than in the past at the Young Lawyer’s Summit

3. TREASURER’S REPORT - The Chair presented the Treasurer’s Report. The current balance is $38,519.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT - The Chair reported there are approximately 900 members.

5. EDITOR’S REPORT - presented by Hal Carroll. The Journal continues to be well received. In the next issue, in addition to the regular articles, there will be announcements about the proposed by-law changes and the Annual Program. Hal discussed some interest in an article regarding potential immunity for self driving cars. Hal also mentioned exploring permission to reprint an article from Claims Management regarding How Marijuana’s Rapid Growth is Affecting Insurance Coverage. The supplemental mailing list for the Journal has been updated to include all judges in the Circuit and Appellate Courts, as well as lawyers in House, Senate, and Executive Branch.

6. PROGRAMS REPORT - presented by the Chair. The next program, Commercial
Property from Start to Finish, will immediately follow the Annual Meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS - It was agreed the vote on the new by laws at the annual meeting will occur before the election so that they are in effect at the time of the election.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. ELECTIONS:

The following members are up for election at the annual meeting:

Lauretta Pominville
Jason Liss
Kim Ruppel
Nicole Wilinski
Barry Feldman

Kim Ruppel and Barry Feldman will not be running for reelection.

Jason Liss has agreed to serve as Treasurer.

The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Larry Bennett
Larry Bennett, Secretary
Summary of Revisions

Proposed Second Amended Bylaws

Article I – Name and Purposes

No changes proposed

Article II – Membership

Section 1 - deleted $25.00 annual dues amount, and replaced by amount to be determined by Council

Section 4 - added new section allowing for gratis law student membership

Article III – Organizational Meeting

Deleted in its entirety

Article IV – Council (renumbered to Article III)

Section 1(a) - added Council member terms shall be 1 year

Section 1(b) - added limit to number of Council members to not more than 10

Section 2 - deleted section regarding two-year term limits

Section 3 - added that Council shall declare a Council position vacant if Council member misses three successive Council meetings

Article V – Officers (renumbered to Article IV)

Section 1 - added Officer terms shall be 1 year

Article VI – Duties of Officers (renumbered to Article V)

Section 3(b) - added Secretary duty to track Council member attendance or non-attendance at Council meetings

Section 3(d) - added Secretary duty to serve as Commissioner of Elections and keep written record of Council member terms

Section 4(c) - added Treasurer duty to submit proposed budget at annual meeting
Article VII – Duties and Powers of the Council (renumbered to Article VI)

Section 3 - added section requiring Council members to actively participate in Committee or provide an article for publication in the quarterly publication

Article VIII – Committees (renumbered to Article VII)

Section 1 - added requirement that committees meet no less than once per year and report to Council at the next Council meeting

Section 2 - added Strategic Planning Committee to be formed the year prior to the expiration of the then current Strategic Plan

Section 3 - added requirements that Program Committee present at least one educational program per calendar year, in addition to the annual meeting

Section 6 - deleted Regulatory Law Committee

Section 7 - deleted Indemnity Law Committee

Section 8 - deleted Insurance Coverage Law Committee

Article IX – Meetings (renumbered to Article VIII)

Section 1 - added requirement that Council meet not less than 4 times per calendar year, the dates of which shall be tentatively set at the annual meeting

Article X – Miscellaneous (renumbered to Article IX)

Section 5 - added section allowing for formation of ad hoc or permanent committee concerning a Student Scholarship Program to be overseen by the Treasurer

Article XI – Amendments (renumbered to Article X)

Section 1 - added language allowing for future amendment to the Bylaws by petition signed by not less than 18 members of the Section
Bar Year: 2016-2017

Submitted: May 31, 2017

Section Name: Intellectual Property Law Section (“Section” or “IPLS”)

Mission Statement: The purposes of this Section are to study the laws and procedures pertaining to federal and state patent, trademark and copyright laws and to promote the fair and just administration of such laws; to study and report upon proposed legislation; to promote the legal education of members of the bar, and the general public on the problems of patent, trademark and copyright law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences devoted to the problems of patent, trademark and copyright law by the preparation and dissemination of pamphlets and brochures with respect thereto and by preparing, sponsoring and publishing legal writings in the patent, trademark and copyright field.

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P57284 Kristin L. Murphy, Southfield
P73748 Angela Kathleen Caligiuri, Detroit

Term Ending: 2018
P65709 Thomas J. Appledorn, Bloomfield Hills
P56165 Kimberly A. Berger, Detroit
P67837 Aaron J. Wong, Grand Rapids
Term Ending: 2019
P66094 E. Colin Cicotte, Troy
P55994 Matthew L. Goska, Grand Rapids
P53467 Mary Margaret O'Donnell, Birmingham

Commissioner Liaison
P74182 Andrew Frederick Fink, III, Ann Arbor

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Minutes of all meetings are available at: [http://connect.michbar.org/iplaw/council/minutes](http://connect.michbar.org/iplaw/council/minutes).


Intellectual Property Law Section Publication: As of this Report, the Section has published two issues of *IPLS Proceedings* in December 2016 and March 2017. The Section expects a third issue to be published during the summer of 2017. Copies of IPLS Proceedings are available at: [http://connect.michbar.org/iplaw/newsletter](http://connect.michbar.org/iplaw/newsletter). In an effort to save costs and "go green," the *IPLS Proceedings* is now distributed electronically.

General Budget Information: The Section continues to maintain a solid financial position, with a balance reported for April 30, 2017 of $130,457.89. The balance includes $26,915.20 in funds dedicated for the establishment of the Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project. The funds are attributable to excess sponsorship funds from the Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office Detroit Office Grand Opening Gala, held on July 12, 2012 at the Henry Ford (Dearborn, MI). To date, $8,025.01 has been incurred in connection with the pro bono program. The Section’s most significant expenditure this year was associated with the IPLS Spring Seminar held at the Kellogg Center on March 13, 2017, which totaled $13,527.91. This amount
has not yet been deducted from the above noted balance as of the submission of this report due to the timing of the invoice.

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**Reception with Russell Slifer, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark:** On September 15, 2016, the IPLS hosted Russell Slifer, the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, for a luncheon to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act. Dr. Christal Sheppard, Director of the Midwest Regional U.S. Patent Office introduced Mr. Slifer. Mr. Slifer provided a presentation and led a discussion of recent events at the USPTO.

**IP Law Section Reception at SBM Annual Meeting:** On September 21-23, 2016, the Section hosted a reception for attendees at the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting at the DeVos Place/Reserve, in Grand Rapids, MI. The reception was generously sponsored by Price Heneveld, LLP. The reception was co-sponsored by the Information Technology Law Section and the Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports Section. The reception was well-attended.

**42nd Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute held July 21-23, 2016, Mackinac Island, MI:** The 2016 IP Institute was held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, returning to
island after last year’s program at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Michigan. This year 234 people registered for the event, with 207 actual attendees. This was up from the 172 attendees at the 2015 program at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit. Attendance was down slightly from the 228 attendees at the last Mackinac program in 2014. The program included outstanding presentations from nationally renowned speakers on a range of patent, trademark, copyright, and other related topics. Featured speakers included Hon. Kara F. Stoll, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and Hon. Gerard F. Rogers, Chief Judge of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Trademark Trial and Board. Evaluations of the speakers were positive. The overall rating for the seminar was 6.57 out of 7.0. The program included a Women in IP Breakfast and two receptions on the Grand Hotel porch. Platinum sponsors were Cantor Colburn, LLP, Fishman Stewart, PLLC, and Harness, Dickey & Pierce, PLC. The Section appreciates ICLE’s support for this program.

2017 Spring IP Law Seminar, held March 13, 2017 in at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing: Our annual Spring IP Law Seminar had 170 registrants and 133 attendees. Registration and attendance was down from the 194 registrants/192 attendees in 2016. Actual attendance was affected by a snow storm on the morning of the event. Programming for the Spring Seminar continued to focus on practical topics to benefit members’ practice areas. This included presentations on the new Federal Defend Trade Secrets Act, cybersecurity and privacy, IP asset valuation, and ethics and conflicts of interest in patent prosecution. The luncheon speaker was Prof. Megan Carpenter of Texas A&M University Law School, who presented on disparaging and scandalous trademarks. Scores for the speakers were very solid, averaging 5.99 out of 7.0.

43rd Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute to be held July 20-22, 2017 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island: The 43rd Annual IP Law Institute will return to the Grand Hotel in July, with advanced patent and copyright sessions Thursday afternoon, updates Friday morning, and various topics Saturday morning. The Section is very excited that the Honorable Jimmie V. Reyna of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit will speak, along with a slate of outstanding speakers providing IP perspectives from government, corporate, and outside counsel perspectives.

