

Annual Report - Elder Law and Advocacy Section
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In 2004-2005, the Elder Law and Advocacy Section activities focused largely on legislation and education.

The Section continued its relationship with Capital Services in an effort to keep track of developments in the State budget that would impact the elderly and persons with special needs and their attorneys. Section lobbying efforts have continued to focus on defeating efforts to introduce an "estate recovery" program, as well as looking at the State of Michigan's Long-Term Care Campaign. Efforts included meetings with key lawmakers and members of the Granholm administration, as well as working with other organizations interested in this issue.

The Section enjoyed a tremendously successful Fall education program held in September 2004. The Section also hosted a very successful one-day education program in April, 2005 at the M.S.U. Management Center in Troy. This year's upcoming annual meeting will be held in the fall at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord.