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Administrative and Regulatory Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report Dustin Kamerman

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates.

- 10/21/2020 - Council Meeting
- 11/11/2020 - Council Meeting
- 12/09/2020 - Council Meeting
- 01/13/2021 - Council Meeting
- 02/24/2021 - Council Meeting
- 04/14/2021 - Council Meeting
- 07/19/2021 - Council Meeting

Section Annual Meeting - Sometime late August or September 2021

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- 12/12/2020 - "What Administrative Law Judges Wish Practitioners Knew: A Zoom Event with the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules" (with the Young Lawyers Section)
- 03/10/2021 - "Virtual Luncheon with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission"
- 04/21/2021 - "Best Practice Tips for Conducting Hearings Before the Department of State, Office of Hearings & Administrative Oversight"
- 06/07/2021 - "Virtual Lunch with the Michigan Public Service Commission"

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N/A

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N/A

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Agricultural Law Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report** Allison Eicher

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 10/02/2020 - Council Meeting
10/16/2020 - Council Meeting
10/27/2020 - Council Meeting
03/31/2021 - Council Meeting
04/19/2021 - Council Meeting
05/20/2021 - Council Meeting
06/17/2021 - Council Meeting

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Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report**

Mary Anne Parks

Title

Section Administrator

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Meeting Dates.

Full Council Meetings

10/17/2020 – Full Council Meeting

11/20/2020 – Full Council Meeting

01/08/2021 – Full Council Meeting

03/05/2021 – Full Council Meeting

05/07/2021 – Full Council Meeting

07/09/2021 – Full Council Meeting

09/10/2021 – Full Council Meeting

Executive Committee Teleconferences

11/06/2020 - Executive Committee Teleconference

12/04/2020 - Executive Committee Teleconference

02/04/2021 - Executive Committee Teleconference

04/09/2021 - Executive Committee Teleconference

06/04/2021 - Executive Committee Teleconference

08/06/2021 - Executive Committee Teleconference

10/05/2020 - Skills Action Team Meeting

11/02/2020 - Skills Action Team Meeting

12/07/2020 - Skills Action Team Meeting

01/04/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

02/01/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

03/01/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

04/05/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

05/03/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

06/07/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

07/05/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

08/02/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

09/06/2021 - Skills Action Team Meeting

10/13/2020 - Legislation & Court Procedures Action Team

01/21/2021 - Legislation & Court Procedures Action Team

04/14/2021 - Legislation & Court Procedures Action Team

05/11/2021 - Legislation & Court Procedures Action Team

07/13/2021 - Legislation & Court Procedures Action Team

08/10/2021 - Legislation & Court Procedures Action Team

09/15/2021 - Legislation & Court Procedures Action Team

Meeting Dates.

09/29/2020 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting

10/27/2020 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting

11/24/2020 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting

01/26/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting

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02/23/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting
03/23/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting
04/27/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting
05/25/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting
06/22/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting
07/27/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting
08/24/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting
09/28/2021 - Diversity & Inclusion Action Team Meeting

10/20/2020 - Community Dispute Resolution Centers
Action
Team

04/21/2021 - Community Dispute Resolution Centers
Action
Team

07/21/2021 - Community Dispute Resolution Centers
Action
Team

All other committees meetings held as needed

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10/16-17/2020 - Annual Conference
10/17/2020 - Annual Meeting

Webinars:

02/18/2021 - How to be an Effective Mediation Advocate
04/06/2021 - Time Tested Techniques to Enhance your
ADR Practice

04/21/2021 - How Successful and Diverse ADR
Practitioners Grow and Develop their Practice

06/09/2021 - How to Help Your Clients Make Good
Decisions Using LIRA Techniques

09/09/2021 - Dr. Tsedale M. Melaku, "You Don't Look
Like A Lawyer: Black Women and Systemic Gendered
Racism

03/09-10/2021 - ADR Summit

03/25/2021 - Diversity Luncheon with American Indian
Law Section

05/04/2021 - Mediator Forum Redux Where Mediators
Learn from Other Mediators

05/25/2021 - Eldercaring Coordination

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No response provided.

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Section members Judge Milton Mack, Lee Hornberger, and Betty R. Widgeon wrote a proposal for a panel presentation for the May 6-7, 2021 MSC Virtual Judicial Conference, Justice for All? Race, Equity, and the Challenge of Building a Justice System that Works for Everyone. The Michigan Judicial Institute accepted their proposal, and Judge Mack, Lee, and Betty presented to the Michigan Judges on the topic, Implicit Bias, Procedural Fairness, and the Impact of Virtual Hearings, on May 6, 2021.

Betty R. Widgeon and Lee Hornberger presented on the topic We are Not Immune: Implicit Bias, Procedural Fairness, and the Impact of Virtual Hearings to Arbitrators, Mediators, and Factfinders at the 73rd Annual National Conference for the Labor and Employment Relations Associations (LERA) on June 6, 2021.

The LCPAT submitted an Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court which resulted in the Supreme Court ordering an evidentiary hearing. Alleged Absence of Mandatory Domestic Violence Screening at Issue

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American Indian Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report Amy Wesaw

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates.
 10/26/2020 - Council Meeting
 11/25/2020 - Council Meeting
 01/12/2021 - Council Meeting
 02/10/2021 - Council Meeting
 03/05/2021 - Council Meeting
 04/19/2021 - Council Meeting
 05/18/2021 - Council Meeting
 06/23/2021 - Council Meeting
 TBD – July & August Council Meetings
 09/08/2021 - September Council Meeting
 09/08/2021 - Annual Meeting
 TBD - October Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only. 03/17/2021 - ADR/AALS Section Virtual Luncheon

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Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year. AALS is working to strengthen its section engagement and participation through better-described committees, communication to section members, and inclusion of law school students interested in the practice of Federal Indian Law. This includes proposing revisions of the Bylaws and welcoming two law student advisors to the section.

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Animal Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report Allie Phillips

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 10/03/2020 - Annual Meeting
02/18/2021 - Council Meeting
05/03/2021 - Council Meeting
TBD September 2021 - Annual meeting

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Webinars:
02/11/2021 - Lawyer responsibilities in a pandemic
03/04/2021 - Zoom Fatigue in Hearings
04/30/2021 - Compassion Fatigue and Work/Life Balance
05/13/2021 - Overcoming Procrastination and Perfectionism

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No response provided.

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Animal Hero Awards - new award given throughout the year to deserving heroes
Wanda Nash Award given to Morgan Pattan
Sadie Award given to Bark Nation
Brandi Award given to Ginny Mitka

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Antitrust, Franchising and Trade Regulation

**Name of Person
Completing Report** Brian Witus

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 11/06/2020 - Council Meeting
01/31/2021 - Council Meeting
02/26/2021 - Council Meeting
03/26/2021 - Council Meeting
04/23/2021 - Council Meeting
05/21/2021 - Council Meeting
07/01/2021 - Council Meeting
07/23/2021 - Council Meeting
08/20/2021 - Council Meeting
09/23/2021 - Council Meeting

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09/24/2021 - Fall Forum

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Appellate Practice Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report**

Anne Argiroff

Title

Chair

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Meeting Dates.

09/24/2020 - Annual Meeting, Training and Program

10/16/2020 – Council Meeting

11/20/2020 – Council Meeting

12/18/2020 – Council Meeting

01/15/2021 – Council Meeting

02/19/2021 – Council Meeting

03/19/2021 – Council Meeting

04/16/2021 – Council Meeting

05/19/2021 – Council Meeting

06/19/2021 – Council Meeting

09/24/2021 – Annual Meeting

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Remote Annual Meeting and Webinars:

The Section had a successful remote annual meeting, e-briefing pilot program training, and panel discussion on September 24, 2020, and sponsored the following four webinars, each lasting about an hour and all with large attendance:

I. "Living the Dream: An Appellate Practice Section Panel Discussion on Remote Appellate Practice" on February 24, 2021.

II. "Michigan Appeals 101: The Nuts and Bolts of Handling a Case in the Michigan Court of Appeals," co-sponsored with the Young Lawyers Section, on April 30, 2021.

III. "Am I Certifiable," a discussion concerning certified questions to the Michigan Supreme Court, presented by the West Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and co-sponsored by the APS, on May 13, 2021.

IV. "Just Plain Right - The Craft of Creating Persuasive Appellate Arguments" was held on June 10, 2021, with Judge Anica Letica, Michigan Court of Appeals, former Court of Appeals Chief Judge Henry Saad, and appellate practitioner Mary Massaron.

The Annual Meeting and webinars were recorded and are available to Section members on the Section website. Because of the convenience and accessibility (as well as the excellent attendance), the Section will be continuing the remote mini seminars even after pandemic restrictions are lifted.

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The Rules and Legislation Committee reviewed and commented on bills and proposed court rule amendments affecting appellate practice throughout the year and responded to State Bar requests for comments.

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Noteworthy Activities include:

- 1) Four well-attended mini-remote webinars detailed above;
 - 2) Three editions of the Appellate Practice Journal compiled by the APS Publications Committee published this fiscal year;
 - 3) Two successful fund-raising programs focusing on food insecurity organized by the APS Good Deeds Committee;
 - 4) Involvement with the Court of Appeals in addressing remote oral argument and possible continuation of remote oral argument;
 - 5) Planned release of an opinion survey to the APS members concerning remote oral argument; and
 - 6) Committees also focused on technology and improving the Section website, expanding Section membership, and working with the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Committee in preparation for the May 2022 Appellate Bench Bar Conference.
 - 7) The APS Council will continue outreach to other sections and bar associations.
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Arts, Communication, Entertainment, and Sports Section

Name of Person Completing Report Shivangee Pandya

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 07/12/2021 – Council Meeting

TBD - Annual meeting

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in 2021- Matt Bower was the recipient of our annual HENSEL AWARD.

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Business Law Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report**

Julia Dale/Terri Shoop

Title

Chair/Section Administrator

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Meeting Dates.

10/01/2020 - Annual Meeting
 10/01/2020 - Council Meeting
 10/13/2020 - Regulation of Securities Committee Meeting
 11/12/2020 - Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee Meeting
 12/04/2020 - Council Meeting
 03/04/2021 - Council Meeting
 04/27/2021 - Regulation of Securities Committee Meeting
 06/03/2021 - Council Meeting
 06/23/2021 - Nonprofit Corporations Committee Meeting
 09/28/2021 - Annual Meeting
 09/28/2021 - Council Meeting

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10/02/2020 - Business Law Institute
 10/23/2020 - Michigan's "New Expanded" Receivership Act
 11/11-12/2020 - Third Annual Symposium on Corporate Oppression and Business Law - Oppression in the Age of Pandemic
 02/04/2021 - Drafting and Enforcing Contracts in Light of Covid-19
 06/08/2021 - The Biden Tax Plan: What You and Your Clients Need to Know

Studio webcasts co-sponsored with ICLE:
 Business Law Update 2020
 Business Law Update 2021
 Advise Businesses that are Re-Opening
 Update on Covid-related Business Issues
 Business Entity Update During Covid
 Advise Cannabis Businesses Seeking Licenses
 Business Court Litigation
 Navigate Non-Competes
 Trade Secret Updates

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Business Law Section

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

The Commercial Litigation Committee commented on ADM 2020-20, dealing with service of process on an LLC.

The Commercial Litigation Committee was asked to review SB 408 proposing an appeal of right when a new trial is granted after a jury verdict and t

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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 will honor Douglas L. Toering at its Annual Meeting on September 28, 2021, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi.

The Section publishes the Michigan Business Law Journal three times each year in conjunction with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Each issue of the Michigan Business Law Journal has a different primary, legal theme focused on articles related to one of the standing committees of the Business Law Section, although the Section welcomes articles concerning any business law related topic for any issue. The primary themes of the issues of the Michigan Business Law Journal published (or to be published) during the 2020-2021 bar year were: Financial Institutions Committee (Fall 2020), Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee (Spring 2021), and Nonprofit Corporations Committee (Summer 2021). The Michigan Business Law Journal is sent to Section members via U.S. mail and electronically, and is posted on the Section's website.

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Cannabis Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report Jennifer Hinze

Title John Fraser

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Meeting Dates.

- 10/23/2020 - Legislative Committee Meeting
- 10/28/2020 - Legislative Committee Meeting
- 11/06/2020 - Legislative Committee Meeting
- 11/13/2020 - Legislative Committee Meeting
- 11/24/2020 - Council Meeting
- 12/11/2020 - Legislative Committee Meeting
- 12/15/2020 - Special Meeting of the Section
- 12/22/2020 - Council Meeting
- 01/08/2021 - Legislative Committee Meeting
- 01/19/2021 - Council Meeting
- 02/16/2021 - Council Meeting
- 03/24/2021 - Council Meeting
- 04/20/2021 - Council Meeting
- 05/18/2021 - Council Meeting
- 06/03/2021 - Young Lawyers Committee Meeting
- 06/15/2021 - Council Meeting
- 07/20/2021 - Council Meeting
- 08/17/2021 - Council Meeting

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- 01/21/2021 - Webinar
- 02/18/2021 - Webinar
- 03/18/2021 - Webinar
- 04/15/2021 - Webinar
- 05/20/2021 - Webinar
- 06/11-12/2021 - In-person seminar jointly hosted with MI Assoc. of OWI Attorneys (MIAOWIA) at the Henry Center, Lansing, MI
- 07/15/2021 - Webinar
- 09/03/2021 - Seminar to be held at NMU, Marquette, MI
- 09/23-25/2021 - Annual Conference at Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant, MI

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Legislative Committee formed to address concerns on proposed legislation. Committee actively met, discussed, and suggested changes to a proposed bill to consolidate the MMFLA and the MRTMA.

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Cannabis Law Section

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1. Section formed the following standing committees: Legislative, Amicus, Webinar, Philanthropy/Social Equity, Young Lawyers, and Social.
2. Section drafted a resolution to install a Michigan Legal Milestone marker honoring John Sinclair.
3. Collaborated with the MI Association of OWI Attorneys (MIAOWIA) on both a seminar and a Court of Appeals case, People v Alton Fontenot, Jr., and will meet to discuss a supplemental amicus brief.
4. Section members provided articles for the June Michigan Bar Journal issue, which will feature cannabis-related topics.

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Children's Law Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report**

Lynn Marie Perry

Title

Chair

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Meeting Dates.

11/19/2020 - Council Meeting
01/20/2021 - Council Meeting
03/18/2021 - Council Meeting
05/20/2021 - Council Meeting
07/15/2021 - Council Meeting
10/01/2021 – Annual Meeting

11/19/2020 - Legislative Committee
01/20/2021 - Legislative Committee
03/18/2021 - Legislative Committee
05/20/2021 - Legislative Committee
07/15/2021 - Legislative Committee
09/16/2021 - Legislative Committee

01/29/2021 & 05/21/2021 - Representation of Juveniles in
Delinquency & Neglect Matters

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Jack M McKaig Scholarship awarded to law student, Maleigha Jackson

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Consumer Law Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report** Rex Anderson

Title Chair

E-mail Address rex@rexandersonpc.net

Meeting Dates. 09/24/2020 – 2020 - Annual Meeting full membership
11/12/2020 - (council only)
01/14/2021 - (council only)
03/11/2021 - (council only)
05/13/2021 - (council only)
07/08/2021 - (council only)
09/21/2021 - 2021 Annual Meeting full membership

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09/22/2021 - Annual Meeting and Awards – after election and business meeting Council Panel to present seminar on the topic of Consumer Collection Defense.

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04/14/2021 – Three council members Lorry Brown, Daniel O. Myers and Rex Anderson met with Matthew Andres, Clinical Assistant Professor at UM Law School and his policy and law students attending a Michigan Debt Collection Policy Class. During this meeting the student presented five distinct proposals to improve debt collections litigation in Michigan and promote fairness in this area of litigation. Afterwards the consumer law council discussed with the student their proposals, the current state of law and the typical practice and attitudes of the creditor lawyers, judges and debtors, standing case law and need for legislation in order to effectuate their excellent proposals.

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Consumer Law Section

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Ongoing - Mike Nelson and Lorry Brown are participating with Justice for All on behalf of the consumer law section which involves proposing both legislative and rule changes which benefit consumers being sued on consumer debt. Specifically focusing on service of process rules and increasing consumer / debtor response to collection action actions instead of just allowing default judgements to be entered against them.

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Criminal Law Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report** Christina Hines

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 10/17/2020 - Annual Meeting
11/17/2020 - Council Meeting
12/15/2020 - Council Meeting
01/19/2021 - Council Meeting
02/16/2021 - Council Meeting
04/20/2021 - Council Meeting
05/18/2021 - Council Meeting
07/20/2021 - Council Meeting
08/17/2021 - Council Meeting
09/21/2021 - Council Meeting

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02/13/2021 - Midwinter Conference
06/04/2021 - June Policy Conference

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Criminal Law Section

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

Our Council embraced diversity this year and extended membership to several candidates from different background and geographical areas. We also have a bylaw proposal to include promote the diversity of the profession and to give law school students free admission to the Section.

30 book scholarships were given to members who attended our conferences.

We have once again collaborated with several sections for an annual conference entitled "Legal Landscape: Can We Find Justice for All?" scheduled for October 1, 2021.

We took several policy positions and wrote to the Michigan Supreme Court on an important issue to criminal law practitioners regarding fictional pleas.

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Elder Law & Disability Rights

**Name of Person
Completing Report**

Christine Caswell

Title

Chair

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christine@caswellpllc.com

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Elder Law & Disability Rights

Meeting Dates.

10/08/2020 - Annual Meeting
11/07/2020 - Council Meeting
12/05/2020 - Council Meeting
02/06/2021 - Council Meeting
03/06/2021 - Council Meeting
04/03/2021 - Council Meeting
05/01/2021 - Council Meeting
06/05/2021 - Council Meeting
08/07/2021 - Council Meeting
09/11/2021 - Council Meeting

Disability Rights Committee

10/12/2020
11/09/2020
12/14/2020
02/08/2021
03/08/2021
04/12/2021
05/10/2021
06/14/2021
08/09/2021
09/13/2021

Legislative Committee

11/02/2021
11/30/2021
02/01/2021
03/01/2021
03/29/2021
05/24/2021
07/28/2021
08/02/2021
08/30/2021

Executive Committee

10/12/2020
11/09/2020
12/08/2020
02/08/2021
03/08/2021
04/05/2021
05/03/2021
06/07/2021
08/09/2021
09/13/2021

Nominating Committee

07/14/2021

Still getting information on committees that I am not actively involved in.

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Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

10/08/2020 - Fall Conference
11/19/2020 - GoToWebinar - Choosing a Fiduciary
01/22/2021 - Presentation to Diversity & Inclusion Standing Committee
01/28/2021 - GoToWebinar - Using Self Determination with MI Choice
03/10/2021 - Webinar - "Elder Mediation," with Antonia Harbin-Lamb Neighborhood Legal Services, Michigan - Elder Law and Advocacy Services, Redford
03/19/2021 - Spring Conference
05/13/2021 - Webinar - - "Alternatives to Long-Term Care Facilities," with Michelle Danou, Ombudsman.
07/15/2021 - Webinar - "Appealing CMH Denials," with Marianne Huff, President and CEO, Mental Health Association in Michigan
09/21/2021 - Webinar - "Disability Rights" with Nadia Vann, Buhl, Little, Lynwood & Harris, PLC; Jill Babcock; and Michael Bartnik, Law for Baby Boomers, PLLC

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

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Hosted a virtual Legislative Week May 10-14 where members met with their legislators. Training was held on May 10 and a wrap-up session was held on May 14.

Collaborations with the Probate & Estate Planning Section on Remote Witnessing & Notarization

Collaboration with the Bar's Diversity & Inclusion Standing Committee for a presentation on "Barriers in the Workplace" focusing on barriers to practicing attorneys.

Collaboration with the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section to promote elder mediation.

Collaboration with the Attorney General's Elder Abuse Task Force; section members are active members of the Task Force.

Fall 2020 Newsletter
Winter 2021 Newsletter
Spring 2021 Newsletter
Summer 2021 Newsletter

Will provide scholarships to the 2021 Fall Conference; all other events have been free during the pandemic.

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Environmental Law

**Name of Person
Completing Report**

Mary Anne Parks

Title

Section Administrator

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Meeting Dates.

03/11/2021 - Council Meeting

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11/5, 10, 12, 17 & 19/2020 - Joint Environmental Conference
05/20/2021 - Spring Conference
12/9/2021 - Year in Review Webinar

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

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Family Law Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report** Sahera Housey

Title Chairperson

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Meeting Dates. 09/12/2020 - Annual meeting

10/03/2020 - Council Meeting
11/07/2020 – Council Meeting
12/05/2020 – Council Meeting
01/09/2021 – Council Meeting
03/09/2021 – Council Meeting
04/10/2021 – Council Meeting
05/01/2021 – Council Meeting
06/05/2021 – Council Meeting

10/02/2020 - Executive committee meeting
11/06/2020 - Executive committee meeting
01/08/2021 - Executive committee meeting
30/04/2021 - Executive committee meeting
04/09/2021 - Executive committee meeting
04/28/2021 - Executive committee meeting
06/17/2021 - Executive committee meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

03/16/2021 - COVID Provisions Webinar
05/25/2021 - Immigration and Family Law Sections - Everything you need to know Abuse, Neglect and Advising Your Clients on Michigan's Central Registry.
06/11/2021 - Domestic Violence Webinar

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

The Section has reviewed legislation and court rules and have taken positions on many of them throughout the year.

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Family Law Section

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

We publish our Michigan Law Journal with 10 issues per year with up-to-date information for our members.

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Government Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report Catherine Mullhaupt

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates.
 10/10/2020 - Council Meeting
 11/07/2020 - Council Meeting
 12/05/2020 - Council Meeting
 01/09/2021 - Council Meeting
 02/12/2021 - Council Meeting
 03/06/2021 - Council Meeting
 04/03/2021 - Council Meeting
 05/01/2021 - Council Meeting
 05/13/2021 - Amicus Committee
 06/05/2021 - Council Meeting
 06/19/2021 - Council Meeting (strategic planning)
 07/09/2021 - Amicus Committee
 09/04/2021 - Annual and Organizational Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

02/12/2021 - Winter Seminar
 07/09/2021 - Supreme Court Review Seminar

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

None scheduled

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

Briefly e-newsletter, January 2021
 Briefly e-newsletter, June 2021
 Initiating development of GLS strategic plan, June 2021

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Health Care Law

Bar Year: 2020-2021

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.

Officers and Council Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Sheerin Siddique		248-921-6242	sheerinsiddique@outlook.com
Chair-Elect	Nicole E. Stratton	Spectrum Health 444 Michigan Street NE, MC 50 Grand Rapids, MI 449503	616-391-6434	nicole.stratton@spectrumhealth.org
Secretary	Colleen Clarkson	UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust 1155 Brewery Park Blvd. Suite 400 Detroit, MI 48207	(313) 324-5932	cclarkson@rhac.com
Treasurer	Andrea Lee Linna	McGuireWoods LLP 777 West Wacker Drive Suite 4100 Chicago, IL 60601	312-750-6008	alinna@mcguirewoods.com

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Member	Term Expires	Member	Term Expires
Reesa N. Benkoff	2021	Colleen Simek	2022
Mercedes Dordeski – 2 nd term	2021	Nicole E. Stratton	2022
Rebecca L. Glitman	2021	Leslie A. Rojas-Whitworth – 2 nd term	2023
Andrea Lee Linna	2021	Christian I. Schafer – 2 nd term	2023
Laura M. Napiewocki	2021	Jenna Simon	2023
Louis Szura – 2 nd term	2021	Patricia Stamler – 2 nd term	2023
Deborah Williamson	2021	Rose Willis – 2 nd term	2023
Aaron Beresh	2022		
Eric Klein	2022		
Kevin Miserez	2022		
Sheerin Siddique – 2 nd term	2022		
Timothy Gutwald	2023		

Council Meeting Schedule: Council meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday of each month via conference call. They were held on the following dates: October 1, 2020, November 5, 2020, December 3, 2020, January 7, 2021, February 4, 2021, March 4, 2021, April 1, 2021, May 6, 2021, May 27, 2021 (June meeting), August 5, 2021 & September 2, 2021.

General Budget Information: The Section received approximately \$41,400 in member dues during Fiscal Year 2021. 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:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Substantive Law Committee - Provider Immunity - Webinar	February 18, 2021	Virtual
Legislative Committee - Health Care Legislation Hot Topics	March 24, 2021	Virtual
Substantive Law Committee - Telehealth – How the Pandemic is Shaping Remote Healthcare	April 28, 2021	Virtual
Substantive Law Committee - Surprise Billing Mandates – What you Need to Know to Comply with State and	May 20, 2021	Virtual

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Federal Law		
Substantive Law Committee - Value-Based Arrangements Under the Stark Law and the Anti-Kickback Statute	TBD	Virtual
HCLS Annual Meeting	September 23, 2021	Virtual

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. The subcommittees produced seven webinars on a wide variety of health care law topics. The topics and titles of the webinars are listed above under the heading “Events and/or Seminars.”

Publications Committee: This year, the Committee is working on the 3 following papers:

- Surprise Billing Rules in Michigan and Federal Law
- Health Facilities Regulations
- Update of HIPAA Matrix paper previously written

Legislative Committee: The Committee monitored Michigan health care legislative developments. In addition, the committee monitored the state government and legislative changes. The committee worked to keep the Section abreast of the changes that came about because of COVID-19. The committee has held a virtual Health Care Legislation Hot Topics webinar with State Representative Graham Filler and Deidra Wilson, who serves as Vice President of Government Relations from McLaren Health Care Corporation.

Pro Bono Committee: The pro bono committee has teamed up with Michigan Community Resources (MCR) on two initiatives to provide Section members with the opportunity to engage in meaningful pro bono work. MCR is an organization that advances the missions of Michigan nonprofits that serve low-income individuals and communities through pro bono and low-cost legal services. The initiative involves working with MCR to organize a workshop to educate representatives of nonprofit organizations and community groups about the basics of organizing and operating a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The committee is working to plan an in-person workshop in the fall of 2021 in Detroit.