2017 Annual Business Meeting: The Section’s annual business meeting will be held July 22, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island in conjunction with the 43rd Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute.

Other Section Projects During 2016-2017:

IP Pro Bono Initiative: The Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project (Project) is a service project of the IPL Section. The Project seeks to address the unmet need for patent legal services in Michigan by matching low-income inventors and innovators with volunteer patent attorneys. The Project was launched in November 2014, and is one of 21 regional programs providing pro bono patent legal services in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.
During 2016-2017, the Project expanded its operations, including:

In its second year of operation, the Project received requests for legal services from 35 persons. Of these, seven were placed with volunteer attorneys and three more were placed with law school patent clinical programs.

David C. Berry, who serves as chair of the Steering Committee, continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Pro Bono Advisory Council, a not-for-profit corporation that coordinates patent pro bono programs nationwide.

Representatives of the Project have promoted the program to audiences across the state, including: the Small Business Legal Academy 2017 program (part of Detroit Startup Week); the USPTO Detroit Office Saturday Program at Detroit Public Library; the Michigan Inventors Entrepreneurs Coalition, 4th Annual Innovate MI Event in Lansing; 16th Annual Collaboration for Entrepreneurship (ACE'16); and the USPTO Midwest Regional Seminar: “Seminar for Startups: Protecting Your Intellectual Property,” MSU Technology Innovation Center, East Lansing.

During 2016, the following firms and organizations accepted pro bono clients through the program: Dobrusin Law Firm; Fishman Stewart PLLC, Ford Global Technologies LLC, Harness Dickey & Pierce PLC, Kreis Enderle, Price Heneveld LLP, University of Detroit Mercy Law School International IP Clinic, and Wayne State Law School Patent Procurement Clinic.

In addition to coordinating with law firms and in-house law departments, the Project has coordinated with other IP legal resources. It has referred inquiries involving non-patent IP legal issues to Creative Many of Michigan, which operates the Lawyers for the Creative Economy (“LCE”) program. It has referred clients to USPTO-certified law school patent clinical programs at Wayne State University Law School and University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

**Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award:** The IPLS created the Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of a lawyer who had excelled in the intellectual property field and exemplified professionalism, excellence, and dedication to furthering opportunities and accomplishments in the area of intellectual property. In 2016, Harold W. Milton, Jr. of Dickinson Wright PLLC was the second recipient of the Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award. Nominations for the 2017 award are currently being received and reviewed. The 2017 recipient will be announced and presented with the award during the annual IP Law Institute in July 2017.

**Looking Forward to 2017-2018:**

**Planned Activities:**

- Spring Seminar, March 2018, Lansing
- 44th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan
Recommendations for Next Council:

- Continue efforts to grow the IP pro bono program in Michigan.
- Continue to focus Spring Seminar sessions on topics designed to provide practical information/“best practices” and the Annual IP Institute sessions on topics that provide an annual review of IP law.
- Fully utilize social media to connect members and promote programs and events.
- Continue to partner with the USPTO to provide presentation, information and networking events with USPTO personnel through the USPTO’s Detroit Regional Office.
- Create a shared drive to archive historical Council documents and reference materials.

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Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan
Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

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P48732  Hon. Monte J. Burmeister, Grayling

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P25732  Hon. Richard L. Hammer, Jr., Garden City
P36209  Hon. Timothy J. Kelly, Bay City
P47677  Hon. Pamela L. Lightvoet, Kalamazoo
P33915  Hon. Ronald W. Lowe, Plymouth
P34430  Hon. Patrick J. McGraw, Saginaw
P35026  Hon. David M. Murkowski, Grand Rapids
P35686  Hon. Lisa Maximi Popke, Detroit
P43334  Hon. Thomas D. Slagle, Iron Mountain
P32690  Hon. Jon A. Van Alsburg, Grand Haven

Term Ending: 2018
P32468  Hon. Dorene S. Allen, Midland
P30180  Hon. Laura L. Baird, Lansing
P44720  Hon. Thomas P. Boyd, Mason
P48732  Hon. Monte J. Burmeister, Grayling
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P35757  Hon. Pablo Cortes, Grand Rapids
P26933  Hon. Stephen D. Golsalves, Kalamazoo
P37145  Hon. Shelita R. Johnson, Southfield
P38377  Hon. Tracey A. Yokich, Mount Clemens

Term Ending: 2019
P32828  Hon. James M. Alexander, Pontiac
P32709  Hon. Michelle Friedman Appel, Oak Park
P34510  Hon. Theresa M. Brennan, Brighton
P32783  Hon. Susan L. Dobrich, Cassopolis
P45659  Hon. Beth A. Gibson, Newberry
Commissioner Liaison

NOT ASSIGNED, AT CURRENT TIME

Hon. Annette M. Jurkiewicz-Berry, Detroit
Hon. John Tomlinson, St. Clair County
Hon. Paul E. Stutesman, Centreville
Hon. Lisa Sullivan, Saint Johns
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Legislative issues:

2. Continued support of legislation that improves the administration of justice.

Recommendations for next Council:

Support legal services for indigent and others in the justice system.

Other Information:

Judicial Section is in the process of expanding membership to include ex-officio members from Court of Appeals and up to three tribal judges to hold an ex officio position. Judicial Section is planning strategies to support Judges who have been improperly scrutinized by the public or media as a result of the misunderstanding of the role judges or misunderstanding of the law.

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Judicial Section Annual Report

All judges of Michigan courts of record are active members of the State Bar of Michigan and thus automatic members of Judicial Section. The Judicial Section by-laws provide for a 27 member executive board that consists of nine members from each of the judges associations, Michigan District Court Judges Association, Michigan Probate Judges Association, and Michigan Judges Association. In order to make the judicial conference more inclusive the Section is in the process of amending the by-laws to include no more than three sitting judges of Tribal Courts as ex-officio positions on the Judicial Section. The Chief Judge and/or Chief Judge designee from the Court of Appeals will also be designated as an ex-officio member of the Judicial Section.

The Judicial Section meets quarterly and coordinates among the members the activities of the judicial associations. The Judicial Section also works closely with the State Court Administrator and Chief Justice to ensure and establish efficiencies in court operations and to promote judicial achievements.

Supporting judges and assisting judges during critical times is a important issue for the Judicial Section this year. The Judicial Section is committed to work with the State Bar to provide a strategy to ensure a prompt response for judges if criticized publically in matters where they are required to act such as selling bonds. The Judicial Section is also actively establishing a committee structure which will work on pro-actively pursing topics that are important to the courts.

The Judicial Section is engaged in exploring ways to provide for more effective communication among the members, including a better use of technologies such as website and introducing the role of Judicial Section to all Judges of Michigan Courts.

Finally it’s always critical to review and promote appropriate compensation for Judges including retirement and health benefits. Judicial Section looks forward to continue the success between the bench and the bar to successfully promote the sections priorities.
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P74336 Erin M. Hopper, Okemos
P71929 Danielle Christina Lester, Troy
P69238 James McGregor Reid, IV, Southfield
P74081 Ted Tameem Roumayah, Southfield
P63123 Richard William Warren, Jr., Detroit

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P69278 Brian E. Koncias, Bingham Farms

Commissioner Liaison
P75327 Brian D. Shekell, Detroit
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Legislative issues:

N/A

Recommendations for next Council:

Continued work with Strategic Plan

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Council Member

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P36429
Mayra A. Rodriguez, Grosse Pointe Farms

Term Ending: 2018
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P52985
Monica P. Navarro, Birmingham

Commissioner Liaison
P49219
Ernie C. Washington, Ann Arbor
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Legislative issues:
None.

Recommendations for next Council:
None.

Other Information:
None.

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P68203 Douglas Eugene Meeks, Lansing

Term Ending: 2018
P33964 Mert Anne Stowe, Okemos
P71882 Laura Elizabeth Volkman, Marshall

Term Ending: 2019
P42877 Susan K. Klooz, Saugatuck
P73367 Peter Michael Kulas, Grand Rapids

Commissioner Liaison
P38750 Hon. David A. Perkins, Detroit
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<td>February 15, 2017</td>
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Between approval in August '16 to April '17, we hit a goal of 200 new members.

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<td>Co-Sponsor Young Lawyers Summit</td>
<td>4/28-29, 2017</td>
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<td>Up North Social Mixer at Family Law Section Summer seminar</td>
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<td>Joint Journal Publication with Family Law Section</td>
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Legislative issues:

We monitored several matters but had no significant input or testimony or lobbying as a section

Recommendations for next Council:

Build membership by strong website presence, regular notes, conversations, meet and greet events, and hold council meetings around the state to encourage geographical diversity for broader participation

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P65327 Mary Chartier-Mittendorf, Lansing
P48628 Daniel W. Grow, Saint Joseph
P65478 Bernard Anthony Jocuns, Lapeer

Term Ending: 2019
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Legislative issues:

Proposed revisions of MRPC 1.2 and 8.4 submitted to SBM Representative Assembly in Sept 2016. Both proposals adopted by RA and submitted to SBM for submission to S. Ct. Awaiting determination by S. Ct. See Addendum for additional detail.

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue to build membership and breadth of knowledge in Section. Because of the scope of legal areas touched by marijuana legalization, work to build relationships with other Sections within SBM to increase relevance of MLS. See Addendum for additional detail.

Other Information:

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Marijuana Law Section  
Annual Report 2017  
Addendum

**Purposes of the Marijuana Law Section**
The purposes of this Section shall be to foster and advance the profession of Michigan Marijuana law; study the principles, regulations, statutes and legal developments that affect Michigan Marijuana law; to encourage and promote reforms in the law; to cultivate the science of jurisprudence; to secure the more efficient administration of justice; to serve as a forum and vehicle for the dissemination of specialized knowledge to practitioners engaged in the practice of Marijuana law in this area by fostering networking and communication among members; to coordinate its activities with those of other sections of the State Bar of Michigan whose activities and practice areas are complimentary to those of this Section; to encourage and advocate effective and thorough legal education; to encourage the continued education of the practicing lawyer; and to afford a means of social intercourse among the lawyers of the State Bar of Michigan. To accomplish its goals, the Marijuana Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan may sponsor meetings and conferences of educational value and support the publication of articles that relate to the purposes of this Section.

**Legislative Issues**
In September 2016, the MLS submitted two proposed resolutions to the State Bar Representative Assembly to modify the rules and/or official comments for MRPC 1.2 and 8.4. The RA adopted the resolutions, and the State Bar has submitted recommendations to the Michigan Supreme Court to adopt the changes. The Court has not as yet addressed the question.

On February 14, 2017 representatives of the MLS made a general informational presentation to the Michigan House of Representatives Law & Justice Committee with an overview of marijuana legalization in Michigan and the activities of the MLS.

The MLS is considering endorsement of The Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol ballot proposal that may be submitted to Michigan voters in November 2018.

**Recommendations for next Council:**
Starting and leading the MLS has been an honor. In the upcoming years, the Council will have the privilege of educating and leading attorneys and the public in this emerging area of the law. In 2016 and 2017, the legal landscape will be significantly altered by the adoption and implementation of the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act. It will likely take several years for that system to become established. The MLS and its members can have an important role in that development.
The Council sincerely appreciates the efforts of SBM staff members in guiding the MLS, including Candace Crowley, Peter Cunningham, and Jennifer Grieco, as well as many other staff members who have contributed their time and talents.

**Other Information:**

*In September 2016 the MLS made certain amendments to the Bylaws to facilitate decision-making procedures.*

*The Section sponsored winter coat drives at its first annual conference and the SBM Annual Meeting to help provide much needed protection to our Veterans.*

*In October 2016, the MLS held its first annual conference over three days at Firekeepers in Battle Creek. The conference was very well reviewed by attendees. Over 175 Michigan attorneys, law students and marijuana industry participants attended the conference. The MLS is actively planning its second annual conference to be held September 7-9 2017 in Detroit.*

*Membership in the Marijuana Law Section as of April 30, 2017 is 633 members, and the numbers are growing each month.*

*The MLS has created a periodic Journal, the first edition of which was published in February 2017 and was very well received.*

*In May 2017, the MLS co-sponsored with MIOWIA a two-day seminar in Lansing on various facets of marijuana defense practice.*

*The MLS listserv is an active communication resource. Our listserv moderator posts opinions related to marijuana law as they come out and members post questions and discuss issues related to marijuana law.*

*The MLS also has a Facebook page that links to marijuana law blogs, and the MLS is exploring other social media options.*

*The MLS has a number of committees. The committees and their chairpersons are as follows:*

**Business**
Lance Boldrey

**Education and Outreach**
Mary Chartier

**Ethics**
Robert Hendricks
The following are just a few of the activities that the section is actively working on:

- Planning seminars related to a number of topics, including criminal defense and intoxicated driving issues;
- Planning the 2nd Annual MLS Conference for Sept 7-9 at the MGM Detroit;
- MLS Officers will attend the SBM Leadership meeting on June 9-10, 2016 to continue to describe and discuss the work of the MLS with SBM colleagues in other sections.
- Reaching out to other SBM sections and other groups around the state to offer educational materials and seminars;
- Providing input to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs regarding the development of the new regulatory system for facilities.
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<td>Lansing, MI</td>
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<td>Detroit Expungement Fair: Promotion of Event and Section Members Participated at Lakeshore Legal Aid Sponsored Fair</td>
<td>04/06/2017</td>
<td>Detroit, MI</td>
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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:
Conduct regular effective education needs assessments of the over 18,000 members of the section to assist in the seminar, event, and newsletter planning process. Focus on the retirement financial planning education needs of the members. Promote pro bono and volunteer opportunities to assist indigent. Promote greater participation of members in the section's seminar and event planning process.

Other Information:
Publication of Mentor Newsletters: Summer, Fall 2016, Winter, Spring 2017 Issues.

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Military & Veterans’ Law Section

Jurisdiction: Created 7/26/2013.

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Pursuant to Bylaws, Article VI Section 2.(b), Jeremy Henner assumed the duties of Chairperson on May 6, 2017 when Asst. Dean Spielmaker resigned due to career relocation and a Bar status change.

Vice Chair
P75907 Jeremy Erskine Henner, Grosse Pointe Woods

Secretary
XXXX Steven Schultz, XXXXXXX...
P79505 Arthur Detroit

Treasurer
P44992 Michael R. Vitera, Belleville

Commissioner Liaison
P27732 Gregory L. Ulrich, Grosse Pointe Woods

Leadership Council:

Gen. Michael McDaniel, P34738, Term Expires Sep 2017
Peggy Costello, P41868, Term Expires Sep 2017
Robert Farnette, P13304, Term Expires Sep 2017
Justin Hayes, P78467, Term Expires Sep 2019
Tracie Lemon, Term Expires Sep 2019
Julie Lawler-Hoyle, Term Expires Sep 2019
Larissa Waltman, P55341, Term Expires Sep 2019

Committees:

Pro-Bono; Chair: Peggy Costello
Education, Training and Outreach; Chair: Gen. Michael McDaniel
Communications; Chair: Casey Walker, P74484
Veterans’ Treatment Courts; Chair: Hon. Deborah Thomas, P28734
Veteran Benefits; Chair: Vacant
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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:
Clear agendas, clear objectives, finite taskings, membership outreach and input is critical to this section’s success. More frequent use of State Bar resources to truly "include" membership is a must. Steady, dedicated leadership is necessary to instill trust and build confidence in the section's vision.

Other Information:

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P61978 Megan K. Cavanagh, Detroit
P65084 Timothy A. Diemer, Detroit
P43728 Wolfgang Mueller, Farmington Hills

Term Ending: 2018
P40073 Thomas R. Behm, Grand Rapids
P40551 James R. Bradley, Lansing
P62979 Donna M. MacKenzie, Berkley

Term Ending: 2019
P68562 Chad David Engelhardt, Ann Arbor
P31492 Mark R. Granzotto, Berkley
P40579 Phillip C. Korovessi, Detroit
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Legislative issues:
ON GOING. THE SECTION CONTRACTS WITH CAPITAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE MONTHLY MEETING UPDATES AND ANNUAL E-NEWS.

Recommendations for next Council:
MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT. INFORMING MEMBERS OF LEG ISSUES THROUGH THE MESSAGE FROM CHAIR AND LEG UPDATES.

