

May 17, 2004

Kimberly M. Cahill
State Bar of Michigan
306 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Ms. Cahill,

I would like to update you on our section's accomplishments and activities for the 2003-2004 year. First, however, please indulge some housekeeping: ACES membership remains steady at approximately 400 members, though there is a slight decline in the five year trend; and, ACES is financially stable, these records are certainly available for your review.

*Hensel Award Ceremony
October 17, 2003 at 7PM*

Due to his breadth of accomplishments, Gregory Reed was awarded our 2003 Hensel Award. The ceremony was held at the Birmingham Community House during the Our Town art exhibition and sale.

*Representing The Athlete
October 21, 2003 1:00PM to 5:30PM*

ACES council member Larry Jordan has spearheaded another ACES supported ICLE seminar. The following topics were covered:

Negotiating Professional Sports Contracts, by Howard J. Gourwitz;
The GM's Perspective on Dealing with Agents, by Ken Holland;
Tax and Investment Planning for the Highly Compensated Athlete, by Ira J. Jaffe;
Marketing, Endorsements and Personal Appearances, by Gregory J. Reed;
College Athletics: What Every Agent Should Know, by Judith A. Van Horn; and,
Breaking into the Sports Industry, by the panel.

*The Van Ryn Rule -- Mr. Stephen Wasinger
November 19, 2003 6PM*

Continuing the sports theme, ACES requested that Mr. Wasinger attend and discuss the issues surrounding the *National Hockey League Players Association v. Plymouth Whalers Hockey Club*. Mr. Wasinger represented the OHL and NHL in this antitrust case involving NHL players attempting to become free agents by playing in the OHL.

*Derivative Works And Other IP Issues -- Mr. Hershel P. Fink
December, 17 2003 6PM*

Mr. Fink attended to discuss issues surrounding *Murray Hill Publications v. ABC Communications*. Mr. Fink represented WJR in this intellectual property case involving the station's use of a song and movie dialogue.

*Reality Television – Mr. Geoffrey Fieger
January 21, 2004 6PM*

Mr. Fieger attended to discuss issues surrounding *Graves v. Warner Bros.* Mr. Fieger represented the Scott Amedure's estate, after Mr. Amedure was killed following a show on the topic of same sex crushes.

*Law for Musicians: A Seminar -- ACES
January 31, 2004 12PM-5PM*

ACES in conjunction with Artserv and Herb David Guitar Studio sponsored the seminar Law for Musicians. This seminar featured the following ACES speakers:

Censorship, by Thomas V. Sylvia;
Recording Contracts, by Howard Abrams;
Copyrights and New Media, by Charles Palmer;
Music Publishing and Royalties, by Jeffrey Richardson;
Making the Best of Taxes, by Len Charla; and,
Common Pitfalls, by Richard Herman.

*Joint Venture Analysis and the Three Tenors -- Mr. Stephen Calkins
February 25, 2004 -- 6PM*

Mr. Calkins, a professor of law at Wayne State University, recently participated in an ABA CLE discussing, In the Matter of Polygram Holding, Inc. ACES asked Mr. Wasinger to attend a meeting to address this topic. The "Three Tenors" case involved a joint venture between Warner and Polygram to market a recording of a concert by Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti, and Jose Carreras.

*ACES Business Meeting
March 24, 2004 -- 6PM*

Our section has had many opportunities to consider this year. A proposal was proffered by Artserv for ACES to become more involved, both financially and personally, with the VLAC; A proposal was proffered by Professor Charles Palmer for ACES to help jumpstart the new Cooley Law School Art Journal; Two proposals were proffered regarding upcoming seminar possibilities; and, a proposal was proffered on how to better incorporate the EMLSA members from the University of Michigan Law School into our section.

Furthermore, ACES members individually contributed over \$1,100 to the VLA, and ACES agreed to pledge \$500 to the purchase of initial issues of the Cooley Law School Art Journal for our interested membership.

*Equity Investment in Media and Content -- Mr. Rick Kraniack
April 21, 2004 -- 6PM
www.gmacapital.com/index.html*

ACES invited Mr. Kraniack to speak. Mr. Kraniack who brings 26 years of experience as an entertainment agent/promoter to Beringea in his role as a media, brands, and intellectual property consultant. His accomplishments include the formation of Brass Ring Productions, named "Top 10 promoter" in the United States by Pollstar magazine. He has also orchestrated national tours for Billy Joel, Luther Vandross and Anita Baker, among others.

*ACES Social Event: Sangria, Royal Oak
May 19, 2004 -- 6PM*

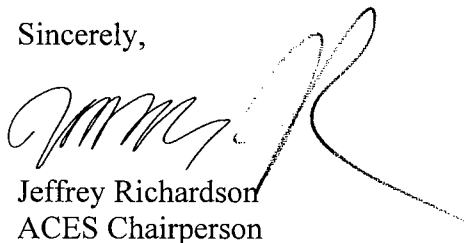
This provides an opportunity to meet, network, and relax with the other members of our section. Sangria is located at 401 South Lafayette, Royal Oak, MI 48067 (at the corner of 4th Street, across from the Royal Oak Theater).

*ACES: Michigan Right of Publicity Legislation Proposal
Right of Publicity Legislation Committee*

ACES has approved a final Right of Publicity Statutory Proposal ready for future lobbying efforts. Appreciation was extended to the section members who took the time to respond to questionnaires, as well as Mr. Gregory Reed and Mr. Charles Palmer for taking the time to provide extensive contributions.

Thank you for reviewing our 2003-2004 annual report. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Richardson
ACES Chairperson