



# Section Annual Reports

2013-2014

# State Bar of Michigan

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SECTIONS**

**Introduction**

The Annual Report is a key document required by the State Bar of Michigan as stated in its bylaws, cited below. An annual report assists future Section leaders in understanding the Section's history, and serves as a planning guideline for the upcoming year. Annual Reports are also the main source for those who are interested in joining to section to learn about the activities of the section and decide whether membership is of value to them. Each annual report is published on the Section's website, provided as a resource to the public and potential Section members, as well as to Bar staff. The annual reports are submitted to the Board of Commissioners at their July meeting. In addition to the required general summary of activities, many sections choose to include additional material in their reports.

***Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan***

*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.*

**Additional Materials**

Many sections provide more information in their annual reports than a general summary of activities. The second page of this document is a comprehensive list of other valuable materials that may or may not be included in an annual report, with additional guidelines for the section's consideration. This is not a list of required items for an annual report, simply a thorough list of information that is often of interest to the public, section members, the Commissioners, and Bar staff. If desired, the list may be used as a basic guideline for an annual report.

**Templates**

The final pages in this document are a simple template, which may be altered to the section's needs. The template attempts to break down the bylaw requirement of "summary of its activities" into a few generalized categories. It is not required that a section utilize the template.

**Submission**

All annual reports should be submitted by May 31, 2014. They should be submitted to:

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ANNUAL REPORT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

**SECTION NAME:** Have there been any changes in the section name? Details provided may be interesting to the public and other readers.

**SECTION MISSION STATEMENT:** A Sections' mission statement is a critical description of the goals the Section sets for the whole of it's' membership. Including the statement in an Annual Report serves as a yardstick by which to measure progress.

**OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Including P#s accurately identifies officers and the council.

**SECTION COMMITTEES:** Descriptions of the various committees provides a clearer picture of a section's work, especially if the name of the chairperson and description of Committee activities are included. Including meeting schedules allows potential future volunteers for Committee work to better understand the frequency with which the committee meets.

**SECTION MEMBERSHIP:** Section membership fluctuates from year to year. Tracking the membership numbers at a set time of year, such as the Annual Report Deadline, can provide a good picture of changes in the Section membership.

**SECTION BYLAWS:** Awareness of Bylaws changes can be critical for understanding a Section's operation. Including the most recent revision date of the Bylaws will allow readers familiar with the Bylaws to ensure they have the most current version at hand. Additionally, if there are any forthcoming changes, this is a good opportunity to summarize plans briefly.

**SECTION PUBLICATIONS:** Some of the most frequent questions for Sections are in regard to publications the Section has produced. Providing a list including publication information for journals, newsletters and other publications creates a valuable resource.

**MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS:** This is critical information for the Annual Report. Describing meetings, activities and seminars can be detailed, or brief. Suggestions for information to include are the date, location, and a minimum of one paragraph describing the event.

**SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY:** The Section's involvement in legislature, policy, or *amicus curiae* is a matter of great interest, many questions are asked regarding the Sections involvement in such. A brief description of any such involvement is requested, as this falls under the heading of section activities.

**AWARDS:** Many Sections present awards, honors, or scholarships. The Annual Report is another opportunity to laud the recipients, as well as detail any awards presented to the Section itself. A description of the history of the award, or why the award is given, is useful.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Section finances vary from simple to complex. A brief statement of general budget information would be very appropriate to include in any Annual Report, or a reprinting of an annual Treasurer's report if the Section feel it is necessary.

**FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:** Because the Annual Report is often used as a resource for future planning, and is viewed by members of the public who may be considering membership in the Section, a brief description of future goals and activities is recommended. This may also serve as a recommendation to the next Council.

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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Administrative & Regulatory Law

**Mission Statement:** The Administrative & Regulatory Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the State Bar of Michigan website, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Michael Matheson	Loomis Ewert Parsley Davis & Gotting PC 124 W. Allegan St. Ste. 700 Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 482-2400	mfmatheson@loomislaw.com
Chair-Elect	Richard J. Aaron	Warner Norcross & Judd, 120 N Washington Square #410, Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 679-7400	raaron@wnj.com
Secretary	Christine Mason Soneral	ITC Holdings Corp. 27175 Energy Way Novi, MI 48377	(248) 946-3553	csoneral@itctransco.com
Treasurer	Michael S. Ashton	Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap PC 124 W. Allegan St. Ste. 1000 Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 482-5800	mashton@fraserlawfirm.com

Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael S. Ashton	9/30/2014	Mark J. Burzych	9/30/16
J. Patrick Howe	9/30/2014	Gary P. Gordon	9/30/16
Christine Mason-Soneral	9/30/2014	Shaun Matthew Johnson	9/30/16
Michael J. Watza	9/30/2014	Richard A. Patterson	9/30/16
Richard J. Aaron	9/30/2015		
Jon P. Christinidis	9/30/2015		
Timothy J. Lundgren	9/30/2015		
Michael F. Matheson	9/30/2015		

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	October 16, 2013	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	November 14, 2013	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	December 10, 2013	East Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	January 28, 2014	Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	February 27, 2014	Brighton
Monthly Council Meeting	March 25, 2014	East Lansing
Monthly Council Meeting	May 22, 2014	East Lansing

**General Budget Information:** As of March 31, 2013, the Section's ending fund balance was \$45,221.63.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Meeting – OOGM Fracking Presentation	September 19, 2013	Lansing
MTT Luncheon – Tax Tribunal Speakers	December 10, 2013	East Lansing
Liquor Control Commission Luncheon – LCC Speakers	March 25, 2014	East Lansing
MPSC Commissioner Luncheon –Commissioners/Governor Energy Policy Advisor Speakers	May 22, 2014	East Lansing
Effective Presentations in Administrative Proceedings	June 17, 2014 (Scheduled)	Lansing

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**Legislative issues:** The Section continually monitors pending legislation and rulemaking and acts consistent with the interests of the Section. The Section has a committee designated to monitoring relevant legislation and rules. The Section also publishes a newsletter which addresses legislative issues. This year the Section also reviewed and commented on the Uniform Hearing Rules proposed by the Michigan Administrative Hearing System and further reviewed and considered the proposed Recommendations of the ORR Regarding the Rulemaking Process.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

Programs are an integral part of the success of the Section and should be constantly evaluated for ways to improve the offerings. A new program is being implemented this year; namely, Effective Presentations in Administrative Hearings, and consideration should be given to whether it is presented on an annual basis. Emphasis should also be placed on expanding the Section's outreach, including, but not limited to, by focusing on the involvement in the Section by the Attorney General's office.

**Other Information:**

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Agricultural Law Section

**Mission Statement:** To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among members engaged in the practice of law serving agricultural clients, with the goal of improving the practice of law in Michigan.

**Membership:** As of May 31, 2014, there are 201 members of the Agricultural Law Section.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Kristiana M. Coutu P71769	251 N Rose Street, 4th Floor Kalamazoo, MI 49009	269-330-4576	kmcoutu@varnumlaw.com
Chair-Elect	Trent C. Hilding P68189	6824 E. Lake Montcalm Rd. Edmore, MI 48829	989-427-3436	hildingagservices@yahoo.com
Secretary	Liza C. Moore P72240	313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933	517-371-8281	lmoore@fosterswift.com
Treasurer	John R. Dresser P35161	112 S Monroe St 49091-1729 Sturgis MI	269- 651-3281	jdresser@dresserlaw.com

Council Member	Term
Kristiana M. Coutu P71769	2013-2014
Trent C. Hilding P68189	2013-2014
Liza C. Moore P72240	2013-2014
John R. Dresser P35161	2013-2014
Jeff G. Haarer P42386	2012-2014
Todd W Hoppe P67723	2012-2014
Laura Elizabeth Volkmann P71882	2012-2014
Allison Lee Eicher P75385	2013-2015
Mark E. Kellogg P38306	2013-2014
Steven D. Weyhing P30749	2013-2015

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**Council Meeting Schedule:** The Council meets regularly on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Meetings are typically held by conference call.