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 2021, the Fellows Committee nominated, and the Council elected, the following attorneys: Raymond Beckering III, Jennifer Benedict, Donna Craig, and Arthur deVaux. The Health Care Law Section sent awards to the 2021 Fellows and will invite them to the next in-person annual meeting to honor them in front of their peers.

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New Lawyers and Law Student Committee: The committee presented at “Lunch and Learns” doing presentations and conducting question and answer sessions with students as follows: Cooley Law School, Michigan State University, Wayne State University and the University of Detroit Mercy), because of COVID-19 a “Lunch and Learn” was not able to be planned for the University of Michigan. The Committee 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.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee organizes several in-person networking events each year. In 2020-21 there were no in-person events planned because of the COVID-19 regulations that were required.

Recommendations for next Council:

- Continue to provide the high-quality and reliable education and networking opportunities that the Section’s membership has come to expect.
- Increase efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in the Section’s membership and Council committees.
- Increase efforts to build civility and professionalism in the Section’s membership.
- Build on the success of the Section’s social media efforts by continued and sustained use.
- Explore methods to retain the institutional knowledge of experienced Section members for the advancement of all Section current and future members.
- Strengthen the Section’s pro bono efforts.
- Strengthen the Section’s affiliations with law students, new lawyers and Michigan law schools and recommit to engaging in visible and sustained outreach activities to provide exposure and education to health care law.
- Continue the Section’s strong relationship with ICLE, including continued co-sponsorship of the Annual Health Law Institute and Section Appreciation Dinner.

Other Information:

I am very appreciative of being provided the opportunity to serve as Section Chair for the experienced, motivated and professional members of our Section. The Section was stronger because of the efforts of the Council members, officers, committee and subcommittee members. In addition, a particularly high level of praise belongs to Susan Stokes, our Section’s Administrative Assistant, who is an integral and invaluable part of the team. Her skills, intelligence and dedication are a great benefit to the Section.

Sheerin Siddique
Chair 2020-21, Health Care Law Section State Bar of Michigan

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Immigration Law

Name of Person Completing Report Abril Valdes Siewert

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 10/17/2020 - Annual meeting
 01/27/2021 - council meeting
 02/24/2021 - council meeting
 03/31/2021 - council meeting
 04/28/2021 - council meeting
 06/30/2021 - council meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only. 04/29/2021 - Lunch and Learn with Cannabis Law Section
 05/25/2021- Co-sponsor with Family Law section Judge Zeinab Baydoun - child abuse registry presentation
 05/12/2021 - Co-sponsored with AILA-Ohio and Michigan - Update on Border Searches of Electronic Devices

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Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year. We have collaborated with the cannabis law section, family law section, criminal law section, LGBTQ, children's law, young lawyers, employment law and many of the affinity bars this year.

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Information Technology Law

Name of Person Completing Report Christopher J. Falkowski

Title Chairperson

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Meeting Dates.
 09/10/2020 - Annual Meeting
 09/10/2020 - Council Meeting
 12/10/2020 - Privacy Committee Meeting
 02/04/2021 - Council Meeting
 07/21/2021 - Council Meeting
 09/09/2021 - Annual Meeting
 09/09/2021 - Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

12/10/2020 - Privacy Law
 05/21/2021 - Navigating Software Licensing and Cloud Computing in an Era of Escalating Change
 09/09/2021 - 14th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar

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None

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May 2021 Bar Journal Theme Issue

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Insurance and Indemnity

**Name of Person
Completing Report** Nicole E Wilinski

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 10/27/2021 - Annual meeting

01/14/2021 - Council meeting
04/13/2021 - Council meeting
07/13/2021 - Program committee meeting
07/14/2021 - Council meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only. 10/27/2021 - Construction Defect/Occurrence Seminar
04/20/2021 - Autonomous Vehicles Seminar
07/28/2021 - Mediating Coverage and Liability Actions Seminar

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021. We include a legislative update in our Journal - issued quarterly.

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Intellectual Property Law

Name of Person Completing Report Daniel Aleksynas

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates.
 08/13/2020 - Council Meeting
 09/10/2020 - Council Meeting
 10/08/2020 - Council Meeting
 11/12/2020 - Council Meeting
 12/10/2020 - Council Meeting
 01/14/2021 - Council Meeting
 02/11/2021 - Council Meeting
 03/11/2021 - Council Meeting
 04/08/2021 - Council Meeting
 05/13/2021 - Council Meeting
 06/18/2021 - Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

November 2020 - New Attorney Conference
 March 2020 - Spring Seminar
 October 2021 - Summer Institute.

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None

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We fully funded 2 endowed scholarships. One with Wayne State Law School and one with Michigan State Law school. We are also collaborating with Greg Conyers to plan some events regarding diversity and inclusion.

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International Law

Name of Person Completing Report Elliott Church

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates.
 10/14/2020 - Annual Council Meeting
 03/24/2021 - Quarterly Council Meeting
 07/14/2021 - Quarterly Council Meeting
 09/08/2021 - Quarterly Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

10/14/2020 - Cross-Border AI: Legal Issues and Technical Solutions
 10/14/2020 - The Practice of Law in London
 12/02/2020 - Navigating Brexit: Impacts and Opportunities for International Trade
 12/09/2020 - Navigating Brexit: Changes in IP Law and Consequences for Trade
 02/17/2021 - Customs, Export Controls, & Economic Sanctions: Concepts & Current Trends
 03/03/2021 - Trading in Music: Law, Business Practices, and Cross-Border Issues - Part 1
 03/10/2021 - Trading in Music: Law, Business Practices, and Cross-Border Issues - Part 2
 04/07/2021 - ADR in Africa: Law and Practice
 03/05/2021 - International Dispute Resolution: Strategic Considerations, Emerging Trends
 06/16/2021 - The Corporate Transparency Act: Scope, Effect, and How to Prepare
 08/11/2021 - Understanding Tariffs: Strategies to Manage Impact and Influence Outcomes
 09/22/2021 - Careers in International Law - Public Sector
 09/29/2021 - Careers in International Law - Private Sector

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

None

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International Law

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New initiatives for 2021-2022: Joint Mentorship Program in International Law in partnership with Wayne State University Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, and University of Michigan Law School

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Judicial Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report**

Paul Stutesman

Title

Chair

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Meeting Dates.

12/11/2020 - Council Meeting via zoom
03/12/2021 - Council Meeting via zoom
06/27/2021 - Council Meeting In person and zoom

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

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Labor & Employment Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report John Runyan

Title Chairperson

E-mail Address jrunyan@michlabor.legal

Meeting Dates.