Other Information:
SEE ATTACHED CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

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Negligence Section Council Meetings & Special Events Calendar
Fiscal Year – October 2016 – September 2017

October 26, 2016 Council Meeting
November 30, 2016 Council Meeting
December 14, 2016 Council Meeting
January 25, 2017 Council Meeting
February 22, 2017 Council Meeting

March 1, 2017 – YL Social Event, Punch Bowl Social, Detroit
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 29, 2017 Council Meeting
April 26, 2017 Council Meeting
June 28, 2017 – Council Meeting

All Council Meetings start at 5:30 p.m.- Morton's Troy

May 5-8, 2017, Spring Meeting, Intercontinental, Austin, TX

June 15, 2017, Past Chair Dinner – Detroit Golf Club, Detroit
6:00 pm Cocktails, 7:30 pm Dinner

August 24, 2017 – Summer Mtg./Reception - Blackstone’s Pub & Grill — Flint
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

September 27-29, 2017 SBM Annual Meeting, Cobo Center, Detroit

SBM Annual Meeting Dates:
September 26-28, 2018, DeVos Place, Grand Rapids
September 24-26, 2019, (Tuesday-Thursday) Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Upper Michigan Legal Institute & Bar Leadership Forum, Grand Hotel,
Mackinac Island
June 9-10, 2017
June 8-9, 2018
June 14-15, 2019

Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) – Annual Meeting – May 12 & 13, 2017
Oakland County Bar Association – Annual Meeting – June 1, 2017
OCBA - Mary - YLS no events scheduled for 2017 as of 6-21-16 vs
Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Awards Banquet – March 9, 2017
Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Annual Meeting – June 22 & 23, 2017

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P27594 Paul D. Reingold, Ann Arbor  
P38793 Richard B. Stapleton, Grand Ledge

Term Ending: 2018
P30104 Michael J. Marutiak, Lansing  
P71214 Jacqueline Colette Ouvry, Detroit  
P39827 Hon. Douglas B. Shapiro, Lansing  
P30022 Patricia A. Streeter, Canton

Term Ending: 2019
P24056 Ronald W. Emery, Lansing  
P33274 Sandra L. Bailiff Girard, Lansing  
P38304 Gary M. Kasenow, Northville

**Associate Member**

Monica Jahner, Lansing  
Nicole T. George, Detroit

**Commissioner Liaison**
P23262 Hon. Clinton Canady, III, Lansing
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The Section amended its Bylaws to allow for email notifications, to correct the timing of the annual meeting and to add the Legislative Ombudsman as an ex officio seat on the Council.

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<td>40th Mid-Winter Ski Conference - Co-Sponsor with Criminal Law</td>
<td>2/19/17</td>
<td>Shanty Creek</td>
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<td>Newsletter Publication</td>
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Legislative issues:

The Section took positions on SB 144, 1067, 1080/1081, and HB 5815.

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue policy review relating to Michigan corrections practices, increase public awareness of the Section and its activities, increase overall membership (including associate), complete By-laws amendment process and update website.

Other Information:

This year the Section completed work for publication of a themed Bar Journal Issue, expected September 2017. The Law Library Committee continued review of the Department of Corrections implementation of electronic law libraries.

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P38306 Mark E. Kellogg, Lansing
P71256 Michael G. Lichterman, Grandville
P68762 Raj Anand Malviya, Grand Rapids
P34533 Nancy H. Welber, Farmington Hills

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P64928 Christopher J. Caldwell, Grand Rapids
P49818 Rhonda M. Clark-Kreuer, Saint Louis
P30574 Kathleen M. Goetsch, Howell
P72027 Katie Lynwood, East Lansing
P69445 Melissa Marie-Werkema Mysiwiec, Grand Rapid
P58794 David L.J.M. Skidmore, Grand Rapids

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P37092 Robert B. Labe, Birmingham
P68618 Richard Charles Mills, Jackson
P32058 Lorraine F. New, Troy
P70974 Nathan R. Piwowarski, Cadillac
P72821 Nazneen Hasan Syed, Lansing
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<td>Drafting an Estate Plan for an Estate Under $5 Million</td>
<td>June &amp; Sept 2016</td>
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<td>Administration of Trusts Under the Michigan Trust Code</td>
<td>December 2016</td>
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<td>26th Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents</td>
<td>Jan &amp; Feb 2017</td>
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<td>Experts in Estate Planning:</td>
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<td>57th Annual Probate &amp; Estate Planning Institute</td>
<td>May &amp; June 2017</td>
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<td>Probate &amp; Estate Planning Certificate Program</td>
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Recommendations for next Council:

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ADDENDUM TO 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PROBATE & ESTATE PLANNING SECTION FOR THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Mission Statement:

The purpose of this Section is to enhance and improve the practice and administration of law pertaining to probate; trust and estate planning, and administration; guardianships and conservatorships (including planning alternatives); and tax planning.

General Budget Information:

The Section's expenses generally continue to be in line with revenues. As a result, there is no immediate plan to raise dues. A portion of our annual budget, as well as a portion of our fund balance, is allocated as an "amicus brief" fund for expected increases in appeals involving the Michigan Trust Code and other legislative initiatives. The largest categories of expense are: (1) Council meetings; (2) lobbying on behalf of the Section; and (3) support for education initiatives (primarily in conjunction with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education).

Events and/or Seminars:

The Section continues to maintain a strong partnership with ICLE by co-sponsoring, supporting, or otherwise contributing to numerous seminars on various probate, estate planning, and related administration topics each year. The Section also continues to co-sponsor the Probate Certificate Program with ICLE in an effort to assist practitioners, including those who do not belong to the Section, in developing proficiency in the areas of probate and estate planning. The Section does not offer any seminars independent of ICLE, but such seminars are offered live and via webcast. During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the Section continued to enhance its outreach to Section members and also recruit new members through social and networking events developed by the Section’s Membership Committee.

Legislative Issues:

The Section continues to keep as a priority legislative and regulatory initiatives, as well as common law developments, that affect Section members. The Section is both proactive and responsive by drafting proposed legislation and providing comments on legislation drafted by others. The Section employs Public Affairs Associates, in Lansing, as its lobbyist.

The Section either drafted or assisted with revisions to the following legislative proposals which were ultimately adopted into law:

• The Probate Appeals statute (SB 632, PA 186 of 2016; HB 5503, PA 287 of 2016) [all appeals from probate court will now go to the court of appeals];
• Qualified Distributions in Trust (SB 597, PA 330 of 2016; HB 5504, PA 331 of 2016) [limits creditor claims against certain “qualified dispositions in trust”];

• Dower Repeal (SB 558, PA 489 of 2016; SB 560, PA 490 of 2016; [eliminates right by a surviving widow to claim dower];

• Right to Appoint Funeral Representative (SB 551; PA 57 of 2016) [permits an individual to authorize (in writing) another person to make decisions about the individual’s funeral & burial (and/or cremation) arrangements];

• Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets (HB 5034, PA 59 of 2016) [provides a structure to allow a fiduciary to have access to certain “digital assets” of a ward, trust grantor, decedent etc. – however, the bill as passed is considerably different than what we originally proposed].

The Section submitted public policy positions concerning the following:

• On September 10, 2016, supported modifying the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (MCL 700.1101 et seq.) to adopt certain of the 2008 amendments to the Uniform Probate Code, and making other related changes to EPIC, pertaining to various issues that can arise relating to children who are the result of assisted reproductive technology.

• On September 10, 2016, supported HB 5638 of 2016 with recommended amendments (to allow a testator to exclude a child from the exempt property allowance of MCL 700.2404).

• On October 10, 2016, supported the proposed Addition of MCL 700.2810 (reformation to correct mistakes to conform the terms to the transferor's intention) and 700.2811 (modification to achieve transferor's tax objections) to EPIC.

• On October 10, 2016, supported proposals to amend MCL 700.2502 (to permit notarized wills), 700.2504, and 700.3406 (regarding presumptions of proper will execution).

• On November 5, 2016, supported technical corrections to the Michigan Trust Code (1998 PA 386, as amended) to change MCL 700.7105(2)(a) to add a reference to section 7402 and to amend MCL 700.7815(2) to delete "unless the trust instrument expressly provides otherwise".

• On December 17, 2016, supported revised versions of certain amendments to the Michigan Court Rules contained in Michigan Supreme Court ADM File No. 2016-32 (those rule changes will implement the previously adopted law change which requires all appeals from probate court to be heard in the Court of Appeals).

• On January 14, 2017, supported Michigan Supreme Court ADM File No. 2015-18 with recommended wording amendments to clarify the intent of the proposed revisions to MCR 9.08.
On March 18, 2017, approved the filing an amicus brief In the Matter of Joseph Vansach, Jr., Michigan Court of Appeals file No. 334732, in support of the appellee’s interpretation of EPIC.

The Section supports the following additional legislative proposals:

- The Section drafted a proposal and is pursuing the passage of legislation to revise and coordinate MCL 565.431 et seq. and MCL 700.7913 regarding the information which must be included in a “certificate of trust existence and authority” or a “certificate of trust”.

- The Section drafted a proposal and is pursuing the passage of legislation to amend MCL 700.7103(n) to improve the definition of trust protector.

- The Section drafted a proposal and is pursuing the passage of legislation that would allow the creation of trusts that can hold tenancy by the entirety property by adding a new section to EPIC, tentatively to be codified at MCL 700.7509.