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Conference Call	October 17, 2013	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	December 18, 2013	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	January 22, 2014	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	February 19, 2014	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	March 26, 2014	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	April 23, 2014	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	June 25, 2014	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	July 23, 2014	Conference Call
Council Conference Call	August 25, 2014	Conference Call
Annual Meeting	September 17, 2014	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids

**Committees:** The Section has four committees as summarized below.

**Publication Committee:** Sally Babbitt (P62120), Chair. The goal of the Publication Committee is to prepare articles for the Section's website and distribution to Section members by email. The Publication Committee is also looking into the feasibility of developing a blog as a forum for recent and relevant agricultural law information.

**Program Committee:** Matthew Johnson(P64772), Chair. The Program Committee is charged with planning roundtable programs throughout the state to develop interaction and information sharing among members of the section.

**Food Law Committee:** Sarah Harwood, Co-Chair. Kurt Brauer (P54061), Co-Chair. The Food Law Committee is charged with planning events and publications specifically focused on legal issues relating to food production and processing in Michigan.

**Legislative Committee:** Cindy Rhodes Victor (P33613), Chair. The Legislative Committee is charged with monitoring current legislative activity in Michigan as it relates to agricultural and food production. The Legislative Committee is developing a legislation tracker that will be posted on the Section's website.

**General Budget Information:** As of April 30, 2014, the Section's year-to-date gross revenue was \$3,975. The Section's year-to-date expenses as through April 30, 2014 were \$279.87. Significant items occurring in May that are not included in the April 30, 2014 year-to-date number involve income and expenses resulting from the Food Committee luncheon scheduled for June 3, 2014. The Section was fortunate and received generous sponsorship donations for the event from several Michigan law firms.

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**Events and/or Seminars:**

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Luncheon: Outbreaks in the Food Industry: What Really Happens During an Investigation	June 3, 2014	Lansing
2nd Annual Meeting & Program	September 17, 2014	Grand Rapids
Student Agricultural & Food Law Symposium	November 7, 2014	East Lansing

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, one goal of the Council and Committees is to hold periodic luncheons or other short programs throughout the state with the goal is providing relevant information to members and other attendees as well as providing the opportunity for interaction among agricultural and food law practitioners. The June 3, 2014 luncheon is one such event, with the topic of "Outbreaks in the Food Industry: What Really Happens During an Investigation" presented by Byron Beerbower, Compliance Manager at the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.

The 1st Annual Program held in conjunction with the annual meeting was as success. Attendance was good and feedback was very favorable. The 2nd Annual Program planning is underway. Council consensus was the to provide another half-day program along with the annual meeting. The program will focus on two themes: (1) How the Farm Bill impacts Michigan Agriculture and (2) Farm-to-Table, a Legal Perspective. Speakers from government, the agricultural industry, and practitioners will speak on these topics and provide attendees with current, relevant information.

The Council decided to develop the first Student Agricultural and Food Law Symposium with the goal of increasing awareness of the importance of agricultural law in Michigan. The Symposium will be held at Michigan State University College of Law on November 7, 2014. Michigan law students and current law school graduates are invited to submit papers on agricultural and/or food law topics which will be evaluated by a panel of judges made up of Michigan agricultural and food law attorneys.

**Legislative issues:** The Section has a Legislative Committee to monitor current Michigan legislation as it relates to agriculture and food production and processing. The Legislative Committee is developing a legislation tracker that will be posted on the Section's website.

**Recommendations for next Council:** When the next Council starts its term, the Agricultural Law Section will have finished its first full year as a section. Since its inception, the Section's Council has worked to set the groundwork for the new Section, including forming the Program, Publication, Food Law and Legislative committees, holding a successful first Annual Program, creating a listserv and LinkedIn account for member discussion.

Specific current fiscal year activities include working to develop a strategic plan for the Section to assist future councils, working with the Publication Committee to develop articles on agricultural and food law issues, holding a luncheon specifically focused on inspections in the food industry, improving the Section's website by adding resources for agricultural and food law practitioners and

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students interested in these areas, reaching out to law students interested in agricultural and food law and developing programs to increase student interaction.

The next Council should continue to plan short programs throughout the next year on agricultural and food law topics, with the goal of holding at least one luncheon type event quarterly. Assuming attendance at the Annual Program is favorable, the next Council should consider expanding the next Annual Program to a full day program so that the scope of the subject matter can be expanded. It is expected that the Student Agricultural Law Symposium will be a success and if so, the next Council should consider holding the Symposium again. The next Council should continue to consider the overall role of law school students advancing the practice of agricultural law in Michigan and should build on the student involvement that was gained in 2014. The next Council should work with the Publication Committee to develop a sustainable method of obtaining and delivering publications to section members, such as a blog or a quarterly newsletter. The next Council should evaluate the effectiveness of the listserv and should consider options to increase member use.

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ADR SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name: Alternative Dispute Resolution**

**Mission Statement:** The Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) Section provides members of the State Bar of Michigan and the general public with creative leadership in the dispute resolution field. The Section fosters diversity in the profession, develops and offers educational programs about ADR, promotes access to dispute resolution alternatives, monitors legislative and judicial activity about ADR, and provides policy guidance, information, and technical assistance on ethical issues, dispute resolution techniques, and training design in the ADR field. The Section also produces publications that promote wider use and excellence in the provision of alternative problem-solving techniques and dispute resolution services. The Section’s Purpose Statement appears in Article I, Section 2 of its Bylaws.

**Membership:** The Section currently has 783 members. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan. Also, affiliate status is open to any individual with an interest in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

**Officers and Council Members:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>
Chair	Antoinette R. Raheem P36474	7 W. Square Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302	248-972-5550	arrlaw@sbcglobal.net
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Secretary	Joseph C. Basta P24645	2243 Twin Islands Court Ann Arbor, MI 48108	734-429-0796	jcbasta@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Anne L. Buckleitner P59832	4250 Chicago Dr. SW, Suite B Grandville, MI 49418	616-667-2217	alb@smietankalaw.com
Immediate Past Chair	Robert E. Lee Wright P32279	77 Monroe Center St. NW, Suite 507 Grand Rapids, MI 49503	616-682-7000	bob@thepeacetalks.com

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<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Term</b>
Melissa Matias	2014	Lawrence R. Abramczyk	2014
Erin Hopper	2014	John Tatum	2016
Brian A. Pappas	2013	Joseph C. Basta	2014
Peter Kupelian	2016	Alan M. Kanter	2014
Marc M. Stanley	2013	Michael G. Nowakowski	2014
Sheldon J. Stark	2013	Steven J. Tressider	2014
Ralph Maccarone III	2016	Martin C. Weisman	2014
Earlene Baggett-Hayes	2015	Lisa Taylor	2016
Anne L Buckleitner	2015	Lee Hornberger	2015
William J. Caprathe	2015	David M. Lick	2015
Donald J. Gasiorek	2015	Celeste S. McDemott	2015

***Council Meeting Schedule (open to all Section members):***

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Annual Meeting & Conference	9/27-28/13	Kingsley Inn Bloomfield Hills, MI
Regular Council Meeting	11/8/13	SBM, Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	1/10/14	SBM, Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	3/9/14	SBM, Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	5/9/14	SBM, Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	7/11/14	SBM, Lansing, MI
Annual Meeting & Conference	10/17-18/14	Kensington Inn Ann Arbor, MI
Regular Council Meeting	11/14/14 @ 9:30-1:30	SBM, Lansing, MI

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**General Budget Information:**

	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
	<u>(actual)</u>	<u>(estimated)</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$47,060	\$38,960
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
CONSULTING	\$12,000	0
GRANTS AND DONATIONS	0	\$6,000
LISTSERV	\$540	\$500
ANDRI	\$3,500	\$3,500
MEETINGS	\$1,971	\$1,500
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES	\$16,812	\$6,000
SEMINARS	\$229	0
TRAVEL	\$482	\$1,500
TELEPHONE	\$460	\$1,000
NEWSLETTER	\$4,818	\$2,200
POSTAGE	\$25	\$150
MISCELLANEOUS	\$700	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,537</b>	<b>\$22,850</b>
 <b>BALANCE (before beginning balance added)</b>	 <b>\$5,523</b>	 <b>\$16,110</b>
 <b>Plus Beginning Fund Balance</b>		 <b>\$6266</b>
 <b>PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE</b>		 <b>\$22,376</b>

**Events and/or Seminars:**

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
ADR Section Annual Meeting & Conference	9/27-28/13	Kingsley Inn Bloomfield Hills, MI
Advanced Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Institute (ICLE)	03/13/2014	Inn at St. Johns Plymouth, Michigan
Business Court Seminar	4/17/14	Telephonic
Spring Board: The ABCs of ADR: Maximizing Results Through Effective Advocacy	6/5/14	Big Rock Chop House Birmingham, MI
ADR Section Annual Meeting & Conference	10/17-18/14	Kensington Inn Ann Arbor, MI

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### Legislative issues:

The ADR Council passed a resolution earlier this year opposing proposed legislation that would have created a voluntary Bar Association [SB 743]. Instead of such legislation, the Council supported the Supreme Court Task Force set up to study the appropriate role of the State Bar of Michigan and sent a letter to the chair of that Task Force expressing that support.

