

**2006-2007 SECTION ANNUAL REPORT
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

Section Name: Labor & Employment Law Section

Mission Statement The Labor and Employment 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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2006-07 Council Meeting Schedule (date and location): September 14, 2006 (Ypsilanti Michigan); October 9, 2006 (Bloomfield Hills); November 13, 2006 (Bloomfield Hills); December 11, 2006 (Farmington Hills); January 8, 2007 (Southfield); February 12, 2007 (Bloomfield Hills); March 12, 2007 (Bloomfield Hills); April 9, 2007 (Okemos); May 14, 2007 (Southfield). Additional Meetings are scheduled for June 11, 2007 and August 13 2007 at locations to be determined.

Events/Seminars:

In November, the Section continued its tradition of purchasing scholarships for law students to attend the Bernard Gottfried Labor Law Seminar. One of the primary services that the Section performs for its members is seminars for continuing legal education. The Section was a party to two such seminars in December.

The Section co-sponsored, along with the Grand Rapids Bar Association's Labor Law Section, a Seminar on e-Discovery on December 6, 2006. The seminar featured, among others, a Kent County Circuit Court judge as well as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Later in December, the Section sponsored a seminar at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The feature speaker was Gerald Meijers who discussed crisis management techniques.

On January 26, 2007 and January 27, 2007, the Section held its Mid-Winter Meeting. At dinner on January 26, 2007 the Section honored H. Rhett Pensky an attorney for Grand Rapids, with its Distinguished Service Award. The dinner also featured a Keynote Speech by Professor Kevin Boyle, an author of four books including his latest, "Arch of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in The Jazz Age." On Saturday morning, January 27, 2007 the Section hosted another continuing education legal seminar. The seminar featured an update on the latest case law from the Michigan Employment Relations Commission by Jeff Donahue, an update on the latest case law from the National Labor Relations Board by Stan Moore, and update on employment law cases from Jeffrey Steel, another presentation by Professor Kevin Boyle, and a panel discussion on leaves of absence featuring Darcie Brault, David Calzone, Michael Shoudy, Kathryn VanDagens, Chris Davis, and moderated by George Wirth. Working with a nearly two decades long tradition, the Section held this meeting at the Detroit Athletic Club.

On April 12 and 13, the Section co-sponsored the Labor & Employment Law Institute with ICLE at the St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth.

The Section also debuted its Membership Directory in May 2007.

The Section also plans a seminar on June 11 at the Birmingham Conference Center.

Article VIII, § 1

Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

Please submit your report via e-mail to smcmann@mail.michbar.org

Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan

The State Bar provided assistance in the Section's Programming at the Annual Meeting in Ypsilanti in September 2006. The State Bar also provided invaluable assistance, in the persons of Susan McMann and Anne Smith at its Mid-Winter Meeting in Detroit in January 2007. The State Bar also provided the person power and consulting expertise to get the Section's Membership Directory up and online.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Section is always looking for new and better ways to provide services to our members. To that end, we will explore programming that our members find to be of value in their respective practices.

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