- 10/12/2020 - Council Meeting
- 11/09/2020 - Council Meeting
- 12/17/2020 - Council Meeting
- 01/11/2021 - Council Meeting
- 02/08/2021 - Council Meeting
- 03/08/2021 - Council Meeting
- 04/12/2021 - Council Meeting
- 05/10/2021 - Council Meeting
- 06/14/2021 - Council Meeting
- 07/12/2021 - Council Meeting
- 09/13/2021 - Council Meeting
- 01/29/2021 - Annual Meeting

11/23/2020 - Nominations Committee Meeting
12/03/2020 - Nominations Committee Meeting

12/15/2020 - Distinguished Service Award Committee

There were other Committee meetings held throughout the 2020-2021 fiscal year but all were by conference call or Zoom given the pandemic and it is not possible to reconstruct when each committee meeting took place.

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

LELS Statement Against Racism adopted by Council and published on our website.

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Labor & Employment Law Section

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LGBTQA Section

Name of Person Completing Report Donald C. Wheaton, Jr.

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. 10/07/2020 - Annual Meeting
 11/04/2020 - Council Meeting
 12/02/2020 - Council Meeting
 01/06/2021 - Council Meeting
 02/03/2021 - Council Meeting
 03/03/2021 - Council Meeting
 04/07/2021 - Council Meeting
 05/05/2021 - Council Meeting
 06/02/2021 - Council Meeting

CLE Committee meetings: 03/2021, 04/2021, and 05/2021

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

Presentation to the MJJ Judicial Conference, 05/2021
 Presentation at the "Legal Landscape: Can We Find Justice for All?" joint conference of the Criminal Law Section, Prisoners & Corrections Section, Immigration Law Section, LGBTQA Section, and Children's Law Sections of the State Bar of Michigan, scheduled for 1 October 2021.

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

With many other entities, the LGBTQA Section joined a Coalition that endorsed and sent a letter to the Michigan Supreme Court regarding a Submission of Proposal for Amendment to Michigan Court Rule 3.613 Change of Name.

The LGBTQA Section is also providing assistance to interested legislators regarding changes to statutes in light of United States Supreme Court decisions like Obergefell v. Hodges.

The LGBTQA Section is also considering requesting leave to file amicus curiae briefs in cases impacting the LGBTQA community.

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LGBTQA Section

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

The LGBTQA Section is the process of implementing a "Slack" channel for news, discussion, and sharing of ideas and motions/briefs, etc.

The Council supported the CLE Committee's request to fund production of testimonial videos on Access To Justice for and Cultural Competency regarding the LGBTQIA community.

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Litigation Section

Name of Person Completing Report Patrick A. Cherry

Title Chair

E-mail Address patrick@mwplegal.com

Meeting Dates.
10/21/2020 - Council Meeting
11/18/2020 - Council Meeting
12/16/2020 - Council Meeting
01/20/2021 - Council Meeting
02/17/2021 - Council Meeting
03/17/2021 - Council Meeting
04/21/2021 - Council Meeting
05/19/2021 - Council Meeting
06/16/2021 - Council Meeting
07/21/2021 - Council Meeting
08/18/2021 - Council Meeting
09/15/2021 - Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021. Upon request of the Michigan Supreme Court, the Litigation Section will be filing an Amicus Brief in the case of Murphy v Inman.

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year. Grants given to ICLE, MCCE, and CDAM in 2020-2021. It is anticipated these will be repeated in 2021-2022. Additionally, we anticipate three social events and one conference in 2021-2022.

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Military and Veterans Law Section

**Name of Person
Completing Report** Steven A. Schultz

Title Chair

E-mail Address stevenaschultz68@gmail.com

Meeting Dates. 10/27/2020 - Council Meeting/Election
12/10/2020 - Council Meeting
01/19/2021 - Council Meeting
07/15/2021 - Council Meeting
10/19/2021 - Council Meeting/Annual Meeting/Election

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only. 09/15/2021 - Training Event - FTC

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year. Themed Bar Journal Issue - 5/21

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Negligence Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report Madelyne Lawry

Title Administrator

E-mail Address Neglawsection@comcast.net

Meeting Dates. 10/28/2020 – Council Meeting Via Zoom
 11/18/2020 - Council Meeting
 No meeting in December 2020
 01/27/2021 - Council Meeting
 02/24/2021 - Council Meeting
 03/24/2021 - Council Meeting
 04/28/2021 - Council Meeting
 05/26/2021 - Council Meeting
 06/23/2021 - Council Meeting
 09/29/2021 – Council Meetingin-person*

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10/13-14/2020 – VIA Zoom – Speaker Bill Barton. Subject – Trial Practice

02/04/2021 – How to Resolve Cases Utilizing Facilitation – Zoom

04/15/2021 – YL Social Event - Zoom

09/20 & 21/2021 - Young Lawyers Trial Skills Program; Understanding the End Game
 09/20/2021 – Southfield
 09/21/2021 – Grand Rapids

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

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Negligence Law Section

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Outstanding Achievement Award
Judicial Award
Earl Cline Sherwin Schrier Award
Distinguished Service Award
Mediator Award

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Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Name of Person Completing Report Pattie Allerton,

Title Chair

E-mail Address pallerton@dykema.com

Meeting Dates. 09/18/2020 - Retreat meeting
01/23/2021 - Council meeting
03/20/2021 - Council meeting
05/04/2021 - Council meeting
06/12/2021 - Council meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

11/05/2020 - Member Benefits webinar
12/03/2020 - Party'n with Plants zoom event
01/28/2021 - Virtual Dream Board event
05/19/2021 - Stand Out webinar

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

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Our Section is planning to hold the Annual Meeting in the Traverse City area on September 25, 2021, followed by a Leelanau wine tour.

Our Section is hoping to resume its Annual Day of Education in 2022.

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Prisons and Corrections

Name of Person Completing Report	Katherine Root
Title	Chair
E-mail Address	kroot@sado.org
Meeting Dates.	10/17/2020 - Annual Meeting 10/17/2020 - Council Meeting 11/06/2020 - Council Meeting 12/04/2020 - Council Meeting 01/08/2021 - Council Meeting 02/05/2021 - Council Meeting 03/05/2021 - Council Meeting 04/02/2021 - Council Meeting 05/07/2021 - Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

06/05/2021 - Women and Incarceration Seminar

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

PCS has established subcommittees to study Michigan's public hearing process, and to work with the Department of Corrections to establish a process for ensuring that returning citizens leave prison with all vital documents in hand. This work is ongoing.

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Prisons and Corrections Forum Vol. 20, No. 2, Fall 2020
Prisons and Corrections Forum Vol. 21, No. 1, Spring 2021

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Probate and Estate Planning

**Name of Person
Completing Report** David P. Lucas

Title Chairperson

E-mail Address dlucas@vcflaw.com

Meeting Dates. The Section held its annual meeting of Section Members on September 11, 2020. The Section's full Council held regular meetings on September 21, 2020, October 17, 2020, November 13, 2020, December 5, 2020, January 15, 2021, February 20, 2021, March 19, 2021, April 24, 2021, and June 25, 2021. Each of these meetings was held remotely (by Zoom). The Section's 2021 annual meeting of Members is scheduled for September 17, 2021; that meeting is scheduled to be in person.

The Probate and Estate Planning Section Council has 34 Committees. Each of these Committees is under the direction of the Chair appointed for that Committee. Some Committees hold regular meetings (for example, the Council's Committee on Special Projects meets immediately before each full Council meeting, and the Uniform Durable Power of Attorney Act Committee currently meets twice each week), and some Committees convene as issues within the ambit of that Committee arise or are foreseen. With so much of the Council's work done at the Committee level, and with so many Committees, it would be impossible to catalog all of the meeting dates of each Committee.

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The Probate and Estate Planning Section is a co-sponsor of the Michigan Institute for Continuing Legal Education's annual Probate and Estate Planning Institute; the Institute was held, partly by livestream in May, and is provided on-demand by ICLE. 20, 2021, held in May (in Acme, Michigan) and in June (in Plymouth, Michigan). The Section assists in planning the Institute, and Section Members provide many of the presentations at the Institute. The Section also co-sponsors a variety of other ICLE seminars (and Section Members provide many of the presentations at such seminars), such as the Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents seminar.

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Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

November, 2020
withdrawing the Section's prior Public Policy Position opposing HB 4260

December, 2020
opposing SB 0798 - S-1
opposing SBs 0464, 0465, and 0862
opposing HB 5795 H-1

January, 2021
in favor of legislative proposals regarding vehicl

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Section members were significantly involved in addressing a number of matters relating to the SARS - CoV-2 virus pandemic, especially including authorization for remote witnessing and remote notarization. The Council continued its work on behalf of Section members and the people of the State of Michigan, despite the virus pandemic, holding every scheduled meeting of the Council, and conducting all meetings remotely. The Council has established a Committee to engage in a review of the law of undue influence, with a goal of making recommendations regarding establishing more clarity in the law relating to undue influence. The Council is very actively involved in the Task Force on Elder Abuse. The Council has established ad hoc Committees to review various Uniform Acts developed by the Uniform Law Commission. Council members have provided testimony at legislative Committee hearings regarding proposed legislation on which the Section has taken public policy positions. The Section publishes the Probate and Estate Planning Journal, providing scholarly articles and information for Section members. In the coming Section year, the Council and the Section will continue the significant activities in which they engaged in the current year, and is committed to addressing matters relating to the practice of law with respect to probate and estate planning, as such matters arise in the coming year.

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Real Property Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report Karen Schwartz

Title Administrator

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Meeting Dates.
 10/14/2020 - Council Meeting
 11/18/2020 - Council Meeting
 12/09/2020 - Council Meeting
 01/13/2021 - Council Meeting
 02/10/2021 - Council Meeting
 04/14/2021 - Council Meeting
 05/12/2021 - Council Meeting
 07/21/2021 – Annual Meeting
 07/28/2021 - Council Meeting
 09/15/2021 - Council Meeting

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10/17/2020 - Outlook 2020 (virtual)
 01/28/2021 & 03/25/2021 - Homeward Bound (virtual)
 05/18-21/2021 - Academy I (virtual)
 07/21-23/2021 - SC21 (virtual)
 Ask the Expert (virtual) - 11/06/2020, 12/17/2020, 02/23/2021, 06/17/2021

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

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 bono, pro developer, nor pro municipality).

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Real Property Law Section

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While we continue to be guided by the Section's 2017 Strategic Plan, the shutdowns due to the Covid-19 pandemic have substantially altered the reality of Section Members. The Section was well-positioned to leverage technology to provide educational, legislative, and pro bono service opportunities to its members. The Section implemented an "Ask the Expert" program geared to attract "newer" attorneys and bring added value to members.

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Religious Liberty Law Section

Name of Person Completing Report William Wagner

Title Chair

E-mail Address Prof.WWJD@gmail.com

Meeting Dates.
10/15/2020 - Section Council Meeting
11/19/2020 - Section Council Meeting
12/17/2020 - Section Council Meeting
01/21/2021 - Section Council Meeting
02/18/2021 - Section Council Meeting
03/18/2021 - Section Council Meeting
04/15/2021 - Section Council Meeting
05/20/2021 - Section Council Meeting
06/17/2021 - Section Council Meeting
07/15/2021 - Section Council Meeting (scheduled)
08/19/2021 - Section Council Meeting (scheduled)
09/16/2021 - Annual Section Meeting (scheduled)

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

Annual RLLS Education Event / Section Meeting - Expected Keynote Speaker Lori Windham, Esq, SCOTUS counsel of record in *Fulton v. Philadelphia*

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

a. Proposed Judicial Canon Changes: The Section is actively opposing the proposed changes to the Judicial Canon that would restrict judge's membership in outside associations in a way that impairs religious liberty. Immediate Past-Chair Timothy W. Denney

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Religious Liberty Law Section

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

- a. Published a Religious Liberty Law Theme Issue in the State Bar Journal -
<https://www.michbar.org/journal/home/Volumeld=248>
 - Religious Liberty Law Section Theme Introduction
 - Adding Civil Rights Shrinking Religious
 - Understanding the Cancel Constitution Culture
 - Little Sisters, Supreme Faith
 - Religious Liberty at the U.S. Supreme Court: 2020 Term

 - b. Produced and published a reoccurring Religious Liberty Law Newsletter for RLLS practitioners
 - c. Increased Access to Justice by increasing access to pro bono legal services in the area of Religious Liberty Law
 - d. Began building a Religious Liberty Law brief bank for section members
 - e. Began a Mentorship Project where more senior members of the bar mentor younger lawyers and students on the professional, ethical and moral aspects of life and the practice of law.
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Social Security

**Name of Person
Completing Report** James R Rinck

Title Chair

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Meeting Dates. The Council met on the following dates (all via Zoom due to the pandemic):
09/11/2020
10/14/2020
12/2/2020
01/13/2021
02/24/21
03/31/21
04/24/21
06/23/21.

Another meeting is scheduled for 08/25/21.

The Annual Meeting was held on 09/11/2020; the next Annual Meeting will be held on 09/13/2021.

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09/11/2021 - Autumn Seminar
02/19/2021 - Spring Seminar
09/12-14/2021 - Upcoming Autumn Seminar

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

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Social Security

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

The Michael Dudley Award will be presented to two winners at the upcoming meeting; it was not presented last year due to the autumn seminar being held via Zoom.

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Solo and Small Firm

Name of Person Completing Report Shawndrica Simmons

Title Chair

E-mail Address simmonslegal@lawchic.com

Meeting Dates.
 09/24/2020 - Council Meeting
 10/22/2020 - Council Meeting
 01/28/2021 - Council Meeting
 02/25/2021 - Council Meeting
 04/22/2021 - Council Meeting
 05/27/2021 - Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

11/19/2020 - Solo & Small Firm Best Practices Webinar
 03/18/2021 - Solo & Small Firm How to Perform a Preliminary Exam Webinar
 06/4/201 - Solo & Small Firm Understanding Simple Probate Webinar
 07/22/2021 - Solo & Small Firm Navigating Friend of the Court Webinar

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

N/A

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

We plan to partner with the Black Women Lawyers and co-host their annual The People’s Law School event for the general public in August 2021.

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Workers' Compensation Law

Name of Person Completing Report Jayson Chizick

Title Acting Chairperson

E-mail Address jayson@jtrucks.com

Meeting Dates.

- 08/07/2020 - Council Meeting
- 09/11/2020 - Council Meeting
- 10/02/2020 - Council Meeting
- 11/06/2020 - Council Meeting
- 12/04/2020 - Winter Section Meeting
- 02/05/2021 - Council Meeting
- 03/05/2021 - Council Meeting
- 03/15/2021 - E-Meeting
- 04/02/2021 - Council Meeting
- 04/23/2021 - Council Meeting
- 05/07/2021 - Council Meeting
- 05/12/2021 - E-Meeting
- 06/04/2021 - Council Meeting
- 06/08/2021 - E-Meeting
- 06/09/2021 - E-Meeting
- 08/06/2021 - Council Meeting
- 08/06/2021 - Annual Meeting
- 09/17/2021 - Council Meeting

Please list the dates and titles of all seminars and other section events held or scheduled to be held between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Please do not list section, council, or committee meetings in this response; seminars and events only.

- 09/17/2021 - Past Chairperson Event
- 08/06/2021 - Hall Of Fame and Don Ducey Award luncheon

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

- 06/09/2021 - Electronic Meeting held regarding WC Agency, Board of Magistrates and Appellate Rules
- 07/07/2021 - testimony to Dept. Labor and Economic Opportunity by Acting Chair on direction of Council

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Workers' Compensation Law

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The Workers' Compensation Law Section diligently worked to influence the return to in person hearings in a safe manner. Members of the Council were involved in drafting recommendations for reopening the Workers' Disability Compensation Agency and Board of Magistrates for business. Members of the Council were involved in drafting Agency, Board of Magistrates and Appellate rules. Council engaged the Agency Director and Chief Magistrate in policy discussions pertinent to the Section. Our Section Chair, Rosa Bava passed away during her term of office. Chairperson Bava was a strong leader for our community. Her death marked the end of a career of distinction, and she is missed.

The Section produced 4 newsletters and sponsored the January 2021 Bar Journal.

For the 2021-2022 bar year the Section plans to focus on civility and mindfulness in seminar presentations at our Winter Meeting and Annual Meeting. The Section will continue to work with the Agency Director and Chief Magistrate toward the reopening of hearings, and will be an active participant in policy and rulemaking discussions.

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Young Lawyers

**Name of Person
Completing Report**

Samantha Orvis

Title

Chair

E-mail Address

sorvis@garanlucow.com

Meeting Dates.

09/26/2020 - Zoom
09/24/2020 - Zoom
11/28/2020 - Zoom - Cancelled by Chair
12/19/2020 - Zoom
01/23/2021 - Zoom
02/27/2021 - Zoom
03/27/2021 - Zoom
04/24/2021 - Zoom
05/22/2021 - Zoom
06/26/2021 - Zoom
No July Meeting
08/28/2021 - TBD - Lansing
09/11/ 2021 – TBD - Annual YLS Summit Zoom
TBD - September Annual Meeting

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10/15/2020 - YLS Roundtable discussion/open forum open to all section members (Zoom)

12/02/2020 - Detroit Tenants' Eviction Rights during the Pandemic (Zoom)

12/02/2020 - What Administrative Law Judges wish practitioners knew: Zoom-Event with the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (Zoom)

02/18/2021 - How to Be an Effective Mediation Advocate in partnership with ADR Section - Webinar

02/19/2021 - YLS volunteers attended Michigan Center for Civic Education networking event with students participating in the High School Mock Trial tournament (Zoom)

02/25-26/2021 - Participation in Washtenaw County Bar Association's Rapid Fire Seminar (Zoom)

03/17-19/2021 - Chair, Samantha Orvis, and Chair-Elect, Kristina Bilowus, attended the ABA Bar Leadership Institute

03/18/2021 - Being a Counselor to Your Client: Recognizing Mental Health and Referring to Treatment in partnership with Ingham County Bar Association (Zoom)

04/20/2021 - Autonomous Vehicles and Insurance Implications / in partnership with Insurance and Indemnity Section - Webinar

04/30/2021 - Michigan Appeals 101: The Nuts and Bolts of Handling a Case in the Michigan Court of Appeals (Zoom)

05/12/2021 - The Mindful Lawyer - An introduction to mindfulness in partnership with Ann Arbor Center for Mindfulness (Zoom)

05/21/2021 - Free Virtual Legal Aid and Resource Clinic in partnership with Disability Law Group - Virtual

05/21/2021 - Men of Color Project Town Hall / collaboration with ABA YLD Diversity Committee with distinguished panel, Judge Edward Ewell, Judge David Perkins, Attorney Reggie Turner, President Elect for ABA, Attorney Dennis Archer (Zoom)

08/25/2021 - Getting a Grip on Your Student Loans - A high impact program for today's borrowers with speaker

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Young Lawyers

Please describe any current public policy activities, any activities completed since September 30, 2020, and any activities planned between now and September 30, 2021.

None.

Please list any other noteworthy section activities or accomplishments during the 2020-2021 bar year (Oct.-Sept.). Please include achievements, collaborations, awards and other recognition, scholarships, publications, publicity, etc. and any new initiatives your section is planning for the 2020-2021 bar year.

YLS has actively maintained its blog, Inter Alia, with timely articles about noteworthy events, programs, and resources, for its members.

We have recently chosen a winner, and two runners up, for the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, which will be presented at our Annual Young Lawyers Summit on September 11.

The Chair attended and greeted new bar passers at two virtual admission ceremonies hosted by the State Bar of Michigan and presided over by the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, alongside President Rob Buchanan.

We hope to get back to some of our more hands on programs, such as our diversity mock trial with students and also our National Trial Advocacy Program, with restrictions lifting in the coming bar year, and otherwise continue to offer meaningful programming to section members.