### Publications:

The Section publishes *The ADR Quarterly* and now disseminates that publication to members electronically. The Section also makes copies of past editions freely available on its website: <http://www.michbar.org/adr/newsletter.cfm>.

## ADR SECTION ACTION TEAMS & TASK FORCES

The Mission of the Section is accomplished through its Action Teams and Task Forces which consist of:

### Diversity

Purpose: 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. More specifically, the Task Force is looking into ways to implement some or all of the recommendations of the Task Force on Diversity in ADR that was convened by the State Bar. See that Task Force's report by going to [http://www.michbar.org/adr/pdfs/TaskForce\\_Diversity.pdf](http://www.michbar.org/adr/pdfs/TaskForce_Diversity.pdf).

#### 2013-2014 Chair:

Earlene Baggett-Hayes  
[erbhayes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erbhayes@sbcglobal.net)

### Effective Practices and Procedures ("EPP")

Purpose: EPP's goals are to improve ADR practices and procedures and review pending or proposed legislation or court rules for their impact on ADR. EPP also provides the voice for the section on the section's position on relevant rules and legislation. EPP offers comments and recommendations concerning proposed legislation and court rules impacting ADR in Michigan.

#### 2013-2014 Chair:

Martin C. Weisman, Esq.  
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### **Government Task Force (“GTF”)**

Purpose: The GTF educates governmental agencies about the benefits of ADR and urges state agencies, local units of government, and private and non-profit partnerships to use ADR methods in all dispute resolution practices.

#### 2013-2014 Chair:

Brian A. Pappas, Esq.  
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### **Judicial Access Team (JAT)**

Purpose: JAT advances ADR goals as they pertain to courts throughout Michigan and promotes ADR awareness in the federal, state and local judiciary. It accomplishes these goals by developing and promoting programs and activities to increase the use of ADR procedures in the state’s court system. For example, the team helped to develop and support a civil and domestic presentation at the Annual Michigan Judicial Institute in March of 2014.

#### 2013-2014 Chair:

William Caprathe  
[bcaprathe@netscape.net](mailto:bcaprathe@netscape.net)

### **Membership**

Purpose: Membership’s goal 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 educate itself on new 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.

#### 2013-2014 Chair:

Celeste McDermott  
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### **Nominating**

Purpose: The Nominating team recruits and proposes attorneys who are members of the section for membership on the ADR Council. Nominating also receives and vets recommendations for recipients of the various awards presented annually by the Section.

#### 2013-2014 Chair:

Robert E.L. Wright  
[Bob@ThePeaceTalks.com](mailto:Bob@ThePeaceTalks.com)

### **Outreach**

Purpose: The goal of Outreach is to increase awareness among the public in general, attorneys, businesses, schools, governmental entities and agencies and any other potential end users of ADR, about what ADR is and its benefits. A significant undertaking of this team

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is coordinating activities with and supporting the Michigan Mediates! campaign, a program of the Dispute Resolution Education Resources, Inc.(DRER). This Michigan Mediates! public awareness initiative is designed to acquaint Michigan residents with the benefits of mediation through a website, public service announcements, community forums and other means. The Outreach Team also will be working with CDRCs to help promote ADR in educational settings and will be reaching out to special interest groups such as the LGBT community, low income individuals and the elderly communities to determine how ADR might best address some of their unique dispute resolution needs.

### 2013-2014 Chair:

Marc Stanley  
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### **Publications**

Purpose: Publications solicits, reviews, and publishes articles for a quarterly newsletter for ADR Section members and affiliates and this year began collecting and editing articles for an ADR theme issue of the State Bar Journal. It is also responsible for postings to the Section's e-mail listserv that keeps our members up to date on Section activities and related ADR news. In August 2013 this team published the Section's first eco-friendly, all-electronic version of the ADR Quarterly to allow easier storage for Section members and substantial savings for the Section.

### 2013-2014 Chair:

Lee Hornberger  
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### **Section to Section ("STS")**

Purpose: STS strives to increase collaboration with other sections of the State Bar and local bar associations with a view toward enhancing the use of the ADR for members of this Section and those of other sections as well. In doing so, STS has and continues to sponsor programs for or collaborate with other sections in presenting educational programs about ADR. Those collaborating sections include the Young Lawyers, Litigation, Labor and Employment and Family Law, to name a few.

### 2013-2014 Chair:

Don Gasiorek  
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### **Skills**

Purpose: Skills is responsible for planning advanced skills programs in ADR throughout the year. The primary programming includes presenting the Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute (ANDRI) or some similarly comprehensive ADR training, a skills programming at the annual meeting of the ADR Section and, most recently, telephonic or webcast mini-trainings on various ADR topics.

### 2013-2014 Chair:

Sheldon Stark  
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Individual Team contributions to this report include the following:

### PUBLICATIONS

The Publications team of the ADR Section this year published *The ADR Quarterly* and made past editions freely available on its website: <http://www.michbar.org/adr/newsletter.cfm>. The ADR Quarterly was published in May and September 2013, and January and April 2014.

The ADR Announcement ListServ membership list was vetted and brought up to date in December 2013. Preliminary steps were taken for the ADR Section to sponsor the June 2015 ADR theme edition of the Michigan Bar Journal, and a call for authors for the Michigan Bar Journal theme edition has been issued. In addition, there have been consultations with the State Bar of Michigan concerning the transition of the Section's website to SBM Connect.

### DIVERSITY

Themes of this Task Force include:

1. Better understanding and considering cultures, languages and other factors among potential ADR end users so that more diverse end users may gain optimal access to and benefit from ADR.
2. Supporting individuals from diverse communities in becoming successful ADR providers so that the ADR provider pool will better reflect a wider spectrum of end users.
3. Increasing the cultural competence of all ADR providers so that the needs of all ADR end users may be better met.
4. Increasing community knowledge of, access to and receptivity to ADR, while ensuring that the ADR provided is tailored to the needs of all end users.

Activities this Bar year include:

1. Development of parameters for an ADR provider Mentoring program
2. Attended ABA Diversity seminar in March 2014 where information was gained about addressing issues affecting international cultures and women
3. Obtained information about the College of Commercial Arbitrators, an invitation only group actively seeking to increase its diversity.
4. Participated in a National ACR sponsored Diversity seminar featuring Marvin Johnson and Lou Giesel speaking on the need for more diverse ADR providers
5. Planning with ACR of Southeast Michigan a 2 to 4 hour diversity seminar for later this year
6. Meeting with minority arbitrators involved in pursuing greater opportunities in the ADR field in Michigan

### NOMINATING

At the ADR Section Annual Meeting on September 28, 2013, William Weber was presented with the Section's Distinguished Service Award to honor his significant contributions in the

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field of dispute resolution. Also at that time the Nanci S. Klein award was bestowed upon Pamela Chapman Enslin for her valuable work in community dispute resolution.

### **SKILLS**

The Skills Action Team has hosted three events during the last year.

First, the 2013 Annual Meeting was held at the Radisson Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills September 27 and 28, 2013. We departed from our standard format of bringing in a national speaker to showcase the talents of local ADR providers, which proved to be very popular. The 2014 Annual Meeting will take place at Ann Arbor's Kensington Court where we will resume our national speaker format with mediator and mediation trainer Cheryl Cutrona.

On March 13, 2014, we held the 13th Annual Advanced Negotiation & Dispute Resolution Institute at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, co-sponsored by the State Court Administrative Office and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE). Our national speaker was the popular Andy Little, author of "Making Money Talk". The Institute was a critical success although attendance was down.

