



Section Annual Reports

2017-2018

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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Please attach any additional information needed regarding Council meetings as an addendum.

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	6-14-17	East Lansing
Council Meeting	9-28-17	Detroit
Council Meeting	10-13-17	Telephone
Council Meeting	11-16-17	Lansing
Council Meeting	12-13-17	Telephone
Council Meeting	2-14-18	Telephone
Council Meeting	4-17-18	East Lansing

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Michigan Public Service Commission Luncheon	6-14-17	East Lansing
Michigan Tax Tribunal Luncheon	1-23-18	East Lansing
Michigan Liquor Control Commission	4-17-18	East Lansing

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Legislative issues:

n/a

Recommendations for next Council:

We should move events around so we have some meetings or luncheons in Detroit or Grand Rapids, although the Section will be meeting in September in Grand Rapids during the upcoming State Bar Annual Meeting.

Other Information:

We have discussed having different luncheons next year, such as a joint luncheon with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

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Council Meeting	6/28/17	Conference Call
Council Meeting	7/26/17	Conference Call
Council Meeting	8/23/18	Conference Call
Council Meeting	10/24/17	Conference Call
Council Meeting	12/14/17	Conference Call
Council Meeting	2/1/18	Conference Call
Council Meeting	3/15/18	Conference Call
Council Meeting	4/25/18	Conference Call

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Section Annual Meeting	9/29/17	Cobo Hall, Detroit
Networking Event	1/9/18	Lansing Brewing Company, Lansing
Social/Networking Event	5/3/18	The Knickerbocker, Grand Rapids

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Legislative issues:

None

Recommendations for next Council:

None

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Executive Committee meeting	6-30-2017	Teleconference
Council meeting	8-11-2017	Lansing, MI
Executive Committee meeting	9-8-2017	Teleconference
Annual Meeting	10-14-2017	Plymouth, MI
Executive Committee meeting	11-3-2017	Teleconference
Executive Committee special meeting	12-1-2017	Teleconference
Council meeting	12-8-2017	Lansing, MI
Executive Committee meeting	1-12-2018	Teleconference
Council meeting	3-9-2018	Lansing, MI
Council meeting	4-13-2018	Lansing, MI
Executive Committee meeting	5-11-2018	Teleconference
Council meeting	6-8-2018	Lansing, MI

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Mediation Advocacy Seminar	6-30-2017	Grand Rapids, MI
Mediation Advocacy Seminar	6-29-2017	Novi, MI
Child Custody Evaluations and ADR	8-23-2017	teleseminar
Mediating Attorney Fee Disputes	9-12-2017	teleseminar
Annual Meeting and ADR Conference	10-13/14-2017	Plymouth, MI
Mediator Lunch Symposium	10-27-2017	Traverse City, MI
Kimberly Papillon "The Neuroscience of Decision-Making" presentation	2-15-2018	Detroit, MI
ADR Summit with Lee Jay Berman "Harnessing the Power of the Master Mediator"	3-20-2018	Auburn Hills, MI
Mediator Lunch Symposium	4-17-2018	Detroit, MI
Mediation of Construction Dispute Cases	4-26-2018	teleseminar
ADR webinar with ICLE and Business Law Section	April 2018	webinar

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Legislative issues:

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Recommendations for next Council:

Articles submitted for February 2019 ADR theme issue of Michigan Bar Journal.

Other Information:

Goals included (1) automatic ADR, (2) diversity and inclusion, (2) 2018 ADR Summit with Lee Jay Berman, (3) 2018 Annual Meeting and ADR Conference in Traverse City, (4) The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal, and (5) future Section activities and leadership. There is a forthcoming proposed bylaw amendment concerning Council member nominations. The Action Team/Task Force list is attached.

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ADR SECTION ACTION TEAMS

Effective Practices and Procedures Team (EPP) – (Marty Weisman 248-258-2700 and mweisman@wyrpc.com) EPP offers comments and recommendations concerning proposed legislation and court rules impacting ADR in Michigan. EPP was successful in lobbying for the passage of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act and the Uniform Collaborative Law Act by the Michigan legislature.

Judicial Action Team (JAT) – (John Hohman 734-790-5169 and jahohman88@gmail.com) JAT advances ADR goals as they pertain to courts throughout Michigan and promotes ADR awareness in the federal, state and local judiciary. In 2012, JAT worked with the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan to adopt a new local court rule promoting ADR in all bankruptcy cases.

Outreach/Membership Team – (Graham Ward 616-301-6800 x 6727 and wardl@cooley.edu) One of Outreach's goals is to raise awareness in the ADR community of all that the ADR Section has accomplished and that the Section has to offer. This Team also seeks to increase ways to meet the needs of ADR professionals and thereby increase the number of members and affiliates in the Section who will want to join in the very beneficial work of the Section. Outreach seeks to increase Section membership and has developed an ADR Section brochure. Outreach also seeks to increase awareness among the public in general, attorneys, businesses, schools, and governmental entities and agencies about what ADR is and its benefits.

Public Mediation Access Team (PMA) – (Zenell Brown 313-224-5363 and zenell.brown@3rdcc.org) PMA works with Community Dispute Resolution Centers and other organizations to help promote ADR and reaches out to special interest groups such as affinity bar organizations, the LGBT community, low income individuals and the elderly to determine how ADR might best address some of their unique dispute resolution needs. PMA also seeks to increase awareness among potential end users of ADR about what ADR is and its benefits. In order to accomplish its mission, PMA works closely with the other Action Teams and Task Forces, and especially the Judicial Action Team, Section to Section Team, and Diversity Task Force.

Publications Action Team – (Erin Archerd 510-604-3003 and archerer@udmercy.edu) Publications solicits, reviews, and publishes articles for the ADR Section's *The Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal* and collects and edits articles for an ADR theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. It is also responsible for postings to our e-mail listserv that keeps our members informed of Section activities and related ADR news.

Section to Section Team (STS) – (Mike Leib 248-563-2500 and michael@leibadr.com) STS strives to increase collaboration with other Sections of the State Bar and local bar associations with a view toward enhancing the use of ADR for members of this Section and those of other Sections as well. In doing so, STS has in the past put on programs for or collaborated with other sections in presenting educational programs about ADR, plus regular regional Mediator Forums where ADR providers

meet, network and learn from one another. Those collaborating Sections have included the Young Lawyers, Litigation, and Family Law, to name a few.

Skills Action Team (SAT) – (Shel Stark 734-417-0287 and shel@starkmediator.com) SAT is responsible for planning continuing legal education and advanced skill building programs in ADR throughout the year. SAT plans and offers the Annual Meeting and ADR Conference each fall, which showcases local, Michigan talent; and the ADR Summit each spring, which features a nationally renowned mediator and mediation trainer. SAT also plans and offers four Lunch and Learn telephone seminars each year.

Diversity Task Force — (Danielle Potter 616-844-8391 and dpotter@miottawa.org) The Diversity Task Force was formed to promote and support diversity in the field of ADR, increase the cultural competence of ADR providers and enlarge opportunities for minorities in ADR. The four current objectives of the Diversity Task Force are to (1) increase the diversity of the ADR Section Council and the ADR Section Council's Action Teams and Task Forces; (2) increase the quality and improve the quantity of ADR trainings for providers regarding understanding, relating to, and meeting needs of diverse clients and consumers of ADR services; (3) support for ADR providers in developing their practices, enhancing their skills, and increasing their visibility in supplying ADR services; and (4) assisting the ADR Section Council with resource availability and for understanding and embracing diversity issues.

Governmental Task Force (GTF) – (Abe Singer 248-626-8888 and asinger@singerpllc.com) GTF was formed to provide short-term assistance to departments and agencies of the State of Michigan and local governmental units. GTF has presented trainings to the Attorney General's office, is working with the Governor's office to provide mediation as a cost-effective alternative to litigation and to promote mediation use throughout the state and has supported the cities of Ann Arbor and Inkster in facilitating discussions of various issues in those communities.

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	Sept 28, 2017	Cobo Hall
Conference Call	Nov 16, 2017	
Conference Call	Jan 15, 2018	
Conference Call	March 19, 2018	

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Beverly Clark & Lynnmarie Johnson AILS SBM	winter/spring 2017-2018	Michigan
Bar Study Scholarship		
Recipient: Cody Brooks		
Annual Program at SBM NEXT Conference	Sept 28, 2017	Cobo Hall

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Legislative issues:

Submitted an amicus brief for In re Williams, Minors, Supreme Court No. 155994

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information:

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Council meeting	12/21/17	Lansing, MI

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Brandi Award	3/29/18	Jackson, MI
Sadie Award	4/17/18	Hamburg Twp., MI
Wanda Nash Award	4/18/18	East Lansing, MI

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Legislative issues:

The Section continuously monitors animal-related legislation and takes positions according to its bylaws and the State Bar's rules, including publishing policy positions on its website at <http://connect.michbar.org/animallaw/publicpolicy>.

Recommendations for next Council:**Other Information:**

The Section is currently working on a number of projects, which will be carried forward by the next Council (which will largely remain the same). These include building and utilizing the support of a mentoring committee comprised of former Council members, working with law schools to ensure that Animal Law is on the curriculum and engaging with law students interested in animal law, and reinstating and growing the prosecutors' committee, including the possibility of a training or conference for prosecutors handling animal law cases.

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P57230 Gary M. Remer, Bloomfield Hills

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Legislative issues:

No pending legislative issues.

Recommendations for next Council:

See Addendum 2.

Other Information:

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Addendum #1: Franchise Law & Practice: Modernizing the Franchise Relationship

On October 6, 2017, the Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section of the State Bar of Michigan put on a three hour event for franchise practitioners. During the first hour, Dean Heyl, the International Franchise Association's vice president of government affairs, provided an update on federal and state legislation and court decisions impacting franchising. In the second hour, Peter Lagarias, a well-known franchising author, practitioner, and professor often representing franchisees, discussed contemporary enforcement of franchise agreement provisions impacting the franchise relationship. Finally, in the third hour, a panel of franchisor and franchisee representatives discussed the best practices in daily franchise operations. This event was highly informative and provided excellent information to all who attended.

Addendum #2: Future Goals and Activities

In January 2018, the Antitrust, Franchising & Trade Regulation Section sent around a survey to its membership, designed to better understand what our members wanted, and how we could create value for our members. The response rate was higher than expected, and a great deal of valuable information was given to the Council. From that survey, it became clear that our members want more in-person activities, especially of the educational variety, but with about 50% of respondents also indicating an interest in social and/or networking opportunities that the Section could provide.

We are currently working on several fronts to drive member engagement. First, we are working to create semi-regular lunch meetings for franchise practitioners, building off an existing group of members. Second, we are working to plan and execute on our new flagship event called the Fall Forum. We would like to hold this event annually, to create an expectation amongst members that it will be on the calendar every year, and to keep an eye out for it. This event will have presentations both for franchise and antitrust practitioners, so all Section members will find great value in attending. Third, we are looking into possible social events that members might enjoy to be able to network with other members, including, for example, the possibility of attending a minor league baseball game as a summertime event.