- The Section drafted a proposal and is pursuing the passage of legislation that would relieve the trustee of an irrevocable life insurance trust (that holds no other assets) from the standard trustee duties that apply to other types of trusts.

- The Section drafted a proposal and is pursuing the passage of legislation to modify the Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act (MCL 566.31 et seq) so that it coordinates with the provisions of the Qualified Dispositions in Trust Act.

- The Section drafted a proposal and is pursuing the passage of legislation to amend MCL 700.7302 (with an ancillary amendment to MCL 700.1106), relating to virtual representation.

- The Section drafted a proposal and is pursuing the passage of legislation to clarify the exceptions for uncapping of the taxable value of real property for certain transfers.

Recommendations for next Council:

For fiscal year 2017-2018, the Section's Council should continue to pursue and update the Council's Biennial Plan of Work. The Council should continue its support, monitoring, and pursuit of legislative initiatives that remain pending as of the date of the 2016-2017 Annual Report, including in particular, the ongoing extensive review of EPIC to identify and propose revisions to better address issues which our members have noted and otherwise update that Code to better serve the citizens of Michigan.

The Council also should continue: (1) reviewing legislative proposals pertaining to EPIC and the MTC; (2) its outreach to existing Section members to become active in the Section and on the
Council; (3) seeking new members for the Section through recruitment and interaction with other sections and bar associations; (4) supporting continuing education of the legal profession in the areas of probate, estate planning, and related administration; (5) efforts to educate the public of the benefits provided by trained attorneys and the often false promises offered by commoditization; and (6) assisting in the prevention of "trust mills" from operating in Michigan.

Finally, the Council might consider revisiting and reviving the work done on specialization in light of certain work done by the SBM's 21st Century Task Force.

**Other Information:**

- The Section continues to review and draft proposed changes and improvements to SCAO forms.
- The Section continues to publish a Journal three times per year with articles of interest to Section members. The Journal is now electronic only, as a cost-saving measure and to reflect changes in the way information is conveyed and used.
- The Section continues to use the "Join a Committee" link on the Section SBM webpage to encourage involvement by Section members.
- The Section has supported sending its Chair Elect and Vice Chair to the State Bar Leadership Forum, and should continue to do so.
- The Section regularly sends Council and other Section members to work with and testify before members of the Legislature on various initiatives.
- The Section regularly discusses practice developments that are occurring in other parts of the United States and how such developments might or should impact practice in Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair of the Probate & Estate Planning Section
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List of amicus briefs in which Section participated

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Legislative issues:

PCLS continues to monitor proposed state legislative changes concerning "big box/dark stores" and medical marijuana and on the federal land, telecommunications facilities in public rights-of-way

Recommendations for next Council:

1. Continue efforts to increase membership in the Section; 2. Continue publication of newsletter, "Briefly," for members; 3. Continue participation in amicus briefs in cases/issues before the courts of importance to Michigan's local governments.

Other Information:

Successful publication of the Section's newsletter (in an electronic form) entitled "Briefly"; examined ways to increase membership in the Section including consideration of a change in the Bylaws for the Section to change the Section's name to the "Government Law Section," which will be considered at the Section's Annual Meeting; continued participation in amicus briefs of importance to Michigan public corporations

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Shelby Township v. Command Officers Association of Michigan
Michigan Association of Home Builders et al. v. City of Troy
Baruch v. Township of Tittabawassee
ADM File No. 2014-13 PDF
Amicus Curiae Brief in Haynes v. Village of Beulah
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Section Name: Real Property Law Section

Mission Statement: The Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education and information about current real property issues through meetings, seminars, its website, pro bono service programs, a monthly e-newsletter, and quarterly publication of a peer-reviewed journal. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

As further stated in the Section's By-Laws, the Section's purpose is to study the laws and procedures pertaining to Real Property Law and to promote the fair and just administration of Real Property Law; to study and report upon proposed and necessary legislation, including, but not limited to, pending legislation and drafting and introducing legislation; to study and report on pending litigation, including, but not limited to, the filing of amicus curiae briefs; to promote throughout the State of Michigan the legal education of members of the Bar and the public on Real Property Law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences devoted to Real Property Law, by the preparation and dissemination of books, booklets, materials, pamphlets and brochures with respect thereto and by preparing and sponsoring and publishing legal writings in this field.

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**General Budget Information:** While the Section’s finances remain strong, income and expenses are being closely monitored. In addition, the Section has been making efforts to lower its accumulated income account with the State Bar by pursuing new initiatives and educational programs focused on newer members of the State Bar and more effective technology for continuing education and involvement of older members of the State Bar.

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<td>Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and</td>
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<td>St. John Conference Center, Plymouth</td>
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**Legislative issues:** In addition to monitoring new legislation and responding to requests from the Michigan Supreme Court and others to file amicus curie briefs on real estate issues of importance,
the Section has initiated a series of meeting with legislators, particularly committee chairs, to inform them of the Section's mission and expertise so that the Section can get involved with legislative real estate initiatives before new legislation is introduced. In all cases, the Section tries to limit its comments and recommendations without bias toward any particular constituency (the Section strives to be neither pro borrower, pro lender, pro developer, nor pro municipality).

**Recommendations for next Council:** The next Council should continue developing programs that provide added value to the Section’s membership. It should also continue pursuing outreach and educational programs for newer members of the State Bar, as well as active participation by more experienced practitioners, and expand participation in the Section by real estate lawyers located throughout the entire State of Michigan. Finally, the Section’s Council should consider the Report of the Long Range Planning Committee and, if adopted, implement the recommendations contained therein.

**Other Information:** We have a large number of Special Committees which hold educational and networking meetings throughout the State of Michigan. The following is a list of the Special Committees:

- Bankruptcy
- Commercial Leasing
- Commercial Development, Ownership and Finance
- Condominiums PUDs and Cooperatives
- Construction
- Eminent Domain
- Energy Law
- Residential Transactions and Finance
- Title and Conveyancing
- Zoning and Land Use

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None

Recommendations for next Council:
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Legislative issues:
See attached addendum for legislative activities in which the Taxation Section is involved

Recommendations for next Council:
See attached addendum for reference to Taxation Section's Strategic Plan

Other Information:
See attached addendum for further information regarding the Taxation Section

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SECTION MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the Taxation Section is to study the laws and procedures pertaining to the law of taxation and to promote the fair and just administration of local, state, and federal tax laws; to study and report upon proposed, necessary, or desirable legislation; to promote throughout the State of Michigan, the legal education of members of the bar and the public on the subject of taxation by sponsoring meetings, institutes, and conferences; to promote the Taxation Section through outreach programs.

GENERAL BUDGET INFORMATION: The Taxation Section’s expenses continue to generally be in line with revenue. As a result, there are no immediate plans to raise membership dues.

SECTION COMMITTEES: The Taxation Section includes the following six committees:

1. Federal Income Tax Committee
2. State and Local Tax Committee
3. Trusts and Estates Committee
4. Employee Benefits Committee
5. Practice and Procedure Committee
6. Young Tax Lawyers Committee

The Committees (except for the Young Tax Lawyers Committee) monitor legislative, judicial and regulatory developments in their respective substantive areas of tax law. The Committees meet regularly to discuss areas of common concern and topics of interest in their respective practice areas. The Committees also conduct seminars and organize educational and networking events for their members.

The Young Tax Lawyers Committee is designed to promote an interest in the area of tax law among new attorneys, recent law school graduates, and law students. The Committee offers educational and networking events for its members.

Contact information for the chairperson of each Committee is available on the Taxation Section’s website: http://connect.michbar.org/tax/home

ANNUAL TAX CONFERENCE: Each year, the Taxation Section holds its annual tax conference in May. The conference brings together national and local speakers on various topics in the area of tax. The conference is co-sponsored by ICLE. This year’s tax conference represented the Taxation Section’s 30th annual tax conference. The conference was held on May 25, 2017, at the Inn at St John’s in Plymouth, Michigan.

SECTION LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY: On November 3, 2016, the Taxation Section Council adopted a policy statement in support of legislation that would improve the Michigan Tax Tribunal’s process to promote the fair and just administration of state and local tax assessments. The Taxation Section Council recently adopted a resolution in favor of House Bill
4412, which would improve the operations of the Tax Tribunal. A representative of the Taxation Section Council testified before the House Tax Policy Committee in support of the bill.

SECTION AWARDS: The Taxation Section’s L. Hart Wright Chair’s Service Award is given in memory of Professor L. Hart Wright, State Bar of Michigan Taxation Chairperson (1965-1966). Each year, up to two recipients are selected by the outgoing Chairperson of the Taxation Section and presented with a plaque at the Taxation Section’s Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting on October 6, 2016, the award was given by then outgoing Chairperson Michael M. Antovski to George W. Gregory of George W. Gregory, PLLC, in recognition of his exemplary service to the Taxation Section over the past year.