The Section offered a telephone seminar on the new business court featuring Dick Hurford, Jerry Rock and Judge John Foster, Chief Judge Macomb County Circuit Court. Bob Wright hosted the seminar that attracted 40 registrants. The section is also planning a telephone seminar for the fall featuring Laura Athens on understanding the dynamics of bullying in school and how to mediate disputes arising out of bullying situations.

### **JUDICIAL ACCESS TEAM**

The Judicial Access Team ("JAT") meets by phone on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM. We met on 2/20, 4/17, and 5/15/14. Our team has developed four subcommittees to address: 1) creation of a roster of ADR neutrals, 2) education of judges on ADR, 3) education of attorneys on ADR and 4) creation of a clearinghouse of ADR procedures.

The JAT's objectives are to communicate with lawyers and judges regarding ADR, including early disposition of cases, to create a roster of neutrals who are qualified by training and experience to assist courts with ADR, and to help the SBM ADR Section become a clearinghouse for various ADR procedures, and how courts can utilize them. This includes supporting and helping in the development of the new Business Courts, that present an excellent opportunity to serve as an example of how early ADR can lead to successful outcomes for business and other cases.

### **GOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE**

Over the past year, the Governmental Task Force has worked with several governmental agencies. This work includes interacting with the City of Inkster to help it develop ways to address its economic and community revitalization and with some City of Ann Arbor elected officials to facilitate town meetings regarding public transit issues. It has likewise met with state officials such as the MDNR to discuss trail user disputes, LARA regarding wage/hour

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disputes and a state representative from the Lansing area who is a trained mediator and willing to introduce legislation to assure that state administrators have legislative ability to utilize mediation. The Task Force has also developed relationships with the State Attorney General's office and with other legislators. Some specific areas to which they plan to turn in the future are in developing a relationship with the Michigan Municipal League and MEDC.

### **EFFECTIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES**

The Effective Practices and Procedures Action Team ("EPP") is involved in reviewing legislative, policy, and/or amicus curiae activities involving alternative dispute resolution. Pursuant to that involvement, the EPP Committee this past year assisted in obtaining amendments to MCR 3.602 to conform to the requirements of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act. The top three goals for 2013 and 2014, besides obtaining the court rule amendment, included the development of an arbitrator's basic training course to be offered in Michigan. To that end, EPP has been working with the American Arbitration Association to develop the curriculum for this program and trainers have been selected. It is anticipated that this course will be launched during 2014-2015. Another of EPP's goals was to examine the possibility of mandatory ADR in all Michigan courts. Pursuant to that end, a special task force has been organized to work with EPP in examining, developing and if appropriate, proposing legislation and/or court rules to make ADR mandatory. A strategic plan on accomplishing this goal is in the process of being put together.

EPP has also reviewed and supported the adoption of the Uniform Collaborative Law Act that is currently winding its way through the legislature and has been passed by the state senate. The Committee also reviewed and is supporting the development of procedures to allow a joint petition for filing for divorce (i.e., taking the "vs." out of a divorce). Pursuant to same, a special task force has been developed to look at amending Michigan Court Rule 2.201 to change the designations requirement of a plaintiff and a defendant. EPP telephone conference meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

### **Recommendations for the next Council:**

- A. Follow-up on priorities developed in 2013's retreat/planning session
- B. Continue webinars and telephonic seminars to train ADR professionals and others
- C. Research what other jurisdictions are doing to promote greater use of ADR
- D. Sponsor more events geared toward educating advocates in ADR
- E. Develop a private ADR provider/neutral directory
- F. Pursue additional opportunities to increase the use of ADR by governmental agencies
- G. Create mentorships between new (and/or student) and experienced ADR professionals to increase diversity in the field and to increase membership
- H. Support Public Service Announcements and other methods of informing the public about the uses and benefits of ADR.

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**SECTION NAME:** Have there been any changes in the section name? Details provided may be interesting to the public and other readers. None

**SECTION MISSION STATEMENT:** The American Indian 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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P24673 Richard Scott Ryder, Fulton  
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P29735 Richard L. Cunningham, Detroit

**SECTION COMMITTEES:** Form as needed.

**SECTION MEMBERSHIP:** 180 member for 2013-2014

**SECTION BYLAWS:** None.

**SECTION PUBLICATIONS:** Working on producing e-mail newsletter June 2013.

**MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS:** We have had several conference calls this year and our next official meeting is scheduled on Thursday afternoon in conjunction with the Annual State Bar of Michigan meeting.

**SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY: AMERICAN INDIAN LAW COMMITTEE DOES THIS AND GIVES US AN UPDATE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MORE OFTEN IF NEEDED.**

**AWARDS EACH YEAR WE AWARD THE TECUMSEH PEACE PIPE AWARD FOR LEGAL WORK IN THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SOME REASON I DO NOT HAVE THE LATEST NUMBERS, BUT I KNOW THE SBM HAS THEM, BECAUSE THEY SEND THEM EVERY MONTH.**

**FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:** We are working on getting an Indian Law question on the State Bar Exam and a couple of Amicus Briefs on Statewide Tribal/ Federal Cases that effect Indian children and tribal sovereignty issues.

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**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Animal Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the Section's area of the State Bar of Michigan website, 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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Treasurer	Anna Scott	P.O. Box 1828 East Lansing, MI 48826		<a href="mailto:anna.m.scott@gmail.com">anna.m.scott@gmail.com</a>

Member	Term Ending
Brandon Michael Scott	2014
Sharon Noll Smith	2014
Beatrice M. Friedlander	2015
Margo Miller	2015
Alice Anna Phillips	2015
Richard Angelo	2016
Thomas Boven	2016
Sara Voigt	2016
Kieran Patrick Marion	2016
Don Garlit	Immediate Past Chair
Renee Edmondson	Law Student Advisor
Christy Lawrence	Law Student Advisor

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
In person annual meeting with teleconference technology	September 20, 2013	Lansing, Michigan
In person annual meeting with teleconference technology	December 7, 2013	State Bar of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan
Teleconference Meeting	March 21, 2014	Teleconference
Next In Person Meeting	July 2014	TBD
In person annual meeting with teleconference technology	September 19, 2014	Grand Rapids, Michigan

**General Budget Information:** The Section's financial status is healthy and strong. The Council receives periodic updates and is aware of all expenditures. As of April 2014, the section fund balance was \$17,216.24.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Wanda Nash Award Ceremony	May 6, 2014	Wayne State University
Animal Law Symposium (tentative)	October 4, 2014	State Bar of Michigan

**Legislative issues:** The Section voted to support the following legislation in the 2013–2014 term.

- [HB4300](#)—The Michigan Penal Code, Nonhuman Primates as Pets
- [HB4534](#)—An Act to Regulate Pet Shops, Animal Control Shelters, and Animal Protection Shelters
- [HB4535](#)—Animal Abuse Offenders Registry
- [HB4552](#)—Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act, Designating Species as Game
- [HB5061](#)—An Act to Regulate Pet Shops, Animal Control Shelters, and Animal Protection Shelters
- [HB5062](#)—Fingerprinting of Residents, Access by Animal Shelter to Certain Criminal History Record Information
- [SB0029](#)—Hazardous Substances, Addition of Bittering Agent

- [SB0048](#)—Large Carnivore Act
- [SB0285](#)—The Michigan Penal Code, Penalties for Crimes Against Animals
- [SB0286](#)—The Code of Criminal Procedure, Sentencing Guidelines for Crimes of Animal Cruelty
- [SB0288](#)—Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act, Designate Species as Game
- [SB0354](#)—Regulating Pet Shops, Animal Control Shelters, and Animal Protection Shelters
- [SB0386](#)—The Michigan Penal Code, Ownership of Animals
- [SB0603](#)—Fingerprinting Residents of the State, Access by Animal Shelter to Certain Criminal History Record Information
- [SB0604](#)—An Act to Regulate Pet Shops, Animal Control Shelters, and Animal Protection Shelters

**Awards:** The section handed out the Wanda Nash Award to Rebecca Wrock of Wayne State University for her outstanding accomplishments in the advancement of animal law. This award is handed out annually to a 3L law student from Michigan for their accomplishments in the advancement of animal law.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

1. Involve more Section members in activities.
2. Develop relationships with other sections regarding important and relevant legislation, programs beneficial to members, conferences etc...
3. Find ways to increase membership and increase involvement from current members.
4. Work on further development of the prosecutor committee.
5. Continue to work with legislators in drafting bills, testifying at committee meetings in furtherance and in support of all issues related to animal law.
6. Continue Legislative Aides Luncheon.

