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May 29, 2009

Ms. Heather Anderson
Sections and Committees Administrator
306 Townsend Street
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Dear Ms. Anderson:

Please accept this letter as my year end report regarding the Workers' Compensation Law Section.

The Officers and Council Members of our Section this past year were Murray R. Feldman, Chairperson, 300 E. Long Lake Rd., Suite 200, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-2376, 248-540-2300; Joel L. Alpert, Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson elect, 29566 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 120, Southfield, Michigan 48034, joel@warshalpert.com; Secretary David J. DeGraw, 250 Monroe, Grand Rapids, Michigan, ddegrow@shrr.com; and John M. Sims, Treasurer, 13464 Preston Dr., Suite 200, Marshall, Michigan 49068, johnsims@jasnetworks.net.

At our annual meeting scheduled for June 19, 2009, we will be electing new Council Members, but those who will continue from previous terms including Ella Parker, Grand Rapids; Tim Esper, Detroit; J. William Housefield, Jr., East Lansing; John Charters, Troy; Chuck Palmer, Wyandotte; while other new members will be elected.

Council meetings are set by the Chairperson and this year we had meetings approximately every 60 days, which occurred in Lansing. At our meetings we discussed all issues of interest. On June 18-20, 2009 we will be holding our annual summer meeting at Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsville, MI.

Our ending Workers' Compensation Treasury has a balance of approximately \$80,000.00, although additional credits are still being identified as a result of our recent trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

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We had a number of seminars this year. The first seminar occurred in Detroit in December 2008, our annual Winter Seminar. Items of topical interest were discussed. In February 2009 our Winter Seminar occurred in the Bahamas, while in April 2009 our Spring Seminar occurred in Las Vegas, Nevada. Our Summer Section meeting is currently scheduled for Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsville, MI, June 18-20, 2009.

As legislative issues arose, we dealt with them directly and prepared a presentation for the State Bar's Law School for Legislators Program. We have also dealt with a multitude of issues raised by recent Supreme Court decisions.

For the upcoming 2009-2010 year, we expect our Section Officers and Council to deal with issues of topical interest and to continue to deal with issues of continuing concern, which include Medicare and other "provider issues", proposed statutory changes, proposed Supreme Court decisions, and any issues which may arise.

In summary, we have had an extraordinarily successful year. Along with extremely successful seminars, a healthy treasury, an actively engaged membership, and extraordinary cooperation between the Administration and the Workers' Compensation Section, and a spirit working together toward a common goal, our Section stands ready to address any issues raised in the coming year.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Murray R. Feldman
Chairperson

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