GRANT PROGRAM: The Taxation Section makes grants of up to $5,000 to qualifying organizations that provide taxpayer assistance to low income individuals. Each year, grant recipients are recognized at the Taxation Section’s annual tax conference. Grant recipients recognized at the tax conference on May 25, 2017, included (1) Alvin L. Storrs Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, Michigan State University College of Law, (2) University of Michigan Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, and (3) Accounting Aid Society’s Low Income Taxpayer Clinic.

PUBLICATIONS: The *Michigan Tax Lawyer* is published three times per year and sent to members via U.S. mail. The *Michigan Tax Lawyer* is also posted on the Taxation Section’s website.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Members can follow the Taxation Section on Facebook and LinkedIn.

FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES: See the Taxation Section’s Strategic Plan adopted January 18, 2017, which can be found on the section’s website.
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EVENTS AND/SEMINAR

- **Back to School: Know your Rights (September 14, 2016 in Flint)**
  This was the second year of the "Back to School: Know your Rights" event which is a free educational picnic targeted for middle and high school aged students and their families. The event was held at the Flint Boys & Girls Club on September 14 at 5:00 p.m. The focus of the program was to provide general information regarding students’ rights in Michigan public schools. Topics discussed include: Freedom of Expression and Religion, Freedom from Discrimination, Freedom from unreasonable school searches, how to respectfully handle an encounter with law enforcement and what student's rights are with respect to school discipline. The YLS wants to arm students the necessary information so they understand their rights. We believe that this will enable them to speak up and defend themselves in a constructive manner if and when they are violated.

In addition to educational information, the first 250 participants of the event received a free back pack as well as free school supplies to fill the backpack. A free hot dog cookout was also offered.

- **American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Fall Conference (October 20-22, 2016 in Detroit)**
  The YLS cosponsored the 2016 American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA YLD) Fall Conference. The Conference was held at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit on October 20-October 22, 2016. This was the first time that the ABA YLD held a conference in Detroit (or at least in recent memory) so it was truly an exciting opportunity for the YLS to showcase not only one of our beautiful cities but also our amazing legal community.

  The ABA YLD Fall Conference is one of four national young lawyer conferences hosted by the ABA YLD each year. Approximately 300 young lawyers from across the globe came together to attend the Conference which featured a rich complement of robust and innovative programs. In addition to outstanding continuing legal education programs, professional development opportunities, and leadership skills courses, the conference also featured a health and wellness track focused on improving the mental and physical well-being of our young professionals.

  Seminar topics included: Growing Your Network: Ethics and Professional Conduct that Build Relationships; Anatomy of a Solo/Small Firm: Flying Solo; DIY Marketing & Getting Experience; Elevate your Career with an Elevator Pitch; Justice for Flint: The Failures, Lessons Learned and Next Steps; The Ethics and Interplay Between the Judicial System and the Media; Gender Identity, Title IX and K-12 Education: Hot Topics and Current Litigation; Data Breaches And Cyber Security – Are You Ready?; Work/Life/Debt: Balancing Student Loans (and other debt) with Life and Lawyering; Enemy at the Gate: Emerging Security, Economic, and Legal Challenges to Airport Security; Lessons from Detroit: Municipal Bankruptcy and its Implications on City and Local Government
Operations; Lunch Program: Lions, Tigers, Pistons, and Red Wings too: Hot Topics in Professional Sports; Women in Politics and Leadership Positions; Racial Justice - Prosecutorial Discretion in the Wake of Public Outcry; Work Life Management: Lawyering and Living; LGBTQ Family Law Considerations and Practice Tips; Literacy: Is it a Right or a Privilege; and Closing Plenary: Leveraging Personality Type to Lead More Effectively.

Local speakers included Larry Nolan, President of the State Bar of Michigan, The Honorable Dennis W. Archer, Chairman and CEO, Dennis W. Archer PLLC / Chairman Emeritus, Dickinson Wright PLLC, The Honorable Nancy G. Edmunds, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, The Honorable Steven Rhodes (Retired), Former United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Eastern District of Michigan, Ryan C. Plecha, Lippitt O’Keefe Gorbein, PLLC, Eugene Driker, Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, P.L.L.C., Shirley V. Lightsey, President, Retired City Employees Association, Kevyn D. Orr, Jones Day, (Former Emergency Manager), Reginald M. Turner, Member, Clark Hill, PLLC, Robert E. Carr, Senior Vice President of Operations & Legal Affairs for Olympia Entertainment and Detroit Red Wings General Counsel, Jay Colvin, Detroit Lions Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Richard Haddad, Vice President & General Counsel at Palace Sports & Entertainment and Detroit Pistons, Amy Peterson, Detroit Tigers Associate Counsel, John F. Reed, Rain BDM - Business Development & Marketing for Law Firms, Charlie Langton, Langton Law, Ronda Tate Truvillion, Lewis & Munday, P.C., Tammy Helminski, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Dr. Douglas Ruden, Wayne State University, Oday Salim, Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, Jay Kaplan, ACLU of Michigan, Claudia Rast, Butzel Long, Ann Arbor, MI, Lena F. Masri, Council on American-Islamic Relations Michigan, Brigadier General Michael C.H. McDaniel, Director of Homeland Law/LLM and Professor, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, Mwanaisha Sims, Michigan State University, Aaron Sohaski, Henry Ford Health System, Syeda Davidson, Burgess, Sharp & Golden, Robert Jenkins, Social Security Administration, Rachel A. Smith, Brooks Kushner, Tish Vincent, State Bar of Michigan, and Angie Martell, Iglesia Martell Law Firm, PLLC.

The Conference left such a great impression of our city and our legal talent that members of the ABA YLD continue to talk about the quality of conference both in terms of legal substance and congenial vibe of our bar.

- **Networking Power Hour Lunch (October 20, 2016 in Detroit)**
  The YLS hosted a free Networking Power Hour Lunch on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone P.L.C., in Detroit. The purpose of the event was to allow local attorneys and law students to network with attorneys from around the globe who were in attendance for the ABA YLD Fall Conference. The event also featured some discussion on the power of networking in the legal profession.

- **Institute of Continuing Legal Education/YLS Breakfast Basics: Alternative Fee Arrangements" (October 28, 2016 in Ann Arbor)**
  The YLS and ICLE hosted "Breakfast Basics: Alternative Fee Arrangements" on October 28, 2016 at the ICLE Offices in Ann Arbor. The seminar focused on AFA options (including flat fees) and practice areas and transactions that are best for AFAs. It also featured a discussion on how to set the appropriate fee to be profitable while remaining
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- **National Trial Advocacy Competition (November 4-6, 2016 in Lansing)**
  The YLS hosted the 17th Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition on November 4-6, 2016 at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse (Ingham County Circuit Court) in Lansing, Michigan. The preliminary rounds were held on November 4-5 and the semi-final and final rounds were held on November 6. This was the second time the YLS hosted the competition after taking it over from Michigan State University College of Law in 2015.

  The competition which is designed for teams of four participants, made up of two advocates and two witnesses, drew some of the best law school teams from across the country. Participants had the opportunity to perfect their courtroom advocacy skills before Michigan judges and practitioners.

- **"Navigating the District Court, Circuit Court, and Friend of the Court: Wayne County Edition" (November 2, 2016 in Detroit)**
  The YLS hosted a "Navigating the District Court, Circuit Court, and Friend of the Court: Wayne County Edition" at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center on November 2, 2016. Judges and experienced practitioners shared key “do’s and don’ts” about practicing in District Court, Circuit Court, and Friend of the Court. Featured speakers included Hon. E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, 36th District Court, Michael Glynne, Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office, Erin Lincoln, Wayne County Friend of the Court, Meagan Moslimani, City of Detroit Law Department, and Hon. Lawrence S. Talon, 3rd Circuit Court. Attendees left with an enhanced understanding of practical considerations related to local court practice.

- **How to Clear Your Record: Felonies & Misdemeanors (December 3, 2016 in Mount Clemens)**
  The YLS co-sponsored (with the Macomb County Bar Association) a “How to Clear Your Record: Felonies & Misdemeanors” expungement fair at the Mount Clemens Public Library on December 3, 2016. Members of the community were invited to speak with local attorneys about the steps to expunging their criminal records.