**Other Information:**

1. Attended House/Senate Committee hearings and submitted letters of support and or testimony.
2. Legislative Committee held teleconferences and meetings to identify legislation important and relevant to animal law and to continue and advance legislation which has already been supported by section.
3. Assisted various Michigan residents with legal issues involving animals, via our Animal Legal Lifeline at 866-211-6257.
4. Published regular newsletters.

## ANTITRUST, FRANCHISING & TRADE REGULATION SECTION

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**Section Name:** The section's name remained the same.

**Mission Statement:** Provide a forum for exchange of ideas and networking to members in Antitrust, Franchise, and Trade Regulation Law and Practice.

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2. Ex-Officio Publications Editor: Vacant. Action on this position is on hold pending State Bar Connect implementation.
3. Michigan Department of Attorney General Member: Vacant

**Section Committees:** Franchise Practitioners Group. This group focuses on Franchise Law and Practice. October 30, 2013, the group held a Franchise Law Update event featuring an International Franchise Association speaker, a panel discussion on franchise law and practice issues, and a franchise attorney-client drama. The event attracted over 60 people. The group is planning and organizing an October 24, 2014 event focusing on wage and overtime pay issues' impacts on franchisors, franchisees, and franchise systems. The group is working on four articles for the Section's upcoming December 2014 Michigan Bar Journal theme issue.

**Section Membership:** Based on Ms. Anderson's May 27, 2014 information, the section has 264 members.

**Section Bylaws:** In 2011- 2012, the section overhauled its bylaws. On October 1, 2012, the new bylaws became effective.

**Section Publications:** As outlined above, the Franchise Practitioners Group is working on four articles for the Section's upcoming December 2014 Michigan Bar Journal theme issue. Two Antitrust Law practitioners and their firms are also working on theme issue articles. Other publication efforts are on hold pending State Bar Connect implementation.

**Meetings, Activities, and Seminars:** The Section Council met on May 16, 2013, June 26, 2013, January 10, 2014, February 21, 2014, April 11, 2014, and May 16, 2014. On August 29, 2013, the section held its summer social event. On May 16, 2014, the section held its spring social event. On October 30, 2013 and November 7, 2013, the section held

outreach events at Cooley Law School-Auburn Hills and Wayne State University Law School. On June 7, 2013, July 26, 2013, September 13, 2013, November 22, 2013, February 7, 2014, March 21, 2014, March 29, 2014, and May 9, 2014, the Franchise Practitioners Group met or conferred by telephone. On October 30, 2013, the group held its above Franchise Law Update event.

**Section Legislature and Policy:** The section did not take any positions on any legislative issues and did not file any amicus briefs.

**Awards:** The section did not present any awards.

**Financial Report:** See Attached Section Treasurer's Report.

**Future Goals and Activities:** The section will finalize and forward its six December 2014 Michigan Bar Journal theme issue articles. The Franchise Practitioners Group will hold its October 24, 2014 event focusing on wage and overtime pay issues' impacts on franchisors, franchisees, and franchise systems. The section will help implement State Bar Connect. Lastly, the section will decide and implement any further means of providing any necessary publication or other services to its members.

**Recommendations for Next Council:** These recommendations will depend on State Bar Connect implementation and resolution of the mandatory versus voluntary State Bar issue.

### **FUTURE SECTION COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

June 27, 2014 (Call-In)

August 8, 2014 (In-Person at Kerr Russell)

September 19, 2014 (In-Person or Call-In, Depending on State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting Location)

October 31, 2014 (Call-In)

December 5, 2014 (Holiday Season Party)

After December 5, 2014: TBD

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Appellate Practice

**Mission Statement:** To promote the skillfull, efficient and effective practice of appellate law; to advance the administration of justice in the appellate courts so that the Bench and Bar may better serve the public interest.

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Geoffrey M. Brown	9/30/2014	Bridget Brown Peters	9/30/2015

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Marilena David-Martin	9/30/2014	Larry J. Saylor	9/30/2015
Stuart G. Friedman	9/30/2014	Graham K. Crabtree	9/30/2016
Gaetan E. Gerville-Reache	9/30/2014	Lauren D. Donofrio	9/30/2016
Elizabeth L. Sokol	9/30/2014	Richard C. Kraus	9/30/2016
Victor S. Valenti	9/30/2014	Gerald F. Posner	9/30/2016
Anthony F. Caffrey, III	9/30/2015	Joanne Geha Swanson	9/30/2016
Judith A. Curtis	9/30/2015		
Barbara H. Goldman	9/30/2015		
Ronald S. Lederman	9/30/2015		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual	9/19/13	Lansing
Monthly	10/18/13	Ann Arbor
Monthly	11/22/13	Detroit
Monthly	12/20/13	Conference call
Monthly	1/17/14	Detroit
Special	1/29/14	Conference call
Monthly	2/14/14	Lansing
Monthly	3/14/14	Southfield
Monthly	4/11/14	Detroit
Monthly	5/16/14	Grand Rapids

**General Budget Information:** The section's fund balance as of 4/30/14 is \$27,417.82. Revenue comes from section dues; regular expenses include maintenance of a ListServ, quarterly newsletter, and meeting expenses, special expenses include contributions/donations, and educational programs.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Motions that move the Court of Appeals	9/19/13	Lansing (as part of State Bar annual meeting)
Presentation by, and Q & A with COA clerk Jerry Zimmer and MSC clerk Larry Royster	10/18/13	Ann Arbor
Same	5/16/14	Grand Rapids
Virtual law office	10/17/14 (scheduled)	Novi
Presentation re: new Court of Claims (by Chief Judge Talbot)	3/14/14	Southfield

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E-filing training for Supreme Court	TBA	TBA
Appellate Practice Section Journal	3 editions have come out this bar year, 4 <sup>th</sup> edition is in process	

**Legislative issues:**

- Opposed SB 652 (to change the make-up of the Court of Claims)
- Opposed SB 743 (to make bar membership voluntary)
- Supported proposed changes to probate appeal rules
- Proposed change to court rule re: video deposition transcripts
- Opposed change to e-filing rules that would impose 5 PM deadline

**Recommendations for next Council:**

The Council enjoyed an excellent relationship this year with court staff and personnel. Inviting the chief clerks from the COA and MSC to each meeting, and asking them to extend the invite to their bench and clerk’s office, resulted in judges and court and clerk staff attending many meetings, to everyone’s benefit.

**Other Information:**

The committee reviewed requests for amicus brief participation; provided donations to the Just the Beginning; Pre-Law Summer Institute; and Wolverine Bar Judicial Externship Program; and the group performed 2 community service activities (soup kitchen and Ronald McDonald house).

The Council is currently reviewing proposed changes to the Michigan Court Rules governing practice in both the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, they aren’t formal yet but we have been asked to consult in the original brainstorming and drafting sessions. We are also consulting on changes to the e-filing system and the initiation of e-filing in the Supreme Court.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name: AVIATION LAW**

**The purposes of this section shall be to research, educate, share, and disseminate information about legal matters concerning aviation in all its aspects.**

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Euel Kinsey, term expiring 9/30/2015	

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Election of Officers and Councilmembers	September 19, 2014	DeVos Place, Grand Rapids

**General Budget Information:**

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Great Lakes Aviation Conference	February 15, 2014	Lansing Center, Lansing, MI
Aviation Law Seminar	July 19, 2014	Terminal Building, Oakland County International Airport, Waterford, MI
Section Trip to Smithsonian Air & Space Museum	TBD	IAD airport, Sterling, VA

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**BAR YEAR:**

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**SECTION NAME:**

Business Law Section

**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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**SECTION COMMITTEES:**

Complete contact information for committee chairpersons is available on the Section's website at: <http://www.michbar.org/business/leaders.cfm#council>

**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.

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### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Unincorporated Enterprises 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. Membership in the Committee is open to all members of the Business Law Section. The focus of the Committee's activities has been to present seminars in conjunction with ICLE and the Business Law Section. Membership and the opportunity to play a significant role in the Committee's activities is and will continue to be open to all members of this Section. As with most other committees, the

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Unincorporated Enterprises Committee schedules meetings primarily in the Western region of the Detroit metropolitan area. It is hoped that continued efforts to attract interest to the Committee will be successful.