While creating the events is a start, we also need to do a better job of communicating with our members. We have started to re-design the Section's LinkedIn page, which up until now had been a private group that was difficult to find, and had not been active in years. Engaging members through LinkedIn will give us another avenue to share information with our members, not just about events, but about interesting articles and updates in the law that may affect their practice.

We have a strong blueprint for success in place, but there is much to be done. In order to properly execute on all the tasks ahead of us, we also need to fill the Council itself with individuals that are willing to commit to not just participate in all of our Council meetings, but to help build the Section up through the various events, and to create a valuable experience for all of our members. If we are not committed to the Section, we have no reason to expect such commitment from our members. However, if each Council member treats the Section as a high priority, then we will almost certainly be able to achieve all of our goals for the Section.

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Special Mtg to approve comment on ADM File No. 2002-37	Nov. 21, 2017	Electronic
Special Mtg to approve comment on ADM File No. 2016-13	Jan. 9-11, 2018	Electronic
Special Mtg to approve comment on ADM File No. 2016-25	Jan. 9-11, 2018	Electronic
Special Mtg to approve purchase of table at MSC Hist Soc Lunch	Mar 30-Apr 2, 201	Electronic
Special Mtg. to approve recipient of APS Lifetime Ach. Award	Ap.24-26, 2018	Electronic

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Appellate Practice Section Meeting Schedule

Description of Committee Work and Accomplishments/Other Section Activities

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Rethinking Appellate Briefing in the Digital Age (See Addendum)	9/28/2017	Detroit
Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society Luncheon	4/19/2018	Detroit
Volunteer Activity - Ronald MacDonald House	3/4/2018	Lansing

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Legislative issues:

See Description of Committee Work and Accomplishments/Other Section Activities, particularly the summary of the Court Liaison/Rules Comment Committee

Recommendations for next Council:

Follow-through on several initiatives currently underway will benefit appellate practitioners and section members. 1. Continue efforts to gain approval of the proposed readability briefing pilot program, and provide "how-to" training to appellate practitioners. 2. Develop and implement a plan to enhance the section website through the inclusion of a greater array of information and resources. 3. Complete the migration to SBMConnect. 4. Work to increase membership by reaching out to appellate practitioners who are not section members and publicizing the benefits of section membership. 5. Work with the appellate courts to explore options for accessibility to on-line dockets. 6. Continue to foster the tremendous collegiality, camaraderie, and enthusiasm of council members. This is an amazing group of hard working professionals.

Other Information:

The Appellate Practice Section presented its 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award to former Supreme Court Clerk Corbin Davis. Judge Michael Talbot has been selected to receive the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be presented at the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference.

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Description of Committee Work and Accomplishments/Other Activities Appellate Practice Section - May 25, 2018

Good Deeds Committee

The Good Deeds Committee prepared and served a delicious dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan in early March of 2018. The smells of parmesan chicken, potatoes and onions, garlic green beans, and dessert pizza filled the house and were a warm welcome to the parents of seriously ill children at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee discussed ways to increase our membership. Future plans include additions to our website that highlight the benefits of Section membership, and an invitation to non-member appellate practitioners throughout the State to attend a meet-and-greet and our annual program at the 2018 NEXT conference.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee worked with the ad hoc committee on e-briefing to develop recommendations for proposed additions to the Michigan Court Rules. The committee is also evaluating the possibility of transferring Section communications from a hosted listserv to SBM Connect.

Ad Hoc E-Briefing Committee

More than a year of work spanning two State Bar years culminated in the Appellate Practice Section proposing a pilot program to improve the readability of appellate briefs. Submitted to the Court of Appeals in March 2018, the program, if adopted, would allow attorneys to follow a different set of brief formatting rules. The pilot program rules permit briefs that are easier to read, both on screen and on paper, than briefs formatted under existing rules.

Our work began with a referral to the Section from then Chief Judge Michael Talbot of an ABA article on recommendations to improve the readability of electronically filed briefs. These briefs, often called e-briefs, are being read by judges and court staff on tablet or computer screens without printing a paper copy. 2016-2017 Section Chairperson Gaëtan Gerville-Réache appointed an ad hoc committee to review the article and develop a proposal to improve the readability of e-briefs. The committee's work was completed under 2017-2018 Section Chairperson Joanne Geha Swanson.

The committee is chaired by Scott Bassett. Committee members include Lauren D. Donofrio, Mr. Gerville-Réache, Jason D. Killips, Richard C. Krause, Gerald F. Posner, Joseph E. Richotte, Larry J. Saylor, and Brian G. Shannon.

The key element to the pilot program is the switch from a page limit to a word limit for the length of appellate briefs. The existing page limit rule encourages formatting choices that make briefs less readable. A word limit provides greater flexibility to incorporate techniques known to make briefs easier to read, such as increased use of white space, larger fonts, use of bullet points, and

better line spacing. Data collected by the committee suggested that a 16,000-word limit would equal the current 50-page limit for principal briefs. Reply briefs would be limited to 3,200 words, which is the equivalent of the current 10-page limit.

The Section believes judges, clerks, and lawyers will benefit from the more readable briefs allowed by this pilot program. Reading legal briefs is inherently fatiguing. It requires long stretches of focused attention. Poor formatting encouraged by the existing rules exacerbates fatigue by creating obstacles to extended deep reading. If those obstacles are eliminated, judges and clerks will have more energy to spend understanding and evaluating the lawyers' arguments. We are hopeful the Court of Appeals will soon implement the pilot program proposed by the Section.

The Pilot Program was publicly introduced to the bench and bar at the Section's annual meeting program on September 28, 2017. Panel members included Stuart Friedman, Scott Bassett, Joe Richotte, Lauren Donofrio, Court of Appeals Judge Lisa Gleicher, Supreme Court Chief Commissioner Dan Brubaker, and Michigan Court of Appeals Senior Research Attorney John Hiemstra.

Court Liaison/Rules Comment Committee

The committee analyzed and advised Council on ADM 2016-25 (proposed amendment of the court rules to incorporate an appendix requirement for Court of Appeals briefs) and ADM 2002-37 (proposed efilng rules). The committee also consulted with Council member Brad Hall on his proposal to amend MCR 7.205 to simplify the deadlines for applications for leave to appeal in criminal cases. Finally, the committee was pleased to report that the Supreme Court adopted Council's proposed amendments to MCR 7.209 to clarify the authority of trial courts to stay enforcement of money judgments without a bond.

The Council also approved and submitted comment on the following additional administrative orders: ADM 2016-07 (MCR 6.310, 6.429, and 6.431); ADM 2017-08 (MCR 3.997 and 6.425); ADM 2014-36 (MCR 6.425); ADM 2016-13 (proposed addition of MCR 3.810); ADM 2016-42 (MCR 6.310, 6.429, 6.431).

Annual Meeting Program Committee

Each year, the Chair-Elect of the Appellate Practice Section Council organizes an appellate-practice-related program for presentation immediately following the Section's annual business meeting. This year's Program will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids as part of the State Bar of Michigan NEXT Conference. The Program, themed *The Do's and Don'ts of Oral Advocacy in Michigan's Appellate Courts*, will feature an eight-member panel consisting of Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Markman and Justices Zahra, McCormack, and Viviano, as well as Michigan Court of Appeals Judges O'Connell, Gleicher, Beckering, and Riordan. Chair-Elect Bridget Brown Powers will moderate the Program in a question-and-answer format. All members of the bar are welcome to attend at no cost, including young lawyers having an interest in learning about appellate practice. If anyone would like to submit a question to the panel, he or she may email same to Bridget Brown Powers at bbrownpowers@brownpowers.com at least 10 days prior to the

event. The Council is excited about this Program and is honored and grateful to have these justices and judges participate on the panel.

Michigan Court Practice Committee

The Michigan Court Practice Committee is exploring options for working with the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court to make appellate briefs accessible electronically. The early stages of the committee's effort will include surveying the accessibility of on-line dockets in other states and applicable rules and procedures; developing a process for verifying adherence to redaction policies; limiting access to certain types of cases/filings; limiting access to attorneys; appropriate fees; and policies regarding purging documents.

Publications Committee

The APS Publications Committee is comprised of Elizabeth L. Sokol, Nancy Vayda Dembinski, Bridget Brown Powers, Lauren London, and Howard Yale Lederman. In 2017, four issues of the Appellate Practice Section Journal were published (the first issue was a combined 2016-2017 Winter edition). The Spring/Summer issue was a non-print/electronic-only edition again this year, in an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs to our section.

As in years past, each of the 2017 APS Journal editions featured the following recurring columns: From the Chair (by 2016-2017 Chairperson Gaëtan Gerville-Réache and 2017-2018 Chairperson Joanne Geha Swanson); Selected Decisions of Interest to the Appellate Practitioner (by Barbara H. Goldman); Cases Pending Before the Supreme Court After Grant of Oral Argument on Application (by Linda M. Garbarino); and Recommended Reading for the Appellate Lawyer (by Mary Massaron). There were also recurring "Meet the Judge" columns featuring interviews with Judge Michael Riordan and Judge Michael Talbot (by Ann M. Sherman) and Judge Jane M. Beckering (by Conor Dugan).

In 2017, lead articles featured in the APS Journal covered a wide variety of interesting topics including: a three-part Originalism series by Howard Yale Lederman; a discussion of Corpus Linguistics by John Ramer (a law student section member); an overview of the 2016 Amendments to the FRAP by Jill M. Wheaton; a discussion of the difference between "reverse" and "vacate" by Liisa Speaker and Jennifer Alberts; Joanne Geha Swanson's survey of various practitioner perspectives on the art of oral argument; a feature by Scott Bassett on using tech to improve your appellate documents; Bradley Hall's article about the conclusion of the MAACS Regional Pilot Project to standardize participating trial court attorney fee policies; and Phillip J. DeRosier's article discussing whether unresolved attorney fee disputes impact the finality of a judgment for purposes of appeal.

APS Website

The Council created a Website Committee to review, improve, and expand content on the Section's web pages hosted by the State Bar of Michigan. This project will work in conjunction with the pilot program briefing rules proposed by the Section's e-briefing committee and submitted to the Court of Appeals. A primary goal is to create a page dedicated to the e-briefing pilot project that

will include tutorials and how-to videos related to formatting briefs using the pilot program's standards.

The Section's website is also being reviewed for upgrades to member services, such as creating a "one-minute mentor" where Section members can provide practice tips, seek advice and respond to requests for advice. Other options include adding resources, member benefits, and announcements related to the Section and the practice of appellate law. The site may also be expanded to include pro bono opportunities and links to relevant podcasts. The APS website committee members are Jason Killips, Joe Richotte, and Scott Bassett.