- **Federal Bar Association New Lawyers Seminar (December 6-7, 2016 in Detroit)**
  The YLS once again served as a sponsor of the New Lawyers Seminar presented by the Federal Bar Association. Shenique Moss provided a brief presentation on the benefits of participating in the YLS and encouraged new lawyers to get involved by volunteering to serve on a YLS Committee and/or State Bar Committee.

- **I AM YLS Table (February 21-22, 2017 in Lansing)**
  The YLS hosted an I AM YLS table at the February Bar Examination on February 21-22, 2017 at the Lansing Center. Section members were on hand to provide bar exam takers with some essentials (pencil, earplugs, etc). in case they forgot them and words of encouragement.
• **Mental Health for Lawyers and Law Students (March 14, 2017 in Detroit)**
The YLS hosted a Mental Health for Lawyers and Law Students Seminar on March 14, 2017 at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. This seminar was designed to give lawyers and law students the necessary tools and resources for mental health. Panelists discussed mindfulness techniques to foster mental well-being, therapeutic resources to help deal with deeper or more troubling issues like depression and addiction, and ethical concerns. Attendees also learned about confidential resources available at the State Bar of Michigan. Panelists included Tish Vincent, Tim Batdorf, and Laurie Orlando.

• **SBM YLS/BOC Challenge (April 21, 2017 in Lansing)**
The YLS challenged the SBM Board of Commissioners to a bowling challenge at Spare Time Entertainment Center in Lansing. Unfortunately, the weather didn’t cooperate so the challenge had to be moved in doors to the bowling alley were the BOC team emerged victorious. The event raised much needed funds for The Access to Justice Fund.

• **10th Annual Young Lawyer Summit (April 28-29, 2017 in Thompsonville)**
The YLS hosted its 10th Annual Summit April 28-29 at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Stephen J. Markman was the luncheon keynote speaker and the YLS presented the 2017 Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The Summit featured two special educational programming tracks. The Professional and Business Development Track included the following educational seminars: “Beyond LinkedIn: How to Build a Powerful Professional Network on Social Media,” “Rainmaking: Much More than Simply Making Money,” “Cut the Fat: Use Lean to Improve Efficiency, Reduce Cost & Return Respect for People to Your Legal Practice,” “The Professional Professional: Cultivating an Image for an Entire Career and Beyond,” and “Becoming an Articulate Advocate: Strategies for Powerful Public Speaking in and out of Court.” The Litigation Boot Camp Track featured the following educational seminars: “Write like the Best: A Hands-on Editorial Session,” “Evidence Jeopardy: Enhancing Your on-the-Spot Evidence Knowledge in a Fun-Not-Painful-Way!,” “The Anatomy of the Ultimate Trial Notebook: from Case Screening to Verdict,” “Perfecting the Art of Voir Dire: Selecting the Best Jurors for Your Case,” and “Trial No Error: Tips on Trial Strategy.” The Summit also featured special programming and many networking opportunities, such as: Friday’s Think Fast!: Improv(ed) Lawyering Workshop and Conversations, Snacks, and Bonfire and Saturday’s Morning Exercise Classes (Zumba and Yogalaties), Breakfast Program: Maximize Your Strengths, Professional Headshots, Resume Review, Photo Scavenger Hunt, and game night.

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- **4th Annual Diversity Mock Trial Competition (June 3, 2017 in Detroit)**
The YLS will host its 4th Annual Diversity Mock Trial Competition on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. The program provides middle school students with an opportunity to participate in a mock trial and interact with a number of local judges and lawyers. It is an invaluable program that will undoubtedly make an impact with students. There is not really any advance preparation required as the workshop is all inclusive during the day. Participants will receive the competition materials beforehand; all the students would need to do is review them and be somewhat familiar with the content.

- **586/248/313 Networking Challenge (June 7, 2017 in Sterling Heights)**
The YLS will cosponsor the 586/248/313 Networking Challenge (and battle for bragging rights) on June 7, 2017 at Kart 2 Kart. Leaders from all 3 bar associations (Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne) will be on hand to discuss the benefits of service to the bar on a personal and professional level. Racing will be available for purchase if participants feel the need for speed.

- **History of Legal Practice in Northern Michigan/Upper Peninsula (June 23, 2017 in Marquette)**
The YLS will host the "History of Legal Practice in Northern Michigan/Upper Peninsula" event on Friday, June 23, 2017 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Marquette Regional History Center. Registrants will have the opportunity to attend informative presentations in a beautiful setting on a wide-range of topics explaining the history that has led to the unique jurisprudential climate of the UP/Northern Michigan. Topics include a discussion of Native American legal history, famous criminal cases, and the evolution of women's practice. We will also tour the famous Marquette County Courthouse. There will also be plenty of opportunities for networking both during the event and at an afterglow reception at the Ore Dock Brewing Company. There is also a group reservation at the Delft Bistro (Dutch treat).

- **So You Have Your P Number, Now What?: Practice Essentials for New Lawyers (July 22, 2017 in Novi)**
The YLS will host its new lawyer program “So You Have Your P Number, Now What?: Practice Essentials for New Lawyers” on July 22, 2017 at The Baronette Renaissance Detroit-Novis Hotel. In this dynamic, intensive half-day training seminar designed especially for new lawyers, attendees will learn from experts how to navigate the judicial system, maximize their social media, and present and practice with civility and professionalism. Attendees will also leave understanding some of the nuances of starting a practice, achieving work/ life balance, and maintaining their good standing with the State Bar of Michigan. Seminar topics will include: A to Z of Starting a Case, Been there, Done that?!: Practice Tips From Experienced Lawyers, Building and Financing the Modern Solo Practice, Client 101 (Intake, Consultations, Screenings, Retainer Agreements, and Collecting Fees), Keeping Your Overhead, Under Budget: Optimizing Free and Low Cost Practice Resources, Judicial Perspectives on Motion Practice and Courtroom Etiquette, Launching Your Career with Assistance of the State Bar of Michigan, Manage Your Debt, Manage Your Money,
Strategies and Insights of Balanced Living, Tips on Avoiding Grievances, Ethical Pitfalls, and Malpractice, and Using Social Media to Stand Out in a Crowded Job Market. Attendees can also have an opportunity to take a professional headshot taken and have their resume and cover letter reviewed.

- **I AM YLS Table (July 25-26, 2017 in Lansing)**
  The YLS will host an I AM YLS table at the July Bar Examination on July 25-26, 2017 at the Lansing Center. Section members will be on hand to provide bar exam takers with some essentials (pencil, earplugs, etc) in case they forgot them and words of encouragement.

- **Heroes vs Villains 5K Run and Fitness Walk (August 20, 2017 in Detroit)**
  The YLS is hosting its inaugural Justice League: Heroes vs Villains 5K Run and Fitness Walk on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Belle Isle Park in Detroit, Michigan. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Access to Justice Fund.

2016-2017 YLS COMMITTEES

- **Community Outreach Committee**
  - The Community Outreach Committee is responsible for planning and implementing various service projects and initiatives to serve the public. The Committee’s work also helps create a more positive image of the YLS and the legal profession in the community.
  
  - Co-Chairs: Bobby Ficklin (ficklinlaw@gmail.com) and Brande Smith (brandesmith02@gmail.com)

- **Disaster Legal Services Committee**
  - The Disaster Legal Services Committee is responsible for organizing the Section’s disaster legal assistance efforts. Disasters, both natural and manmade, can result in large populations in immediate need of legal assistance on a number of topics. The Committee, in conjunction with the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Office of Disaster Assistance Programs, works to develop a disaster relief plan for providing a network of volunteer attorneys to provide free legal services to victims of federally declared disasters throughout the State of Michigan. The Committee is also tasked with creating and maintaining the disaster relief handbook covering common legal situations and available resources for survivors of Michigan disasters.
  
  - Co-Chairs: Choi Portis (choi.portis@gmail.com) and Ryan Plecha (ryanplecha@gmail.com)

- **Diversity Committee**
The Diversity Committee is responsible for promoting diversity in the legal profession. The Committee is tasked with organizing diversity related seminars, projects, and initiatives for section members and the public.

Co-Chairs: Kristina Bilowus (kristinabilowus@yahoo.com), Matt Breuer (m.paul.breuer@gmail.com), and Jerome Crawford (jerawf@gmail.com)

- **Education Committee**
  - The Education Committee is responsible for planning and coordinating educational and professional development seminars that are specifically designed to meet the needs of young lawyers. When possible, the Committee tries to include experienced young lawyers in the program faculty to provide them with the opportunity to gain exposure and experience in an educational forum.
  
  - Co-Chairs: Colemon Potts (clpottslaw@gmail.com) and Christopher Wickman (chriswickman@gmail.com)

- **Health and Wellness Committee**
  - The Health and Wellness Committee is responsible for promoting the overall health and well-being of young lawyers. The Committee is tasked with organizing seminars and activities focused on mental health and wellness, fitness and exercise, healthy living, and stress management.
  