**Small Business Forum**

The Small Business Forum, established by the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan in 2006, specifically caters to business owners, attorneys, accountants, and other professionals who work with closely held businesses. The Forum hosts 3 to 4 highly productive, time efficient and fun educational events throughout the year. Every event includes a networking portion to mingle with other business professionals.

**SECTION MEMBERSHIP:**

The Section consists of 3,411 members.

**SECTION BYLAWS:**

The Section's Bylaws were last revised on November 18, 2011. A copy of the Bylaws can be found on the Section's website at <http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/bylaws.pdf>.

**SECTION 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.

**MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND SEMINARS:**

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Council	December 7, 2013	Detroit, MI
Council	March 6, 2014	Lansing, MI
Council	June 7, 2014	Grand Rapids, MI
Council and Annual	September 11, 2014	Novi, MI

**Events and/or Seminars:**

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Michigan Business Courts: A View From the Bench	September 26, 2013	Novi
Asset Protection Planning Hot Topics	Recorded October 22, 2013	Webcast
Business Boot Camp I – Basic Training for Every Business Lawyer	November 4-5, 2013 January 23-24, 2014	Grand Rapids Plymouth

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Contract Drafting: Indemnification, Representations, and Warranties	Recorded December 3, 2013	Webcast
LLC and Business Entity Update 2014	Recorded January 21, 2014	Webcast
Crain's General and In-House Counsel Summit	May 13, 2014	Detroit
LPM – Running Your Small Business Law Practice	Recorded May 15, 2014	Webcast
26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Business Law Institute	To be held June 6, 2014	Grand Rapids
Drafting an LLC Operating Agreement	To be recorded September 30, 2014	Webcast

Information concerning future events and seminars is available on the Section's website at:  
<http://www.michbar.org/business/calendar.cfm>

**SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY:**

The Michigan Supreme Court requested that the Business Law Section submit an amicus brief to address the issues raised by the case of *Madugula v. Taub*. The Section established a process to timely respond. Three issues were raised in the appeal; the Section addressed all three. The positions of the Section in the amicus brief are: (1) claims brought under MCL 450.1489 are equitable claims to be decided by a court of equity; (2) the provisions of a stockholders' agreement can create shareholder interests protected by MCL 450.1489 provided such interests are interests typically associated with being a shareholder and the interference substantially interferes with the total mix of the shareholder's rights; and (3) retention of one's status as a shareholder and director does not preclude a Section 489 action. In the case of *Madugula v. Taub*, the Section asserted that the trial court should have made the determination of whether there was oppression under all of the circumstances, and if oppression were found, devise an appropriate remedy. These errors were upheld by the court of appeals. The Section requested that even though the lower courts failed to properly apply the law in question, the Supreme Court should render a decision consistent with the above positions.

The Section was asked by the Government Relations Office of the State Bar of Michigan to comment on the proposed amendment of Rule 2.112 of the Michigan Court Rules concerning business court litigation practice. The Section has been active in advocating for implementation of business courts. After review, the Section supported the amendment 10-0-0 with additional suggested comments. The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a special meeting on December 2, 2013 with 12 voting for, 0 voting against, 0 abstaining, and 3 did not vote.

The Nonprofit Corporation Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Nonprofit Corporation Act and the amendments to the related statutes. The Section supports the proposed amendments and related states. The Section has engaged Karoub Associates to assist with the amendments for a one year contract in 2014 to have a bill introduced as soon as possible in the

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2013-2014 legislative session that would implement the BLS requested legislative changes regarding amendments to Michigan's Nonprofit Corporation Act.

### **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 Daniel H. Minkus at its Annual Meeting on September 26, 2013, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi. The Award for 2014 will be presented at the Annual Meeting on September 11, 2014 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Budget Information: See the December 2013 Treasurer's Report at:

<http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/minutes/treasurer1213.pdf>

### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Members can follow the Section on LinkedIn.

### **FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:**

See the Section's Strategic Plan revised in June of 2010 at  
[http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/Strategic\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.michbar.org/business/pdfs/Strategic_Plan.pdf).

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Children's Law Section is very active and spent this year updating its existing committee structure. The focus of the renovation was the revision and replacement of outdated practices, policies and procedures. The Children's Law Section has big plans for the future. It has started working on these plans by establishing several new subcommittees; seeking out opportunities for membership growth; and developing tools that will assist legal professionals and the public in the specialized areas of juvenile law.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Children's Law Section revised its Mission Statement this year. The mission of the Children's Law Section is to serve and protect the interests of children, families, and legal professionals that are involved in juvenile justice, child welfare proceedings, adoption, and other related areas of legal practice affecting the rights of parents and children. The mission is two-fold in that 1) the Children's Law Section serves and protects the interests of children and families in legal proceedings by initiating and monitoring legislation; adopting positions on issues of public concern; writing and submitting amicus briefs to the Michigan Supreme Court; providing public service programs, trainings and outreach; and initiating, participating, and monitoring agency actions, policies and developments; and 2) The Children's Law Section functions to promote and protect the interests of attorneys and legal professionals that represent children and families by offering education, training, resources and tools to competently represent clients; offering mentoring and networking opportunities for legal professionals; adopting positions on legal issues of importance to attorneys that practice juvenile law; and initiating and monitoring court rule changes to effectuate proper and practical implementation of legal mandates.

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## **SECTION STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **AMICUS COMMITTEE**

The Amicus Committee is responsible for responding to invitations from the Michigan Supreme Court for preparation of amicus curiae briefs related to issues concerning the mission of the Children's Law Section. The Amicus Committee is accountable for reviewing and monitoring pending Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals and local county cases for possible intervention in matters affecting the practice of juvenile law and public policy concerns. The Amicus Committee reviews requests from individuals and organizations for potential support and/or opposition in cases that have systemic impact and/or cases of global importance. The Amicus Committee researches, drafts and files the necessary legal documents on behalf of the Children's Law Section. This year, the Amicus Committee drafted and submitted two briefs on behalf of the Children's Law Section. The first brief, written by Elizabeth Warner, focused on the One-Parent Doctrine in the case of *In re Sanders, SC 146680*. The second brief, written by Tobin Miller, tackled the issue of juvenile guardianships in the case of *In re COH, ERH, JRG, KBH, SC147515*.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Legislative Committee conducts analysis of pending legislation and identifies, prioritizes, and organizes legislation that should be considered for action by the Children's Law Section. The members of the Legislative Committee are actively engaged in drafting bills, attending legislative meetings and hearings, and lobbying for positions taken by the Children's Law Section. The Children's Law Section employs the support of a lobbyist, William Kandler of Kandler, Cusmano & Reed, whom handles the coordination of the committee's legislative events. Under the leadership of Jack McKaig, the Legislative Committee has focused on developing relationships and legislation with the University of Michigan Legislative Clinic led by Donald Duquette on topics such as parental rights reinstatement, sibling visitation, legal representation for child welfare agencies, human trafficking, and due process for non-respondent parents. Further, the committee has independently pursued and monitored legislation concerning best interest factors, adoption matters, juvenile lifer sentencing, performance-based funding, recording of child interviews, foster parents bill of rights, and a host of other legislative topics that were raised throughout the year.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Education Committee is charged with the task of developing and implementing educational programs, trainings, brochures and informational materials, and conferences for legal professionals and the public concerning juvenile subjects. The Education Committee is working to meet membership demands. A survey was sent out to all members requesting input regarding training topics, speakers, and locations for Children's Law Section events. The response yielded excellent results that will be used to plan for the future. The Education Committee is busy working on the Annual Conference and is incorporating what it has learned from the membership

survey. In addition to the Annual Conference, the Education Committee is developing flyers and brochures which describe the goals and objectives of the Children's Law Section and its programs. Megan Mertens designed a handout template that will be used for the creation and distribution of informational materials to prospective members and others wishing to obtain more information about the Children's Law Section. Debra McNabb is in charge of identifying Section promotional items. In the upcoming year, the Education Committee will be creating local training opportunities for attorneys and developing corresponding materials to enhance the quality of legal representation. The Lawyer-Guardian Ad Litem Protocol and the Parent Attorney Protocol are currently being reviewed by the Children's Law Section Council for updates and possible changes in efforts underway to enhance the quality of legal representation.