Other

The section has reserved the September 2019 issue of the State Bar Journal for articles addressing appellate practice.

The section continues to hold its meetings at various locations around the state, typically at the offices of Council members (or for the Lansing meeting, at the Hall of Justice or the State Bar Building). Our May meeting in Petoskey provides a great setting for council members to get together informally for after-meeting activities. We appreciate the effort and generosity of Chair-Elect Bridget Brown Powers in planning and hosting those events. The Council also appreciates the hospitality of former Council member Liisa Speaker for hosting the "annual" after-glow after the Council meeting in Lansing and to Past Chair Gaetan Gerville-Reache for arranging a downtown gathering after the Grand Rapids meeting. These events, along with others, have contributed greatly to the collegiality and camaraderie among Council members.

2017-2018 Meeting Schedule for the Appellate Practice Section
State Bar of Michigan

All meetings (except June 13, 2018) begin at 2 p.m.

October 20, 2017	Kerr Russell and Weber, PLC, 500 Woodward Ave., Suite 2500, Detroit
November 17, 2017	Butzel Long, 150 West Jefferson Avenue, Suite 100, Detroit
December 15, 2017	Telephonic Conference
January 19, 2018	Kerr Russell and Weber, PLC, 500 Woodward Ave., Suite 2500, Detroit
February 16, 2018	Hall of Justice, 925 W Ottawa St, Lansing (with after-event at Liisa Speaker's home)
March 16, 2018	Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C., 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 250, Farmington Hills
April 20, 2018	Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, 900 Fifth Third Center, 111 Lyon Street NW, Grand Rapids
May 18, 2018	Petoskey (Perry Hotel or Bay View Inn)
June 13, 2018	Ciao Amici, 217 W Main St, Brighton (begins at 4:30 p.m.)

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Officer Meeting	8/28/2017	Foster Swift, Southfield
Council Meeting and program	9/28/2017	Cobo Hall
Officer Meeting	12/6/2017	Foster Swift, Southfield
Officer Meeting	3/21/2018	Jaffe, Southfield

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Events and/or Seminars:

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ICLE Webcast: Data Privacy in Sports Marketing	6/21/2017	online - ICLE
Street Art & Property Rights: The Legal Issues Involving the Intersection of Public Art and Real Property	9/28/2017	Cobo Hall
Hensel Award Ceremony and Reception [Joe Voss awardee]	10/20/2017	Birmingham Community House
ICLE Webcast: Net Neutrality	TBD	online - ICLE

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Legislative issues:

None adopted

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue working on articles for December 2018 ACES theme issue of the 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 representatives to the Council

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Legislative issues:

None

Recommendations for next Council:

None

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None

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BUSINESS LAW SECTION 2017-2018**

Bar Year: 2017-2018

Section Name: Business Law Section

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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Ian M. Williamson P65056 – Troy	2019		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	10/6/17	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	10/6/17	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	10/7/17	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	12/2/17	Troy
Council Meeting	3/1/18	Lansing
Council Meeting	6/5/18	Bloomfield Hills

General Budget Information: See attached Budget which was approved at the 10/7/17 Council meeting.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Business Law Institute	10/6/17	Grand Rapids
Business Boot Camp II	11/6-7/17	Grand Rapids
Model Chapter 13 Plan for Eastern District of Michigan and the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy	11/8/17	Bloomfield Hills
Proposed Changes to the Discovery Rules of the Michigan Court Rules	11/28/17	Troy
Business Boot Camp II	1/29-30/18	Plymouth
Panel Discussion at WSU Law	2/21/18	Detroit

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School regarding Business Law Careers and Business Law Section membership		
The New Fraudulent Transfer Statute in Michigan and Other Important Developments in Fraudulent Transfer Law	3/14/18	Detroit
Business Succession Planning	5/15/18	Troy
Michigan's "New" Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act	5/23/18	Southfield
Business Succession Planning	5/22/18	Grand Rapids

Legislative issues:

Uniform Assignment of Rents Act – A subcommittee of the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee has worked with the Real Property Section to prepare proposed amendments to the Uniform Assignment of Rents Act. The Committee is currently advocating with the State of Michigan to adopt those amendments.

Amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act – Public Act 85 of 2018, amending certain provisions of the Michigan Business Corporation Act was approved by the Governor on March 26, 2018 and will be effective June 24, 2018. These amendments were prepared by the Corporate Law Committee of the Business Law Section.

Securities Rules – The Rules Review Subcommittee of the Regulation of Securities Committee continues to work with the Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau of LARA to finalize securities rules related to the Michigan Uniform Securities Act. This collaboration has been ongoing since 2016.

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 John R. Trentacosta at its Annual Meeting on October 6, 2017, at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The Award for 2018 will be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 5, 2018 in Grand Rapids.

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

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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.

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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.

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.

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Council Meeting	9/29/17	Cobo Center, Detroit
Council Meeting	10/19/17	SBM building
Council Meeting	1/18/18	SBM building
Council Meeting	2/15/18	SBM building
Council Meeting	3/15/18	SBM building
Council Meeting	4/19/18	SBM building
Council Meeting (canceled due to illness/unavailability of all officers)	5/17/18*	mtg not held

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Section Outing - Lugnuts baseball game	July 2017	Lansing
Annual training conference	11/16-11/17/17	Shanty Creek, Bellaire MI
Annual holiday party	Dec 2017	Lansing

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Legislative issues:

See Addendum, attached.

Recommendations for next Council:

Broaden and increase member participation in council and committee action, trainings and conferences.

Other Information:

The section voted to participate as amicus in three pending appeals in the Court of Appeals. The section submitted comments opposing proposed DHHS policies that would have eliminated appeals in Title IV-E matters (the DHHS later decided not to adopt the new policies). The section formed a subcommittee to discuss beginning to publish again its quarterly Child Welfare Law Journal.

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Addendum to Children's Law Section Annual Report, May 31, 2018, "Legislative Issues":

1. Participated in child protection proceedings mediation court rule workgroup. The Michigan Supreme Court subsequently adopted the court rule amendments.
2. Suggested amendments and supported HB 5537 (2018), which criminalized using one's authority to prevent reporting child abuse or neglect.
3. Supported HB 5796 (2018), which required training for mandated reporters.
4. Supported HB 5659 (2018), which added K-12 coaches as mandated reporters.
5. Opposed SB 874 (2018), which increased penalties for mandated reporters failing to report suspected child abuse or neglect.
6. Supported SB 488-491 (2017), 797-798 (2018), which creates the Safe Families for Children Act.
7. Supported HB 4298 (2017) as introduced, which required videotaping forensic interviews of children at child advocacy centers.
8. Supported SB 616 (2017), which allowed tribal entities access to confidential children's protective services case file information.
9. Supported SB 471 (2017) which allowed for setting aside juvenile delinquency adjudications for successful completion of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy.

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Bar Year: 2017-2018**Section Name:** Consumer Law Section

Mission Statement: The Consumer Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

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Terry J. Adler	2019	Gary M. Victor	2020
Dani K. Liblang	2019		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular Council Meetings	Bi-Monthly on the 2 nd Thursday of the month	Michael Franck Building
Annual Meeting	Thursday afternoon in conjunction with the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting	At the same location as the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting
Regular Meeting	January 16, 2018	
Regular Meeting	March 1, 2018	
Regular Meeting	April 12, 2018	
Regular Meeting	May 10, 2018	
Regular Meeting	July 12, 2018	

General Budget Information: See financial reports on file.

Events and/or Seminars: Attendance at other events/ seminars

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
ADR Seminar	May 11, 2018	Lansing
Young Lawyers Summit	June 15-17, 2018	Boyne Highlands

Legislative issues: No comment to proposal to change MRCP 7.2.

Recommendations for next Council: Establishment of duties, expectations, policies, procedures for each position on the Consumer Law Council. Creation of several short 30 second – 3-minute simple videos about various consumer law topics. These could be uploaded to Youtube and/or stored on the Consumer Law Section site. These videos would address the most common myths or frequently asked questions about different consumer law issues. Review of previous newsletters to determine those that need to be updated for the benefit of consumers, lawyers, and section members. Review of other states consumer law section websites for innovative new ideas.

Other Information:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	10/17/17	Country Club of Lansing
Council Meeting	11/14/17	Country Club of Lansing
Council Meeting	12/19/17	Country Club of Lansing
Council Meeting	1/16/18	Mediterrano Restaurant
Council Meeting	3/20/18	Radisson Hotel - Lansing
Council Meeting	4/17/18	Country Club of Lansing
Council Meeting	5/15/18	Country Club of Lansing
Council Meeting (Scheduled)	6/19/18	Country Club of Lansing
Section and Council Meeting (Scheduled)	9/28/18	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.**Events and/or Seminars:**

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Biennial Policy Conference	6/8 - 6/10/17	Mission Point Resort
41st Mid-Winter Ski Conference	2/17-2/19/18	Shanty Creek Resort
Spring Conference/Social Event (Scheduled)	6/15-6/16/18	Zehnder's, Frankenmut
Annual Meeting and Program (Scheduled)	9/28/18	DeVos Place

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Legislative 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

Recommendations for next Council:

The 2018-19 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

Other Information:

The Criminal Law Section is scheduled for a feature issue of the Bar Journal (with an expected publication date of January 2019).

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P28958 Jules B. Olsman, Berkley

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
October Annual Meeting	October 5, 2017	Bay City, MI
November Section Meeting	Nov 4, 2017	Lansing, MI
December Section Meeting	December 2, 2017	Lansing, MI
February Section Meeting	February 3, 2018	Lansing, MI
March Section Meeting	March 3, 2018	Lansing, MI
April Section Meeting	April 7, 2018	Virtual meeting
May Section Meeting	May 5, 2018	Lansing, MI
June Section Meeting	June 2, 2018	Lansing, MI

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Fall ELDRS Conference	Oct 4-6, 2017	Bay City, MI
Spring ELDRS Conference	March 16, 2018	Plymouth, MI

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	9/28/17	Detroit
Council Meeting	12/11/17	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	04/12/18	Troy
Council Meeting	06/12/18	Bath

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Meeting Program: Line 5 Pipeline, Acquaculture	9/28/18	Detroit
Joint Environmental Conference	11/0817	Lansing
Using SBM Connect Webinar	12/6/17	
Lender's Perspective on Environmental Law Issues Webinar	03/13/18	
Spring Air Conference	04/11/18	Lansing

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information:

Annual Dues increase of \$5 adopted and effective for 2018-19

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P25664 Hon. Richard B. Halloran, Detroit

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting, initial meeting of new Council	9/28/2017	Cobo Hall, Detroit
Council Meeting	10/14/2017	Hotel Indigo, Traverse City
Council Meeting	11/10/2017	Family Law Institute, Novi
Council Meeting	12/02/2017	Crowne Plaza, Lansing
Council Meeting	01/20/2018	Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
MidWinter Conference	2/3-10/2018	Punta de Mita, Mexico
Council Meeting	03/03/2018	DoubleTree, Novi
Council Meeting	04/07/2018	University Club, Lansing
Council Meeting	05/05/2018	University Club, Lansing
Council Meeting	06/02/2018	University Club, Lansing

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Committee and Chairperson listing

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Sponsor of ICLE's Family Law Institute	11/9-10/2017	Suburban Collection, Novi
Mid Winter Conference	02/03-10/2018	Punta de Mita, Mexico
Family Court Forum	06/08/2018	Travis Pointe, Ann Arbor
Mid Summer Conference	07/19-21/2018	Boyne Mountain Resort

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Legislative issues:

Our Legislative Committee and our Court Rules committee meet monthly to review proposals that impinge on domestic relations. We have maintained active opposition to HB 4141, which would mandate equal physical custody in most cases, regardless of the best interest of the children.