  - Co-Chairs: Tanya Cripps (cripps.tanya@gmail.com) and Amy Krieg (akrieg15@gmail.com)

- **Inter Alia Committee**
  - The Inter Alia Committee is responsible for collecting content for and publishing the YLS Newsletter, Inter Alia. Inter Alia is published at least four times a year, and provides the YLS membership with articles on substantive issues, practice tips, and notice of upcoming Section events and news. Annually, the Inter Alia Committee recognizes contributors to the Inter Alia for that bar year.
  
  - Chair: Syeda Davidson (sfhdavidson@gmail.com)
  - Vice Chair: Kara Hart-Negrich (khartnegrich@gmail.com)

- **Media/Marketing Relations Committee**
  - The Media/Marketing Relations Committee is responsible for maintaining the YLS webpage, marketing and promotional materials, protocol regarding the YLS listserv, and initiating and maintaining any other media and/or marketing relations items.
  
  - Co-Chairs: Aaron Sohaski (sohaskia@gmail.com) and Ryan Zemke (zemker@gmail.com)

- **Membership Committee**
  - The Membership Committee is responsible for promoting greater participation of Section members in the YLS and bar association as a whole. The Committee is tasked with ensuring the Section adequately engages its membership through
planning social and networking events, looking for partnerships with other professional organizations, and suggesting ways to increase the Section’s value to its members. The Committee also works with liaisons to and from various SBM sections.

- Co-Chairs: Kara Hart-Negrich (khartnegrich@gmail.com) Katherine Bennett (katherinejmontgomery@gmail.com)

- National Trial Advocacy Competition Committee
  - The National Trial Advocacy Competition Committee is responsible for coordinating the Annual National Trial Advocacy Competition for law schools across the country.

  - Co-Chairs: Laura Kubit (lkubit@gmail.com) and Samantha Orvis (samantha.orvis@gmail.com)

- Pro Bono Committee
  - The Pro Bono Committee is responsible for promoting pro bono legal service throughout Michigan. The Committee is tasked with sponsoring pro bono projects and events, and partnering with providers of pro bono opportunities to provide young lawyers with the training and support they need to become successful advocates. Annually, the Committee will recognize young lawyers who provide pro bono service. This Committee works with YLS affiliate organizations and programs to provide pro bono opportunities to young lawyers and to promote the public’s access to justice.

  - Co-Chairs: Shenique A. Moss (sheniquemoss@gmail.com)

- Upper Peninsula Engagement Committee
  - The Upper Peninsula Engagement Committee is responsible for organizing programs and activities specifically for young lawyers in the Upper Peninsula (“UP”). The Committee is also tasked with examining the unique issues UP young lawyers face in getting more involved in the Section and exploring ways to further engage them.

  - Co-Chairs: Erica Payne Roell (ericanpayne2322@gmail.com) and Mark Jane (mwjane1980@yahoo.com)

- Young Lawyer Summit Committee
  - The Young Lawyer Summit Committee is responsible for organizing the Summit which provides young lawyers the opportunity to participate in various educational seminars and networking events during the course of a weekend.

  - Chair: Shenique A. Moss (sheniquemoss@gmail.com)
Entertainment Committee
  ▪ Co-Chairs: Jerome Crawford (jcrawf@gmail.com) and Ryan Plecha (ryanplecha@gmail.com)

Keynote Speaker Committee
  ▪ Chair: Tanya Cripps (cripps.tanya@gmail.com)

Logistics Committee
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Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Selection Committee
  ▪ Chair: Syeda Davidson (sfhdavidson@gmail.com)

Programs Committee
  ▪ Chair: Roberta Sacharski (robertasacharski@gmail.com)

Publicity Committee
  ▪ Chair: Aaron Sohaski (sohaskia@gmail.com)

Sponsor/Vendors Committee
  ▪ Co-Chairs: Kara Hart-Negrich (khartnegrich@gmail.com) and Ryan Zemke (zemker@gmail.com)

Venue Committee
  ▪ Co-Chairs: Erica Payne Roell (ericanpayne2322@gmail.com) and Laura Kubit (lkubit@gmail.com)

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

The YLS represents Michigan young lawyers at the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (“ABA-YLD) meetings. As an affiliate of the ABA-YLD, the YLS representatives vote on resolutions considered by the ABA YLD at the Midyear and Annual Meeting and learn ways to improve the section by attending Affiliate training at the Fall and Spring Conference. Historically, the YLS has had one of the strongest delegations which is one of the reasons we were able to secure the bid for the 2016 Fall Conference.

Meetings
YLD representatives attended (or will attend) the following meetings.
  • Fall Conference: October 20-22, 2016, Detroit, Michigan
  • Midyear Meeting: February 2-4, 2017, Miami, Florida
  • Spring Conference: May 4-6, 2017, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
  • Annual Meeting: August 10-12, 2017, New York, New York
YLS ABA Representatives

- **2015-2017 ABA YLD District Representative (District 20- Michigan):** Choi Portis
- **2015-2017 ABA House of Delegates Michigan Young Lawyer Representative:** Shenique Moss
- **Incoming 2017-2019 ABA YLD District Representative (District 20-Michigan):** Amy Krieg
- **Incoming 2017-2019 ABA House of Delegates Michigan Young Lawyer Representative:** Laura Kubit

YLS Council Members Serving the in ABA YLD Other Capacities:

- **Jerome Crawford** (2016-2017 Affiliate Assistance Team Vice Chair and 2016-2017 YLD Entertainment and Sports Industries Committee Vice Chair)
- **Shenique Moss** (2016-2017 YLD Speaker, 2016-2017 House of Delegates Teller Committee Chair, 2016-2019 Leadership Advisory Board, and incoming 2017-2020 ABA House of Delegates Nominating Committee Young Lawyers Division Representative)
- **Samantha Orvis** (2016-2017 Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Committee Vice Chair)
- **Choi Portis** (2016-2017 YLD Vice Director of Diversity, YLD Credentials Board, and incoming 2017-2018 YLS Diversity and Inclusion Director)
- **Aaron Sohaski** (2016-2017 TYL Editorial Board Associate Editor)

**INTER ALIA NEWSLETTER**

The YLS issues a newsletter, Inter Alia, to advise its membership of activities and to provide informative and educational material. Each edition of Inter Alia is available on SBM Connect webpage under “Newsletters” - [http://connect.michbar.org/yls/home](http://connect.michbar.org/yls/home)

**SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVES**

The YLS launched the following social media initiatives this bar year to provide much needed information and added benefits.

- **Frequent Job Postings:** Job postings are circulated using the discussion feature of Section Connect. YLS has received positive feedback for providing this added benefit. In fact, several section members have received jobs offers from jobs they found out about through our job postings.
- **#WellnessWednesday:** YLS posts articles related to wellness (health, mental wellbeing, etc.) on our facebook page every Wednesday to raise awareness of the different issues that young lawyers encounter.
- **#ThankfulThursday:** YLS posts various pro bono opportunities and articles events related to pro bono on our facebook page every Thursday.
• “From Desk Potato To 5K” 9-week fitness training program: This Program is designed to help prepare section members for our Justice League: Heroes v Villains 5K (approximately 3.2 miles) on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Belle Isle State Park. All running levels (from beginners to advanced) are welcome to participate! This social media campaign aimed at getting members moving has a suggested training schedule: tinyurl.com/heroesvillains5Ktraining

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership with the ADR Section

The Young Lawyers Section and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section have agreed to collaborate by creating a program to mentor, coach, and advise YLS members on a volunteer basis, and to provide assistance to those who have questions or concerns about the ADR process. The ADR Section created a web page (http://connect.michbar.org/adr/communityresources/ylshelppage) which provides the names of experienced alternative dispute resolution practitioners to answer urgent questions about mediation and arbitration YLS members might have. This free resource is specifically limited to members of the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Through this program, young lawyers trying to determine how to best represent their client may contact volunteer experienced ADR practitioners and ask questions such as:

• How to select a mediator?
• What considerations go into selecting a mediator?
• How to prepare a client for the process?
• What is likely to happen in a mediation?
• How mediation advocacy differs from traditional zealous advocacy?
• How to strategize and plan for negotiations at the mediation table?
• How to draft a mediation statement?
• How should an attorney conduct himself or herself in a mediation?
• How to draft a settlement agreement?
• How to demand an arbitration?
• How to respond to an arbitration demand?
• How is an arbitration is conducted?
• How to prepare an arbitration statement?
• How to find good arbitrators?