### BY-LAW COMMITTEE

The By-Law Committee monitors the by-laws of the Children's Law Section and ascertains and drafts provisions for inclusion and/or exclusion that affect the functioning of the section. This year, the By-Law Committee is working on improving the by-laws in the area of electronic voting. The Children's Law Section Council and the Legislative Committee have discovered the need for additional provisions related to electronic voting in order to expedite actions of the Council in matters that are time-sensitive. The By-Law Committee is also considering changes to the by-laws which will adopt process and procedures for the handling of legislation by the Legislative Committee.

## **COMMITTEES DEVELOPED THIS YEAR**

### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee is responsible for producing the Michigan Child Welfare Journal. The Child Welfare Journal is a quarterly publication edited by Joseph Kozakiewicz from the Michigan State University Chance at Childhood Program. The Publications Committee drafts articles, recruits writers for journal entries, edits articles, reviews submissions, and ensures the dissemination and distribution of each edition. Karen Cook heads the Children's Law Section Publication Committee and is responsible for gathering subject matter for the journal. The journal has a new cover that has changed the entire look of the publication to go along with its new content. The journal now focuses on substantive articles geared toward juvenile legal practice. The journal has recently added unique routine columns. William Kandler provides a regular summary entitled "Legislative Update". A similar "Caselaw Update" keeps attorneys informed of the latest case developments around the state. The journal has added "Attorneys Making a Difference" written by Stephanie Cardenas. Stephanie's article focuses on attorneys that are changing the practice of juvenile law and/or are making a significant contribution to their communities. The Children's Law Section would like attorneys that practice juvenile law work to be recognized for their impactful actions and heroic efforts, both in and out of the courtroom. The journal will now devote a portion of the journal to "Upcoming Events and Activities" to keep our membership informed of the latest trainings, conferences, and events. As part of the new and improved journal, consideration for the future is being given to securing advertising to support the continued distribution of the Child Welfare Journal to members. The journal is offered on-line and can be viewed on a desk-top computer, tablet or cell phone.

### AGENCY COMMITTEE

The Agency Committee is responsible for reviewing policies, procedures and practices of agencies and professionals that handle juvenile law matters. The Agency Committee identifies, analyzes, recommends, and implements actions on behalf of the Children's Law Section to protect the interests of children, families and legal professionals affected by systemic practices in the area of juvenile law. Joe Kozely has provided the Council with valuable suggestions and ideas related to this committee. The Agency Committee is currently reviewing and monitoring performance-based models of practice and evidence-based research employed by various private and governmental agencies.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee serves to recruit new members and to maintain existing members of the Children's Law Section. This year, the Membership Committee led by Suzanne Stephan, enhanced membership by recruiting young lawyers and law students. Alicia Fabiano was instrumental in personally securing the presence of law students at several Children's Law Section Council meetings this past year. Other members have also invited potential members to join in various meetings and events. The Membership Committee has sought out law school staff for the purpose of hosting recruitment tables and for providing informational and legal presentations concerning juvenile law future lawyers. A banner was purchased to publicize Children's Law Section events and to raise Section visibility. Contact has been made with various other organizations and agencies that sponsor legal trainings for attorneys. Requests have been made to these groups for Children's Law Section inclusion in advertising and involvement. The Children's Law Section sponsored a vendor table at the Young Lawyer's Summit where many attorneys expressed interest in juvenile law work. The Membership Committee is close to rolling out a Mentor-Mentee program for attorneys that wish to practice in the areas of juvenile law. Attorneys can be paired with and learn from an experienced juvenile law attorney in their local county. Seasoned attorneys can volunteer for mentorship services to share their knowledge and improve the practice of juvenile law for their colleagues.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee plans and arranges social events for Children's Law Section members. Erin House provides leadership for the Social Committee. The Social Committee has hosted its first holiday party for members this year. This Social Committee works closely with the Membership Committee to promote the Children's Law Section. In the upcoming months, the Social Committee will focus its efforts on coordinating additional membership events geared towards networking and social interactions for Children's Law Section members.

### COURT RULES COMMITTEE

The Court Rules Committee monitors proposed court rule changes, administrative orders, and existing court rules for the Children's Law Section. Robbie Powelson has been appointed as the person responsible for this committee. The Court Rules Committee prepares analysis and drafts proposed rules and amendments. It brings information concerning court rule support, opposition, and changes to the attention of the Children's Law Section, State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly and others to facilitate the improvement and/or enhancement of juvenile legal proceedings. This year, the Court Rules Committee reviewed court rules pertaining to the Consent Calendar, adoption rules, juvenile guardianship rules, among other proposed rules.

### NEW INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

The New Initiatives Committee identifies innovative ways to handle and implement juvenile law issues. This committee is responsible for proposing ideas to the Children's Law Section for consideration. John Cici has been appointed as this committee's leader. As the Children's Law Section moves forward, this committee will take on a greater role within the organization.

### **LIAISON PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN COMMITTEES**

The Children's Law Section has participated in meetings and activities with the following sections of the State Bar of Michigan this past year:

*REFEREES ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN*  
*CRIMINAL LAW SECTION*  
*FAMILY LAW SECTION*  
*YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION*

### **SECTION MEMBERSHIP**

The Children's Law Section is comprised of approximately 438 members per the 2013 State Bar of Michigan Demographic report. Members are employed in a variety of roles and capacities. Judges, referees, attorneys for parents, attorneys for children, prosecutors, agency leaders and representatives are among the identified persons that participate in the Children's Law Section.

### **MEETINGS**

The Children's Law Section Council meets on the third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are typically held at the State Bar of Michigan building located at 306 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933-2083. Members and potential members are invited and encouraged to attend council meetings. Anyone wishing to attend a council meeting may locate information on the State Bar of Michigan Children's Law Section website in order to secure future meeting dates, locations, and directions for participation in upcoming council meetings.

## **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

The Children's Law Section is proud to co-sponsor an event with the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency on juvenile competency. This event will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Event details can be located on the Children's Law Section website and in the Child Welfare Journal. The Children's Law Section is developing materials for this important training. Prosecutor Eric Scott and his wife, Terri, a psychologist, have been instrumental in this endeavor.

The Children's Law Section welcomes Supreme Court Justice David Viviano as the section's guest speaker at the State Bar of Michigan Children's Law Section Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will take place on September 19, 2014 at the Devos Place in Grand Rapids. Details for the Annual Meeting can be found on the State Bar of Michigan website. The Children's Law Section will host its Section Annual Meeting between the hours of 9:00 a.m until 11:00 a.m.

## **SECTION AWARDS**

Section awards are given to members at the Children's Law Section Annual Meeting held in September. Awards were given to William Schooley for his years of faithful service to the Children's Law Section and to Alicia Fabiano for her dedicated service. Additional Awards have been distributed throughout the year at council meetings to recognize members making outstanding contributions in the area of juvenile law and on behalf of the Children's Law Section. Awards have been given to Elizabeth Warner, Tobin Miller and Erin House for their extraordinary efforts during the year.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

In April 2013, the Children's Law Section account held a fund balance of \$12,400. In April 2014, the Children's Law Section account reflects a fund balance of \$10,880. This past year, expenses primarily consisted of costs to the Section lobbyist, listserv expenses, meetings, telephone services, and the filing of two amicus briefs.

## **FUTURE GOALS**

The Children's Law Section has been diligently working to provide membership with the most relevant and up-to-date information available in the areas of juvenile law. To this end, the Section is in the final stages of rolling out a new website. The website contains novel and improved discussion lists for jurists, differing categories of attorneys, and law students. The website also includes special elements available to members only. The website will serve as the vehicle for announcements of programs, trainings, resources and tools that the Children's Law Section is attempting to create on behalf of the membership.

The Children's Law Section is advocating for issues of importance to attorneys. At the top of the priority list is increased funding for juvenile legal work. Activism in this area is being pursued in the hope that support by various committees and organizations will encourage counties and the

state to recognize the value and substance of the specialized knowledge that is required when representing children and families in these important cases.