Recommendations for next Council:

We need to focus on ways to recruit younger attorneys to our section. Out of our 2,861 members last year, 928 were not dues paying, i.e., they were over 70 years of age. Almost a third of our membership is nearing the end of their practicing years.

Other Information:

Switching to an electronic journal in 2015 put us on a sounder financial footing. Our section had a starting balance of over \$150,000, and instead of losing money each year our balance increases by about \$20,000 each year.

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Government Law Section

Jurisdiction: Public Corporation Law Section prior to July 2017.

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Legislative issues:

GLS continues to monitor State legislative changes regarding the MMFLA and telecommunications in the public right-of-way.

Recommendations for next Council:

1) continue holding seminars that enrich the membership; 2) continue production of "Briefly" newsletter; 3) continue participation in amicus briefs and providing council relevant comments on rule or statutory amendments, and 4) develop a "real time" tracking system of approved Amicus Brief liabilities.

Other Information:

Name change to "Government Law Section" was well received by membership. Membership increased by 40 members for 2017/2018.

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**State Bar of Michigan
Government Law Section
AMICUS PARTICIPATION**

Re: Amicus Participation June 1, 2017- May 31, 2018

Date: 5/22/2018

Prepared by Secretary Treasurer Gregory T. Stremers

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I. Government Law Section Amicus Brief Expense Activity fund#: 1-9-99-800-1139

A. Professional Fees-Amicus Briefs expenses through April 2018=\$4,603.00.

B. Prior Year-(Professional Fees-Amicus Briefs expenses through April 2017 =\$12,167.72).

See State Bar Ledger Attached.

II. Cases

1. Dexter v. Chelsea Health Care, approved at November 10, 2017 meeting. Proportional share up to \$3000.00. **Paid \$1,616.25 February 23, 2018.**
2. Michigan Association of Homebuilders v city of Troy, approved at November 10, 2017 meeting. Approved proportional share up to \$4000.00. **Paid February 7, 2018 \$2,986.75.**
3. NMEAC v City of Traverse City, approved at November 20, 2017 meeting to oppose publication. **No cost to Section.**
4. Kendzierski v Macomb County, approved at February 10, 2018 meeting. Authorized up to \$5000.00.
5. Ray v Swager, approved at February 28, 2018 meeting. Authorized up to \$2000.00.
6. Kendzierski v County of Macomb. Approved to participate with no financial support. **No cost to the Section.**
7. Menards v. City of Escanaba. Authorized at meeting August 11, 2016 meeting. **Paid April 30, 2018 \$3,125.99 Prior paid \$644.36 (Not on State Bar Ledger)**

Total paid \$7,728.99 2017-2018

Total authorized liability up to \$14,000.00

Outstanding liability \$6,271.01

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Council Meeting Schedule: (continued from page one)

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular Meeting	4/7/2018	Telephonic
Regular Meeting	5/5/2018	Telephonic

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 P71816 Sheerin Siddique, Farmington Hills
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Bar Year: 2017-2018

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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Louis Szura	2018	Rosanna J. Willis	2020
Mercedes V. Dordeski	2019		
Matthew R. Keuten	2019		
Nicole E. Stratton	2019		
Jeremy S. Brieve	2020		
Leslie A. Rojas	2020		
Christian I. Schafer	2020		

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

General Budget Information: The Section received approximately \$42,000 in member dues during Fiscal Year 2018. 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.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Art Prize Tour – Networking Event	Tuesday, October 5, 2017	Art Prize, Grand Rapids
Medical Terminology for Attorneys	Tuesday, January 23, 2018	Webinar
Membership Networking Event – Pistons game	Wednesday, January 24, 2018	Little Caesars Arena
What to Expect from an EBSA Health Plan Investigation	Wednesday, February 7, 2018	Webinar
Membership Networking Event – Night at the Griffins	Friday, February 9, 2018	Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids
ICLE Health Law Institute & Appreciation Dinner	Thursday & Friday, March 8 & 9, 2018	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth
Update: The Corporate Practice of Medicine Doctrine in Michigan	Tuesday, April 10, 2018	Webinar
Networking – 220 Merrill Street	Thursday, April 19, 2018	220 Merrill Street, Birmingham, MI

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Telemedicine Licensure in Michigan	Wednesday, May 9, 2018	Webinar
Appeals and Grievances under the New Medicaid Managed Care Rules	Wednesday, June 13, 2018	Webinar
Membership Networking Event – Tigers Game	Wednesday, June 13, 2018	Bodman PLC (Ford Field) & Comerica Park
HCLS Annual Meeting	Thursday, September 20, 2018	Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit

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 four webinars on a wide variety of health care law topics with others planned for Summer. The topics and titles of the webinars are listed above under the heading “Events and/or Seminars.”

Publications Committee: This year, the Committee is excited to publish four resources:

- The revised and combined *HIPAA Privacy Rule Preemption Analysis Matrix for Michigan Law* was published in March.
- *The New Role of Physician's Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Michigan* will be published in June.
- *Pursuing Provider Payments in No Fault Cases Post-Covenant* will be published in June.
- *Guide for Responding to Government Investigations* will be published in July.

The Committee has continued to promote and streamline the existing online publication resources for HCLS members. It has also worked with its Pandemic Response Sub-Committee in preparing resources for responding to public health issues.

Legislative Committee: The Committee monitored Michigan health care legislative developments and reported on such matters to the Section Council. Among the matters that we monitored that were signed into law during this term include Senate Bill 270, which prohibits a prescriber from prescribing a Schedule 2-5 controlled substance unless the prescriber is in a bona fide prescriber-patient relationship with the patient for whom the controlled substance is being prescribed; Senate Bill 273, which provides that prescribers must provide information on substance use disorder services to patients being treated for opioid-related overdoses; Senate Bill 274, which prohibits prescribers from prescribing opioids under specified circumstances; House Bill 4408, which mandates parental consent and certain disclosures when prescribing a controlled substance containing an opioid to a minor, subject to certain exceptions. We also monitored and reported on 10 other bills in the House and Senate, including Senate Bill 65 that would expand the “False Claims Act” to go beyond Medicaid and allow Qui tam plaintiffs to bring actions on behalf of state and local government for contractors that present false claims for payment; negative feedback and concerns from the Section relayed to the sponsoring legislator (Senator Steve Bieda) resulted in the

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bill being put on the “back burner.” The bill was poorly drafted in a number of ways (not the fault of the sponsoring legislator) and our feedback made a difference. In addition, we co-sponsored a “Legislative Day” in Lansing with the Membership Committee on May 9, 2018, which included a legislative update from the Chairperson of the State Senate Health Policy Committee and a social hour afterwards. Senator Mike Shirkey provided sharp commentary on current legislation and took questions and feedback from guests.

Pro Bono Committee: The committee is working to establish additional partnerships with organizations serving different populations and is in communication 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 continue to establish relationships with a number of groups in 2018 and to provide varying opportunities for pro bono service among Health Care Law Section members.

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 2017, the Fellows Committee nominated, and the Council elected, the following attorneys as Fellows: Steven B. Bender, Elizabeth Callahan-Morris, Keith J. Soltis, Lisa D. Vandecaveye, and Andrew B. Wachler. The 2018 class of Fellows will be selected in early summer and honored at a dinner following the Section's Annual Meeting on September 20, 2018. A list of all Health Care Law Section Fellows is posted on the Section's web page.

New Lawyers and Law Student Committee: 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. The recipients will attend and be honored at our Annual Meeting.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee organized several networking events this year (2017-2018). 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 5, 2017 – Art Prize event held in Grand Rapids, MI.
- January 24, 2018 – Pistons Game Networking Event in Detroit, MI
- February 9, 2018 – Grand Rapids Griffins Networking Event in Grand Rapids, MI
- April 19, 2018 – AHLA Day (Networking Event) – Co-sponsored Birmingham, MI
- May 9, 2018 – Legislative Day Event – Lansing, MI
- June 13, 2018 – Detroit Tigers Game social event held in Detroit, MI.

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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.
- Explore and examine collaboration opportunities, i.e., affiliation with the American Health Lawyers Association, in an effort to broaden the resources available to the Section's membership.
- Build on the success of the Section's social media efforts by continued and sustained use.
- Explore the creation of a formal information database to capture and log the institutional knowledge of the Council members.
- Continue to explore new pro-bono opportunities and strengthen the Section's pro bono efforts.
- Strengthen the Section's affiliations with Michigan law schools and recommit to engaging in visible and sustained outreach activities.
- Continue the Section's strong relationship with ICLE, including continued co-sponsorship of the Annual Health Law Institute and Section Appreciation Dinner.

Other Information:

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Section and it was a tremendous learning opportunity. I extend deep-felt thanks to all Council members, officers, committee and subcommittee members and chairs. Your efforts significantly eased my burden and you should be proud of the good work you have done. Also, I give special thanks to Susan Stokes, our Section's Administrative Assistant, who is an invaluable part of the team and a tremendous asset to the Section. I wish the new Council all the best and anticipate and foresee continued success.

Mathew R. Keuten
Chair, Health Care Law Section
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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	9/1/17	the Inn at St. John's, Plymouth
Section's annual business meeting	9/7/17	the Inn at St. John's, Plymouth
Law committee - Conducting a Privacy Analysis of New Products and Services	3/23/17	Mitt Heuer & Weiss Office South
Privacy Law Committee - GDPR Preparations	6/15/17	Mitt Heuer & Weiss Office South
Privacy Law Committee - Bring Your Own Device - Bitcoin	10-12-17	Mitt Heuer & Weiss Office South
Privacy Law Committee - Privacy update	12-21-17	Mitt Heuer & Weiss Office South
Privacy Law Committee - GDPR compliance for cloud based sub-processes	2-22-18	Mitt Heuer & Weiss Office South
Privacy Law Committee - State Cybersecurity legislation	5-31-18	Mitt Heuer & Weiss Office South

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
10th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar	9/7/17	at St John's, Plymouth Living
All day event with multiple presentations addressing current		

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Legislative issues:

none

Recommendations for next Council:

Revitalize the section through passionate leadership and understanding of the wants and needs of the Section's members. We have been less than active over the past two years and need to boost membership and participation

Other Information:

The Information Technology Law Section has a standing Privacy Law Committee, co-chaired by Bob Rothman, rrothman@privassoc.com and Keith Cheresko kcheresko@privassoc.com. The Privacy Committee is a forum for discussing this continually evolving area of the law affecting a broad range of practices at the state, national and international levels. The committee also works to help educate members of the State Bar of Michigan about the privacy and security obligations of their own organizations and of their clients. The committee targets meeting quarterly, to discuss various privacy related matters.

Also providing a hand written version of the prior year report.

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting with presentation by Janis Meyer on ethical issues	9/28/17	Cobo Arena
Winter Meeting with presentation by Ray Horenstein on attorney malpractice	1/11/18	Lelli's on the Green
Spring Meeting with presentation by Hon. David Lawson	5/21/18	Mario's Restaurant
Summer Meeting	7/9/18	Chair's Office

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
In addition to above, the Section is conducting a joint "Summer Reception with the Negligence Section and Womens Lawyers Association	8/9/18	Grand Traverse Resort

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information:

We publish a highly regarded quarterly Journal. Our editor is Hal Carroll. There are regular columns supplemented by articles submitted by section members and others.

We have implemented a \$5,000 scholarship in conjunction with Michigan's law schools.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION
2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2017-2018

Submitted: June 8, 2018

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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Council Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Section Annual Meeting	July 23, 2017	Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI
Council Meeting	August 10, 2017	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	September 7, 2017	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	October 12, 2017	Teleconference
Council Meeting	November 16, 2017	Teleconference
Council Meeting	December 14, 2017	Teleconference
Council Meeting	January 11, 2018	Teleconference
Council Meeting	February 8, 2018	Teleconference
Council Meeting	April 12, 2018	Teleconference
Council Meeting	June 7, 2018	Teleconference
Council Meeting	Planned for July 12, 2018	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	Planned for August 9, 2018	Teleconference
Council Meeting	Planned for September 20, 2018	TBD
Section Annual Meeting	Planned for October 26, 2018	Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, MI

Minutes of all meetings are available at: <http://connect.michbar.org/iplaw/council/minutes>.

Intellectual Property Law Section Membership: 1201 Members (as of April 30, 2018).

Intellectual Property Law Section Publication: As of this Report, the Section has published one issue of *IPLS Proceedings* in February 2018. The Section expects a second issue to be published during the summer of 2018. Copies of IPLS Proceedings are available at: <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, 2018 of \$116,898.77. On June 7, 2018, the Section council voted *not* to increase dues for the next bar year.

The Section's most significant expenditure this year was associated with the IPLS Spring Seminar held at the Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel on March 5, 2018, which totaled \$17,899.73. 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.

Events and/or Seminars:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
43rd Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute	July 20-22, 2017	Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI
"Basic Trademark and Patent Practice for Lawyers and Paralegals" Seminar	October 2, 2017	The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth
2018 Spring IP Law Seminar	March 5, 2018	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
44th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute	Scheduled for October 25-26, 2018	Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, MI

43rd Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute held July 20-22, 2017, Mackinac Island, MI:

The 2017 IP Institute was held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. This year 185 people registered plus 10 walk-ins and 6 no-shows. This was slightly down from our registered 234, with 207 attending, for 2017 on Mackinac, but that tends to happen with our 2 years in a row schedule on Mackinac.

The program included outstanding presentations from nationally renowned speakers on a range of patent, trademark, copyright, and other related topics. Featured speakers included Jimmie V. Reyna, Kate Spelman (recipient of the 2017 IP Section award), and Lauren Dienes-Middlen, in-house counsel for WWE. Evaluations of the speakers were positive. The overall rating for the seminar was 6.33 out of 7.0. The program included a Women in IP Networking Tea and two receptions on the Grand Hotel porch. Receptions on the front porch Thursday and Friday evenings were well attended, approx. 290 on Thursday and 300 on Friday. Great food, music, open bar, lots of families attended. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

2018 “Basic Trademark and Patent Practice for Lawyers and Paralegals” Seminar, held October 3, 2017 at the The Inn at St. John’s, Plymouth:

On October 3, 2017 The IPLS sponsored a seminar entitled “Basic Trademark and Patent Practice for Lawyers and Paralegals” that was held in Plymouth, Michigan. The Seminar was a success and very well received and attended. The speakers all received very high scores with an average of 6.37 on a 7.0 scale. Speakers included Carl Ondersma, Robyn Lederman, Lee Tagert, Glenn Forbis and Hope Shovein. There was very good attendance with 106 attendees that included attorneys, paralegals and various legal assistants. A similar Seminar had not been presented by IPLS for almost five (5) years and the council agreed that similar event take place in the future every three (3) years. The next is expected to be in 2020.

2018 Spring IP Law Seminar, held March 5, 2018 at the Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel:

Our annual Spring IP Law Seminar had 170 registrants and 155 attendees. This was great news, as it was the Section’s first time hosting the event at the Crowne Plaza, yet we had the same number of registrants as the year prior:

2018: 170 preregistered + 7 walkins - 22 noshows = 155 attending

2017: 170 pre-registered + 5 walkins - 42 noshows = 133 attending

Programming for the Spring Seminar continued to focus on practical topics to benefit members’ practice areas. The luncheon speaker was John U. Bacon, who was very entertaining.

44th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute to be held October 25-26, 2018 at the Dearborn Inn:

The 43rd Annual IP Law Institute will be held in Dearborn for the first time, and we are hopeful that the Metro Detroit location will draw attendees who are not usually able to spend a weekend away on Mackinac for the Annual IP Institute. Speakers include the Hon. Victoria A. Roberts, as well as counsel for each of the local major sport teams, who will present on the intersection of IP and sports law such as equipment patents, design rights, branding and trademark infringement, the emergence of daily fantasy sports, and licensing and sponsorships.

Other Section Projects During 2017-2018:

Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award: The IPLS created the Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award in an effort 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 2017, Susan Kornfield was the third recipient of the Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award. The 2018 recipient will be announced and presented with the award during the annual IP Law Institute in October 2018.

IP Pro Bono Initiative: The Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project (Project) is a service project of the IPL Section. On September 17, 2015, the State Bar of Michigan Intellectual Property Law Section (“IPLS” or “Section”), formally amended its by-laws to establish the Project as a standing

committee of the 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 has a panel of more than 30 dedicated attorneys that provide pro bono legal assistance.

In 2017, the Project received requests for legal services from 24 persons. Of these, four were placed with volunteer attorneys and two more were placed with law school patent clinical programs. Several outreach programs introduced the Project to the community and attorneys.

During 2017:

Applications for assistance submitted:	24
Applicants placed:	6
4 with volunteer attorneys	
2 with law school clinical programs	
Reasons for not accepting applicants:	
No application filed with USPTO	11
Over income	2
Client not responsive	0
Lack of panel attorney interest	2
Rejected by attorney after placement	1
Not a patent issue	1
Not appropriate referral	1
Not a Michigan resident	0

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.

During 2017, the following firms and organizations accepted pro bono clients through the program: Brooks Kushman, Dickinson Wright, Dobrusin Law Offices, Fishman Stewart PLLC.

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.

Looking Forward to 2017-2018:

Planned Activities:

- 44th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan

Recommendations for Next Council:

- Act on suggestions of the newly formed “New Ideas Committee” of the IPLS.
- Organize additional, smaller, events (such as luncheons) on single topics.
- Enlist input from in-house counsel as to what they want to hear about, in hopes of increasing attendance at IPLS events.
- Continue efforts to grow the IP pro bono program in Michigan.
- 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 share drive to archive historical Council documents and reference materials.

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	09/28/2017	Detroit, Michigan
Follow up Call-in Meeting to conclude Annual Meeting Agenda	10/11/2017	Call-in by Council Members
Quarterly Meeting	11/15/2017	Troy, Michigan
Quarterly Meeting	01/17/2018	Rochester, Michigan
Quarterly Meeting	03/21/2018	Troy, Michigan
Quarterly Meeting	05/09/2018	Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
1. "The Face of Immigration Under a New Administration: Policy & Practice"	09/28/2017	Cobo Hall, Detroit, Michigan
2. "The Next Chapter: Industry 4.0 (The 4th Industrial Revolution)"	11/15/2017	Automation Alley, Troy, Michigan
3. Brown Bag Lunch - The Use of Social Media and the International Law Section	01/09/2018	Burriss Law, Detroit, Michigan
4. "Transatlantic Automotive Triangle: A Glimpse Into the Future of the Automotive Industry and Trade Between the U.S., France, and Germany"	01/17/2018	Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Michigan
5. Law School Caravan - Cooley Law School	01/25/2018	Auburn Hills, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Michigan
6. Brown Bag Lunch (Repeated Program) - "The Use of Social Media and the International Law Section"	03/02/2018	Burriss Law, Detroit, Michigan
7. "The Impact of Tax Reform on Multinational Ventures, International Individuals, & Business Owners"	03/21/2018	Maggiano's, Troy, Michigan
8. Brown Bag Lunch - "A Discussion on How the New Tax Bill as per 1/1/2018"	04/5/2018	University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Michigan
9. Changes the View on International Tax Structuring Into, eg, Europe"		
10. "Trump Administration Trade Policies & Their Impact on the Michigan Economy: What to Expect & How to Prepare"	04/16/2018	Butzel Long, Detroit, Michigan
11. "Creating Global Success: (1) Complying with GDPR & Evolving Data Privacy Requirements; (2) Doing Business With Foreign Nationals; (3) Global Talent in Today's Environment"	05/09/2018	33rd Annual West Michigan World Trade Week Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Legislative issues:

None. We do not take up legislative issues.

Recommendations for next Council:

I would continue the brown bag and social media campaigns. Since this was the first year of these activities, they need continued momentum in order for them to be effective in the long run.

Other Information:

This year, we had five main goals. The first goal was to continue to be to provide our Section members with interesting educational programs on practice-relevant international law topics. Equally as important, was our Section's second goal: To encourage initiative by all members, and to provide opportunities to expand the social, professional, civic, and geographic diversity of our membership. In this manner, we sought to work to promote our third goal, which was to increase engagement and empowerment of Council and ILS members to accomplish the goals and missions of the ILS. Our fourth goal was to not only grow within the legal community but to move beyond our legal setting in order to increase the visibility of the ILS within our community. Through this goal, we sought to provide business development and personal growth opportunities for our Section's members. Finally, our fifth goal, which was to underscore each of the other four goals, was for us as a Section to aim high and have fun!

We are also planning some additional activities for the summer. Stay tuned.

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Term Ending: 2019

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P61654 Hon. Angela Kay Sherigan, Shelby Township

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SECTION MEETING	6/25/2017	GRAND RAPIDS (AMWAY)
ANNUAL MEETING	9/29/2017	DETROIT, MI (COBO HALL)
SECTION MEETING	1/19/2018	LANSING, MI (STATE BAR)
SECTION MEETING	4/13/2018	LANSING, MI (STATE BAR)
SECTION MEETING	6/24/2018	MIDLAND, (THE H HOTEL)
ANNUAL MEETING	9/28/2018	GRAND RAPIDS (AMWAY)

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
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Legislative issues:

- 1). Continued support of Legislation that improves the Court system and the Administration of Justice.
- 2). Maintain and support compensation and benefits for Michigan Judges.

Recommendations for next Council:

- 1). Continue successful collaboration with the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrator, and State Bar of Michigan, on issues including: affordable legal services to indigent litigants; E-Filing on the MiCOURT system; and the reformation of Civil Discovery Rules.
- 2). Continue efforts to explore new programs to promote professionalism and civility among the Bar, Attorneys, and the Bench, including possible mentor programs.

Other Information:

This year, the Judicial Section expanded its membership to include two tribal judges to serve as ex-officio members and welcomed Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado who serves in Petoskey, Michigan and Judge Angela Sherigan, who serves in Manistee, Michigan. The Judicial Section has also established a Rapid Response Committee to support Judges who are the subject of unfair media reports that misstate the role of Judges or the Law. In addition, recently the Judicial Council had the pleasure of hosting a number of special guests that included, Chief Justice Stephen Markman, Justice Kurtis Wilder, Justice Elizabeth Clement, and Donald Rockwell, President of the State Bar of Michigan.

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	6/12/2017	Bingham Farms
Council Meeting	8/14/2017	Novi
Council Meeting	9/28/2017	Detroit
Annual Meeting	9/28/2017	Detroit
Council Meeting	10/9/2017	Bingham Farms
Council Meeting	11/13/2017	Bingham Farms
Council Meeting	12/14/2017	Bingham Farms
Council Meeting	1/8/2018	Bingham Farms
Mid-Winter Meeting	2/9/2018	Southfield
Council Meeting	3/12/2018	Bingham Farms
Council Meeting	4/9/2018	Bingham Farms
Council Meeting	5/14/2018	Bingham Farms

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Northern Michigan Connecting Event	6/8/2017	Traverse City, MI
Spring Boad Meeting	6/8/2017	Bingham Farms
Wines of Summer Event	7/19/2017	Detroit
Holiday Seminar	12/14/2017	Birmingham
Mid-Winter Education Program & Dinner	2/9/2018	Southfield
The Art of the Pleading	3/23/2018	Detroit
ICLE Labor & Employer Institute	4/20/2018	Plymouth
E-News	Ongoing	Various
Law Notes Publication	Quarterly	Various
Diversity Discussion Series	Quarterly	Various
Annual Meeting Seminar & Reception	9/28/2017	Detroit

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Legislative issues:

N/A

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue to implement initiatives to reach out and diversify new members.

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
COUNCIL MEETING	6/3/2017	ANN ARBOR
TELEPHONIC COUNCIL MEETING	6/27/2017	TELEPHONIC
TELEHONIC COUNCIL MEETING	8/23/2017	TELEPHONIC
ANNUAL MEETING NEXT CONFERENCE	9/29/2017	DETROIT COBO
COUNCIL MEETING	11/04/2017	LANSING BAR BLDG
COUNCIL MEETING	1/13/2018	TROY
COUNCIL MEETING	4/21/2018	TROY

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ANNUAL MEETING	9/29/2017	DETROIT COBO
CONVERSATIONS AND PIZZA	11/1/2017	WAYNE STATE COL LAW
LAWYER MARKETING IN 21ST CENTURY	1/27/2018	ANN ARBOR
PIZZA AND PRACTICE	4/12/2018	WAYNE STATE COL LAW

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Legislative issues:

IN FAVOR OF E-MAIL FILINGS.

Recommendations for next Council:

FILE TIMELY BUDGET. PLAN 3 YEARS OUT. ROCK ANNUAL MEETING AND TECH SHOW IN AUGUST.

Other Information:

SECRETARY IS KATHRYN OSSIAN.
CAROL HOGAN OF WARREN IS ON COUNCIL UNTIL NEXT CONFERENCE 2019
JASON MICHAEL RENNER OF TROY IS ON COUNCIL UNTIL NEXT CONFERENCE 2018
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Term Ending: 2019

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Term Ending: 2020

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P53594 Dana M. Warnez, Center Line

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	10/18/17	Southfield
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	11/08/17	Teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	12/13/17	Teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	01/10/18	Teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	02/14/18	Teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	03/14/18	Teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	04/18/18	SBM Lansing

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Detroit Mercy Law Bar Association Fair	03/06/18	UDM Law School

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Legislative issues:

Work with the Michigan Law Revision Commission to address the problems identified in the 2016 Draft Report on "Same Sex Marriage: A Review of Michigan's Constitutional Provisions and Statutes."

Recommendations for next Council:

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 P72020 Anthony James Kochis, Troy
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 P34424 Gerard V. Mantese, Troy
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Council Meeting	11/27/17	Conference call
Council Meeting	12/20/17	Conference call
Council Meeting	1/31/18	Conference call
Council Meeting	2/28/18	Conference call
Council Meeting	4/4/18	Conference call
Council Meeting	4/26/18	Conference call
Council Meeting	5/24/18	Conference call
Council Meeting/Summer Conference	6/8-10/18	Mackinac Island
Council Meeting	7/18	Conference call
Council Meeting	8/18	Conference call
Council Meeting/Annual Meeting	9/28/18	Grand Rapids

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See attached - ADDENDUM - ADDITIONS TO COUNCIL ROSTER

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Sponsor with ICLE: Courtroom Advocacy: Appearances and Motion Hearings	10/19/17	Plymouth
Sponsor with Commercial Litigation Committee of the Business Law Section: Proposed Changes to the Discovery Court Rules	11/28/17	Troy
Sponsor with ICLE: Persuasive Strategies and Visuals for Every Litigator	3/22/18	Plymouth
Summer Conference/The Lawyer's Compass	6/8-10/18	Mackinac Island
Sponsor with ICLE: Deposition Skills Workshop	9/20-21/18	Plymouth

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Legislative issues:

None

Recommendations for next Council:

None

Other Information:

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ADDENDUM - ADDITIONS TO COUNCIL ROSTER

In the prepopulated Annual Report, two Council members were omitted:

- Joel C. Bryant, Ann Arbor is a Council member with a term ending 2018
- Joseph T. Froehlich, Lansing is a Council member with a term ending 2020

Additionally, past Chairs of the Council (Ex-Officios) are Council members indefinitely pursuant to our bylaws and the most recent two are voting members:

- Michael Butler, Farmington Hills (Voting)
- Marcy Tayler, Detroit (Voting)
- Michael P. Donnelly, Detroit
- M.J. Stephen Fox, Ada
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- David W. Centner, Grand Rapids
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Term Ending: 2019

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Term Ending: 2020

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Term Ending: 2021

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 P79908 John William Fraser, Okemos
 P79694 Devin Pierce Loker, Portage

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P55501 Jennifer M. Grieco, Birmingham

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Council Business Meeting	7/17/17	SBM, Lansing
Council Business Meeting	8/22/17	Phone Meeting
Council Business Meeting/Annual Meeting	9/29/2017	SBM Conference, Detroit
Council Business Meeting	10/19/17	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	11/30/17	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	1/11/18	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	2/15/18	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	3/22/18	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	4/26/18	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	5/17/18	C&N, East Lansing

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Please see attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
New Horizons for Legalized Marijuana - The Facilities Licensing Act and Beyond	9/7-9/9/17	Detroit
Emergency Rules Seminar	1/19/18	East Lansing
Marijuana Law Criminal Bootcamp	4/6/18	Ann Arbor

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

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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

The MLS will be taking positions on a number of issues related to marijuana and the implementation of the Facilities Licensing Act.

Recommendations for Next Council:

The year went by so quickly, and there are still so many opportunities for the Council to engage in. In the upcoming years, the Council will continue to have the privilege of educating and leading attorneys and the public in this emerging area of the law. The Council should never forget the strides that have been made in this area of the law, and the role that attorneys have played. We should continue to honor the work done by attorneys by pushing for decisions to be made based on science and facts and not rhetoric. 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:

Membership in the MLS is higher than anticipated at well over 700 members, and the numbers continue to grow. The MLS is excited about the prospects for the section. The MLS listserv is up and running and participants are active. Out 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 following are just a few items that show the wide range of activities of the Section:

- Marijuana law is again the topic for the August 2018 Bar Journal, and the MLS is providing the articles for the edition showing the wide range of areas that marijuana law impacts;
- Our first two webinars are scheduled and more are planned;
- The next edition of the Marijuana Law Section Journal is being distributed electronically in June;
- A tour of a marijuana processor in Illinois occurred and more will be planned;
- Upcoming seminars related to a number of topics, including real property, banking, cannabusiness, and criminal defense, are scheduled, including a day-long seminar on Mackinac Island and our annual conference at the Grand Traverse Resort in the fall;
- The MLS is reaching out and working with other sections and groups around the state to offer educational materials and seminars;
- Our annual coat and warm clothing drive to help veterans keeps getting bigger;
- A mentorship program for young lawyers and law students is being planned; and
- A speaker's bureau to provide educational programs around the state for attorneys and the public is in the works.

Thank you State Bar of Michigan for being so supportive of our new section!

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue to provide its members with programs and information related to the transitioning from the practice of law, retirement planning, and expand opportunities for community contribution.

Other Information:

Publication of The Mentor: Fall 2017, Winter, Spring and Summer issues

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Legislative issues:

None

Recommendations for next Council:

None

Other Information:

None

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meetings	Oct 25, 2017	Mortons Steak House
	Nov 29, 2017	Mortons Steak House
	Jan 31, 2018	Mortons Steak House
	Feb 28, 2018	Mortons Steak House
	March 28, 2018	Mortons Steak House
	April 25, 2018	Mortons Steak House

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Lien Seminar	Oct 12, 2017	MSU Edu Center, Troy
YL Social Event	March 1, 2018	Punch Bowl, Detroit
Spring Meeting	May 3-6, 2018	Bellagio Las Vegas
Summer Meeting	Aug 9, 2018	Grand Travers Resort
Past Chair Dinner	June 14, 2018	Detroit Golf Club

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Legislative issues:

On going the section ctracts with Capitol Services to provide monthly meeting updates and articles for E-News

Recommendations for next Council:

Membership is important - informing members of leg. issues through the message from Chair and Leg Updates

Other Information:

attached commitee chairs

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Negligence Law Section

October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

Committees

Newsletter Editors – Tim Diemer / Wolf Mueller

Past Chair Event – Robert Raitt

Annual Meeting 2017 – Todd Stearn

Spring Meeting –Barry Goodman

Summer Meeting – Robert Raitt

Lien Seminar – Chad Englehardt

Earl Cline Award – Jennifer Grieco

Legislative Task Force –Jim Bradley /Tom Behm

Amicus Briefs – Megan Cavanagh/Mark Granzotto/Tim Diemer

Membership – Phil Korovesis/Donna MacKenzie

News Flash – Bob Riley/ Mike Sullivan

Nominating Committee – Robert Raitt

Young Lawyers Committee – Kyle Smtih / Emily Thomas

Social Media – Young Lawyers Committee

Newsletter Authors:

Fall – 2017 – Bradley/Behm – September 15 copy deadline

Winter – 2018 – Engelhardt/Cavanagh –December 15 copy deadline

Spring – 2018 - Diemer/Stearn - March 15 copy deadline

Summer – 2018 – Sullivan/Mueller – July 15 copy deadline

SBM

The SBM is planning to publish a “negligence law” issue in the Bar Journal. The issue will be published in June 2018. The deadline for articles (4-5) is March 15, 2018. The Chair of the section will provide the introduction to the themed issue.

The following people agreed to write an article:

Chad Englehardt
Tim Diemer
Bob Riley
Mark Granzotto
Ven Johnson
Jim Bradley

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	7/22/17	Phone conference
Council Meeting	9/28/17	Santorini's
Special Council Meeting-Prep for Annual Meeting	9/2/17	Phone conference
Annual Meeting	9/29/17	Cobo
Council Meeting	11/11/17	Rasor Law Firm
Council Meeting	1/13/18	Phone conference
Council Meeting	3/3/18	State Bar-Lansing

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Meet and Greet/Networking event	3/13/18	Dino's Lounge-Ferndale
Day of Ed Partner with ICLE	5/3/18	St. Johns-Plymouth
Holiday Party/Fundraiser for Mandy's Place	12/11/17	MBrew-Ferndale
Annual Meeting Program	9/29/17	Cobo

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Continuing increase in events, partnerships with ICLE, networking

Other Information:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION	9/29/17	COBO HALL
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	10/7/17	BAR BUILDING
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	11/4/17	BAR BUILDING
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	12/2/17	BAR BUILDING
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	1/6/18	BAR BUILDING
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	2/3/18	BAR BUILDING
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	4/7/18	BAR BUILDING
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	5/5/18	BAR BUILDING

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Prisons and Corrections Forum, Vol 18, No. 1, Winter 2018

Prisons and Corrections Forum, Vol18, No.2, Spring 2018

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
MICHAEL J. MARUTIAK ELECTED CHAIR-ELECT FOR 2018-19	5/5/18	BAR BUILDING
SPRING CONFERENCE: MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES: BEFORE, DURING and AFTER INCARCERATION COSPONSORED WITH CRIMINAL LAW SECTION: FORENSIC EVIDENCE	6/2/18 6/15-16	BAR BUILDING Frankenmuth

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information:

The Council provided input on numerous administrative initiatives considered and implemented by the MDOC, including policies on volunteers and services, incoming prisoner mail and alternatives to administrative segregation.

The Council spent seven meetings working on a position paper on mandatory MDOC GPS monitoring for certain classes of parolees regardless of risk assessment. The position paper and the four recommendations will be submitted to the Bar for permission to publicize.

On June 2, the Council presented a plaque to Patricia Streeter who has served as Editor of the Section newsletter, Prisons and Corrections Forum for ten years.

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P38321 Kurt A. Olson, Plymouth
P60174 Christine M. Savage, Okemos

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P43770 Joseph Patrick McGill, Livonia

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Committee on Special Projects, followed by a Council Meeting	06/24/17	Lansing, MI
Annual Meeting, followed by a Council Meeting	09/09/17	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by a Council Meeting	10/14/17	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by a Council Meeting	11/11/17	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by a Council Meeting	12/16/17	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by a Council Meeting	01/20/18	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by a Council Meeting	02/17/18	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by a Council Meeting	03/24/18	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by a Council Meeting	04/21/18	Lansing, MI

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Attachments 1-4: Public Policy Positions; Bill Hound Report on Legislative Issues developed by Council; Lobbyist's tracking report; and Recommendations for the next Council.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
57th Annual Probate & Estate Planning Institute	June 16-17, 2017	Plymouth, MI
Drafting an Estate Plan for an Estate Under \$5 Million – limited enrollment	June 22, 2017	Plymouth, MI
Drafting an Estate Plan for an Estate Under \$5 Million – limited enrollment	September 26, 2017	Plymouth, MI
Postdeath Tax Planning and Preparing Fiduciary, Estate, and Gift Tax Returns	October 26, 2017	Plymouth, MI
Handling Contested Probate Proceedings	October 26, 2017	Plymouth, MI
Experts in Estate Planning: Estate and Distribution Planning for Retirement Benefits	December 7, 2017	Plymouth, MI
27th Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents	January 18, 2018	Grand Rapids, MI
27th Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents	February 15, 2018	Plymouth, MI
Drafting an Estate Plan for an Estate Under \$5 Million – limited enrollment	March 15, 2018	Plymouth, MI
Medicaid & Health Care Planning Update	April 10, 2018	Plymouth, MI
Income Tax Planning for Family LPs, LLCs, and Disregarded Entities	May 16, 2018	Acme, MI
58th Annual Probate & Estate Planning Institute	May 17-19, 2018	Acme, MI

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Legislative issues:

Our Public Policy Positions are detailed on Attachment 1; Our Bill Hound Report (generated by one of our committees) is Attachment 2; Public Affairs Associates, our Section lobbyist, tracks our Legislative Issues; see Attachment 3.

Recommendations for next Council:

See Attachment 4

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Attachment 1

Probate & Estate Planning Section positions**Legislative Positions**

All reports are in PDF format.

2017-2018 Legislative Session

HB4410	Supported this Bill modifying EPIC, MCL 700.2404, to allow a person to disinherit a child from receiving the exempt property allowance in a probate estate. Council was significantly involved in the drafting of this legislation. This bill resolved the issues presented by In re Jajuga. This bill is 143 PA '18, effective August 8, 2018.
HB4821 HB4822	Opposed with suggested adopted modifications; these Bills dealt with modification to EPIC, Appointment of the State or County Public Administrator as Personal Representative of a Decedent's Estate in a Formal Proceeding. These bills are now 13 PA '18 and 14 PA '18, effective May 7, 2018.
HB4905	Supported with suggested modifications; this bill modified the General Property Tax Act, Principal Residence Exemption to allow retention of a principal residence exemption under certain circumstances for nursing home residents. This bill is now 133 of '18, effective May 3, 2018.
HB5075 HB5076	Opposed these bills which would modify EPIC relative to patient advocates and end of life treatment; Council members also participated in a workgroup regarding this legislation and provided input to the sponsors on our objections. Still pending.
SB0540	Supported this bill and was significantly involved in this bill's drafting which would modify the General Property Tax Act, Definition of Transfer of Ownership, MCL 211.27a, addressing many uncapping issues common in estate and business planning and estate and trust administration. Testimony by Council members to the Committee on Local Government. Still pending.
SB0713	Opposed this bill which amends EPIC to add new provisions for Visitation Procedures for Isolated Adults; Council provided alternate language to the sponsor of the bill. Still pending.

Other

A Draft of Bill to Amend 1991 PA 133 & 1998 PA 386	The Probate and Estate Planning Section supports Draft 8 of a bill to amend 1991 PA 133, entitled "Recording Trust Agreement or Certificate of Trust Existence and Authority" and a bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code" (with certain typographical changes); and empowers the Chair of the Section's Legislative Development & Drafting Committee to consent to non-substantive modifications to the Draft. (3/24/18)
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<u>Estate of James Irwin</u>	<p>The Probate and Estate Planning Section authorizes (i) the filing with the Michigan Supreme Court of a motion requesting permission to file an amicus curiae brief and an amicus curiae brief in the Estate of James Erwin, taking the position that (a) the "absent" portion of the "willfully absent" provision in MCL 700.2801(2)(e)(i) is defined exclusively by physical absence; (b) the "willfully" portion of the "willfully absent" provision in MCL 700.2801(2)(e)(i) permits consideration of mental and emotional bonds and connections; and (c) MCL 700.2801(2)(e)(i) does not require proof that a spouse intends to abandon his or her marital rights; and (ii) the payment of up to \$15,000.00 in legal fees and costs for the preparation and submission of such brief on behalf of the Section; and (iii) the engagement of a lawyer to be determined by the Council to prepare and submit such brief. (12/16/17)</p>
<u>In Re Brody Trust</u>	<p>The Probate and Estate Planning Section authorizes the filing of an amicus curiae brief supporting the grant of leave to appeal with the position that the remainder beneficiary of a trust might be an interested person in a proceeding regarding such trust if the settlor of such trust is incapacitated or deceased, but such remainder beneficiary is not an interested person in a proceeding regarding such trust if the settlor is alive with legal capacity. (11/11/17)</p>
<u>In Re Brody Conservatorship</u>	<p>The Probate and Estate Planning Section authorizes the filing of an amicus curiae brief supporting the grant of leave to appeal, with the position that the statutory scheme of priority of appointment is not simply a guideline but is binding on the Court. (11/11/17)</p>
<u>Public Policy Position Legislative Proposal of September 28, 2017</u>	<p>The Probate and Estate Planning Section supports a bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code" which will update numerous sections of EPIC, as indicated on the attached document. Click on link to left to review exact changes. (11/11/17, and 9/28/17)</p>
<u>Proposed Bill to Amend the Estates and Protected Individuals Code</u>	<p>The Probate and Estate Planning Section supports a bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code" which will add new sections to EPIC called, "Divided and Directed Trusteeships." (11/11/17)</p>

Attachment 3
Probate and Estate Planning Section
Recommendations for next Council

It is hard to make recommendations to such an amazingly dedicated Council as it is difficult to identify areas to improve. Suggestions for the future include comments on new ideas and others already being worked on:

- Continue to attract new Section members by offering an open, welcoming environment.
- Focus on collaboration, educational resources, friendship, and opportunities to contribute to the development and protection of Michigan law in our practice areas, as set forth in our Mission Statement.
- Consider meeting on Friday instead of Saturday; recognize that work/life balance is important for many but crucial in order for some attorneys to get involved.
- For Council members and officer roles, don't just reward attendance and participation but strengthen the Council and secure the future of our Section and T&E law in Michigan by attracting top talent with a depth of practice in all our areas of expertise.
- Continue to push the envelope for the development of our T&E law. Look for new and innovative approaches to legal problems.
- Work with the legislature and develop good relationships there. Testify to support our initiatives and to provide education when needed.

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Council Meeting	9/28/17	Cobo
Council Meeting	10/18/17	WNJ
Council Meeting	11/15/17	WNJ
Council Meeting	1/17/18	MEX
Council Meeting	2/14/18	WNJ
Council Meeting	4/19/18	Downtown Market, GR
Council Meeting	5/16/18	WNJ
Council Meeting	7/20/18	Crystal Mt.
Council Meeting		

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Real Property Law Academy I	10/11/17 & 11/12/17	J.W. Marriott
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: Tax Aspects of Real Estate	10/19/17	Townsend
Homeward Bound Webcast-Register of Deeds	12/7/17	ICLE
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: Construction	1/18/18	Townsend
Homeward Bound Webcast -Agriculture	2/3/18	ICLE
Winter Conference	3/118-3/3/18	Encore, Las Vegas
Homeward Bound - In-Person & Webcast "Quiet Title"	3/9/18	St. Johns, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Roundtables: Construction	4/19/18	Downtown Market, Grand Rapids
Homeward Bound - In-Person & Webcast "Marijuana"	5/3/18	St. Johns, Plymouth
Real Property Law Academy I	5/9/18 & 5/10/18	Michigan State University MEC, Troy
ICSC	2/8/18	Showplace Novi
"Meet & Greet"	10/24/17	Big Rock, Birmingham
"Meet & Greet"	5/17/18	Red Dunn Kitchen, Detroit

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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 to execute upon the Section's 2017 Strategic Plan. The successes or failures of the initiatives implemented by the 2017-2018 Council, such as offering new continuing education opportunities through co-sponsorships, providing pro bono service opportunities and centralizing the legislative review process into a committee structure, will provide the next Council with guidance on which strategies to build upon and which ones to change. Attention in the next year might also be spent on how the membership best digests communications and scholarly articles in the eNewsletter and Real Property Review. The next Council may wish to consider how technology continues to impact how the Council and the membership connect, particularly when members and potential members are located long distances from where in-person meetings of the Section or the Council are held. In the years to come, attracting future leaders of the Section will likely become a more important factor in achieving the 2017 Strategic Plan.

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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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting and Seminar`	9/22/2017	Henry Ford College Dearborn
Section Council Meeting	10/11/2017	University Club Lansing
Section Work Group Meeting	11/8/2017	Teleconference
Section Council Meeting	12/6/2018	Teleconference
Section Council Meeting	1/10/2018	Teleconference
Section Council Meeting	3/7/2018	University Club Lansing
Section Council Meeting	5/16/2018	Teleconference

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Seminar: A Civil Conference Disrobed	9/22/2017	Henry Ford College Dearborn
Seminar: SSA Practioner Kaleidoscope	4/20/2018	James Henry Executive Development Center Lansing

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Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information:

The section has taken advantage of the teleconferencing services provided by the State Bar of Michigan. The section has also been able to increase it's average amount of funds on had making the section more financially stable than previous years.

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Legislative issues:

The Council took a position on ADM File No. 2016-27 which did not exactly match the position the State Bar ultimately took.

Recommendations for next Council:

Figure out new ways to increase membership, provide existing membership with the value they seek, such as additional programs, conferences on law practice management.

Other Information:

The Section awards an Outstanding Achievement Award every year, and in 2017, we awarded it to Elizabeth Silverman. The section continues to recruit members to join our Mutual Membership Program to enlarge the pool of participants to be large enough to facilitate mutuality between mentors. The Section also regularly publishes its newsletter, the Practitioner.

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Regular Council Meeting	07/20/17	Southfield, MI
Regular Council Meeting	08/24/17	Southfield, MI
Annual Meeting	10/05/17	Birmingham, MI
Regular Council Meeting	10/26/17	Detroit, MI
Regular Council Meeting	12/07/17	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Regular Council Meeting	01/18/18	Detroit, MI
Regular Council Meeting	02/16/18	Detroit, MI
Regular Council Meeting	03/15/18	Detroit, MI
Regular Council Meeting	04/19/18	Detroit, MI

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual SALT Mixer with Lansing Officials (Dept of Treasury, Michigan Tax Tribunal, etc)	09/13/17	Lansing, MI
Employee Benefits Presentation: Employee Benefits in Mergers and Acquisitions	09/17/17	Birmingham, MI
Young Tax Lawyers Committee - Mixer	11/15/17	Royal Oak, MI
Young Tax Lawyers Presentation: Tax Considerations in Mergers & Acquisitions	01/18/18	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Michigan Tax Tribunal Luncheon	01/23/18	Lansing, MI
Employee Benefits Presentation: Important Welfare Plan Issues in 2018	01/25/18	Troy, MI
Estates and Trust Presentation: Charitable Planning Post-Tax Reform	02/07/18	Detroit, MI
US Tax Court Luncheon	02/13/18	Detroit, MI
FIT Presentation: Section 280E Planning and Considerations	04/19/18	Detroit, MI
Employee Benefits Mixer	04/26/18	Grand Rapids, MI
Annual Tax Conference	05/24/18	Plymouth, MI

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Legislative issues:

Examined and considered SB 540 (amendments to the General Property Tax Act's definition of "transfer of ownership") but have not taken any measures regarding the same as of the date of this report.

Recommendations for next Council:

1) continue to encourage Committees to plan more events; 2) continue to improve communications with membership; 3) continue to execute on the Strategic Plan and adopt a new one in January 2019; 4) finalize amendments to Policy & Procedures Manual (last update 10/13).

Other Information:

General budget information: The Section remains financially strong (cash on hand over \$100k as of 03/31/18). Our dues are reasonable (\$30 a year) and as of the date of this report we see no reason to raise them in the near future.

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Workers' Comp Section Council Meetings	6/22/17	Mission Point, Mackinac Is.
	9/8/17	Lansing, MI
	10/20/17	teleconference
	12/8/17	Plymouth, MI
	1/12/18	teleconference
	3/2/18	"
	4/13/18	"
	5/11/18	"
	6/14/18	Traverse City, MI

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Annual Summer Meeting: Hall of Fame inductees Murray Feldman & Greg Rapp	6/22/17	Mission Point, Machinac Is.
Annual Winter Meeting: Kathleen Wyeth CMS presentation	12/8/17	Plymouth, MI
Past Presidents' Luncheon/Tiger Game	5/16/18	Detroit, MI
Annual Summer Meeting: Hall of Fame inductees Ted Felker and Charles Gilfeather	6/14/18	Traverse City, MI

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Legislative issues:

None of consequence

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue the council's efforts to increase member participation in section events. Include Upper Peninsula members.

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Legislative issues:

No

Recommendations for next Council:

Because the incoming council has a lot of new members, I would encourage continuing the separate district meetings so that new members may ask questions about what is expected of them and how to achieve those expectations.

Other Information:

None

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- **4th Annual Diversity Mock Trial Competition (June 3, 2017, Detroit)**
The YLS hosted a mock trial competition at University of Detroit-Mercy Law School. It provides middle school students with an opportunity to participate in a mock trial and interact with local judges and lawyers.
- **586/248/313 Networking Challenge (June 7, 2017, Sterling Heights)**
The YLS cosponsored this challenge at Kart 2 Kart. Leaders from the sections of the Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne bar associations were present to discuss the benefits of bar service.
- **History of Legal Practice in Northern Michigan/Upper Peninsula (June 23, 2017, Marquette)**
Registrants had the opportunity to attend informative presentations on a wide range of topics, explaining the history that led to the unique jurisprudential climate of the UP and northern Michigan.
- **So You Have Your P Number, Now What? Practice Essentials for New Lawyers (July 22, 2017, Novi)**
This was a half-day training seminar specifically designed for new lawyers, where they learned about a number of items, including how to start a practice, work/life balance, and maintaining their good standing with the bar.
- **Breakfast Basics (October 14, 2017, Detroit; April 7, 2018, Detroit)**
YLS partnered with ICLE to provide new practitioners with the basics of a representation in a DUI case.
- **National Trial Advocacy Competition (October 20 – 22, 2017, Pontiac)**
This was a trial advocacy competition based on a sample problem where 11 teams from around the country participated.
- **US Supreme Court Admission Trip (November 27, 2017, Washington, D.C.)**
The YLS sponsors 12 applicants for admission to the United States Supreme Court every other year. A group photograph, lecture, and breakfast are provided.
- **Health and Wellness Presents: Yoga For Lawyers (January 13, 2018, Brighton)**
Participants had a yoga session followed by networking and a healthy lunch to focus on mindfulness and work/life balance, in line with the ABA's Fit-to-Practice initiative.

- **Taking the Next Step: Tips and Tools for Your Legal Education Journey (January 27, 2018, Auburn Hills)**
This was a panel discussion featuring representatives from each of the Michigan law schools at each stage of their legal education.
- **Expungement Fair (February 24, 2018, Detroit)**
YLS Co-sponsored this with the Detroit Deltas and Lakeshore Legal Aid. On-site screening and the preparation of expungement materials were provided for individuals who may be eligible for expungements.
- **I AM YLS Table (July 25 – 26, 2017; February 27 – 28, 2018, Lansing)**
The YLS hosts tables at the Bar Examinations to provide essentials for the exams and words of encouragement.
- **UDM Bar Association Fair (March 6, 2018, Detroit)**
The YLS had a presence at the bar association fair at U of D Mercy.
- **YLS Health and Wellness Presents: Aerial for Lawyers (March 24, 2018, Ferndale)**
Participants had a nice workout learning about the basics of aerial acrobatics, so that they could focus on mindfulness and work-life balance, in line with the ABA's Fit-to-Practice initiative.
- **Taking Your Professional Personal Self to Higher Ground (April 12, 2018, Detroit)**
This was a presentation by April McKie, who provided tips for young lawyers regarding strengthening their professional and personal lives.
- **Annual YLS Council v BOC Challenge (April 20, 2018, Lansing)**
The YLS challenged the BOC to bowling and raised money for Access to Justice.
- **Choose Law High School Seminar (May 18, 2018, Clintondale; TBD, Detroit)**
This is a program designed to equip high school students with information they need if they wish to pursue a career in the law. This is in line with the ABA Choose Law initiative.
- **YLS Health and Wellness Presents: Boot Camp for Lawyers (May 19, 2018, Detroit)**
Participants had an intensive workout and a lecture on nutrition so that they could focus on self-care and work-life balance, in line with the ABA's Fit-to-Practice initiative.
- **Meet Your Council Member (December 12, 2017, Royal Oak; February 22, 2018, Lansing; May 4, 2018, Royal Oak; May 21, 2018, Birmingham)**

Various council members hosted these events in their respective districts to encourage young lawyers to become involved with the section.

- **11th Annual Young Lawyer Summit (June 15 – 16, 2018, Harbor Springs)**

The 11th Annual Young Lawyer Summit will take place at Boyne Highlands to kick off the summer. The Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award will be presented, and Justice Bridget Mary McCormack is the keynote speaker for the luncheon. There will also be an Improv Bootcamp, free professional headshots, lots of CLE, and the 4th health and wellness event, which is a golf scramble.