## **SUMMARY**

We hope that this Annual Report has provided the details necessary to assist members and those interested in joining the Children's Law Section. As can be seen throughout the content of this report, the Children's Law Section offers numerous benefits, opportunities, and rewards for those that participate in Section membership. The Children's Law Section is one of the most diverse sections of the State Bar covering a spectrum of legal professionals. While this report highlights what has been done, it is impossible to fully capture the scope of everything that the Children's Law Section accomplished in a one-year period of time in the confines of this condensed report. With that being said, there is still much to do in the area of juvenile law and the future is promising. Please share your thoughts and ideas. The Children's Law Section welcomes input and suggestions on any and all juvenile law matters and section issues. Thank you for your interest in the Children's Law Section.

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**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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Andrew L. Campbell	2016	Daniel O. Myers	2016
Gary M. Victor	2016	Michael O. Nelson	2014

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular Council Meetings	Bi-monthly on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

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**Legislative issues:** Members of the council were actively engaged in giving testimony on behalf of consumers' rights at legislative hearings regarding changes to the Michigan Foreclosure Statutes this year.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Plans have been initiated and are underway to organize and present seminars focused toward both attorneys and the general public. The seminar program currently under consideration that is focused toward attorneys would be a trial practice type of seminar using a consumer issue as the background case. The presentation will cover the "nuts and bolts" of a case, from initial intake interview through trial of a case. The seminar program focused toward the general public will present various consumer issues in a "Peoples Law School" format of short lectures followed by a question and answer period. It is contemplated that members of the council will present the topics on the fields of consumer law that is in their area of practice concentration.

**Other Information:** Members of the council are currently working on a bench book in consumer law.

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## Criminal Law Section Annual Report State Bar of Michigan

**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Criminal Law Section

Mission Statement: The Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

The purpose of the Criminal Law Section is to study the criminal law and procedure of the State of Michigan, make recommendations to the State Bar of Michigan, elected officials, the Legislature, the judiciary, and the general public of this State concerning alterations, innovations, and improvements therein so as to promote justice and the efficient administration of justice, to protect the public and the rights of each individual; to promote means of reducing the volume of crime in the State of Michigan; and to promote effective institutional and non-institutional correction and rehabilitation of individuals convicted of violating criminal laws of the State.

### Officers and Council Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	David Hoort	100 W. Main St., Ionia, MI 48846	6165275336	dhoort@ioniacounty.org
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Treasurer	William Caprathe	Bay City, MI	9892256407	bcaprathe@netscape.net

Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael Brady	9/30/2014	Opolla Brown	9/30/2014
David Gilbert	9/30/2014	Sherrie Guess	9/30/2014
Michael Nichols	9/30/2014	Stephanie Farkas	9/30/2015
M. Jon Posner	9/30/2015	Jonathan Sacks	9/30/2015
Graham Teall	9/30/2015	William Winters, III	9/30/2015
Joshua Blanchard	9/30/2016	Ward McDonough	9/30/2016
Matthew Smith	9/30/2016	Stephen Taratuta	9/30/2016
Kimberley Reed Thompson	9/30/2016	Eric Scott (Children's Law Sec)	
Kenneth Malkin (CDAM)		Heather Garretson (Crim Issues)	
Bruce Timmons (CJaP)		Judge Paula Manderfield (MJA)	
Michael Marutiak (Prisons & Corr)		Charles Sherman (PAAM)	
Judge Hugh Clarke (MDJA)		Elaine Spiliopoulos (Editor)	
Richard Cunningham (Comm Liais)			

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	10/15/2013	East Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	11/19/2013	East Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	12/17/2013	East Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	1/21/2014	East Lansing, MI
Special Council Meeting	2/15/2014	Shanty Creek, MI
Council Meeting	3/18/2014	East Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	4/15/2014	East Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	5/20/2014	East Lansing, MI

**General Budget Information:** The 2013-14 Section year included an increase in the bar dues for the CLS to \$25.00, plus the continuation of complimentary memberships for new lawyers. In 2013-14 the CLS newsletter is fully electronic, and conference materials are being offered via flash drives to minimize Section costs. The ending fund balance in the last reported SBM CLS Financial Report (for the period ending 4/30/2014) was \$70,113.82, but did not include expected expenses for the Spring Conference, Traveling Roadshow and Council Meeting related expenditures. The CLS Council is expecting a positive fund balance for the 2013-14 Section year.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
CLS Traveling Roadshow	09/14/2013	Grand Rapids, MI
Annual Meeting; Problem Solving Courts	9/20/2013	Lansing, MI
CLS Brunch	10/6/2013	Portland, MI
Winter Conference (Eyewitness Identification)	2/15-17/2014	Shanty Creek, MI
CLS Traveling Roadshow	3/29/2014	Detroit, MI
Spring Conference (Forensic Science)	6/6,7/2014	Frankenmuth, MI

**Legislative issues:** 2013-14 was a productive but frustrating year for the CLS Council. In this era of 'fast track' legislation, and partisan politics, the era of deliberative legislation seemingly has become the exception rather than the rule. In 2013-14 the CLS Council weighed in on proposed Juvenile Life Sentencing; Expunction; Sobriety Courts; Preliminary Examination legislation; Driver Responsibility Fees; Court of Claims re-organizations; Mileage for Jurors; Recording of child testimony; Saliva-based roadside drug testing; Sexual Assault kits; and a proposed amendment to MCR 6.302; . At the direction of the Council, letters were also sent on matters of interest to the Section: Saliva-based roadside testing, the use of COMPAS in pre-sentence reports, the reporting of expenditures under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, Appointment of a CLS member to the Indigent Defense Commission, and to the MSC Task Force on the role of the State Bar.

**Recommendations for next Council:** The CLS Council may need to explore new alternatives. In person seminars are being replaced by video conferencing and information readily available via online research and listservs. Term limits, fast track legislation, and partisan politics suggest that the prior deliberative process utilized by the Section and State Bar may no longer be an effective means of advocacy. The Council may thereby need to explore old and new alternative means to collaborate with the legislative and administrative bodies of government, and partnerships with other sections and/or entities to provide educational opportunities/resources to its members.

**Other Information:** With over 2,000 members, the CLS includes academia, prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, judges, and representatives from the Michigan Judges Association, Michigan District Judges Association, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, Children's Law Section, Criminal Issues Initiative and the Prisons and Corrections Section of the State Bar. At the SBM Annual Meeting in September, 2013, the Criminal Law Section, with the Prisons & Corrections Section and the EAI Disabilities Workgroup, presented a panel discussion relating to problem-solving courts and pilot projects across the state: Lessons Learned & Implications for People with Mental Health Care Needs. In October of 2013 the Lt. Governor was our guest speaker at the CLS orientation brunch to start the section year. At our Winter and Spring Conference, presentations were made on Eyewitness Identification and Forensic Science. In 2013-14 the Section offered Traveling Roadshows on topics of interest, with presentation and panel discussions involving academia, judges, prosecutors and defense counsel. Council members met with representatives formulating preliminary examination legislation reform, continued to collaborate with other sections on topics of similar interest, and are engaged to meet with representatives of the Council for State Governments for the Sentencing Commission reforms. During the 2013-14, the CLS Council formulated a policy for the filing of Amicus Curiae briefs. In 2013-14 the CLS Council utilized a voting process by email to address legislative issues and other matters of concern to the section requiring immediate action. The CLS Council also supported financially the Young Lawyers Section Annual Summit in May of 2014, helped fund a grant to a Section member for a research project relating to collateral consequences, and added a representative from the Michigan District Judges Association to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Hoort, Chair  
Criminal Law Section  
June 11, 2014





## **Council Member**

Term Expires 9/30/2014

P53546 Robert J. Longstreet, Hastings  
P30832 Michael A. Mestelle, Sturgis  
P48221 Kelly J. McNerney Quardokus, Kalamazoo  
P74319 Christopher Michael Smith, Mount Clemens  
P23098 James B. Steward, Ishpeming  
P72724 Beth A. Swagman, Grand Rapids

Term Expires 9/30/2015

P44945 Jane A. Bassett, Ann Arbor  
P74165 Christine Caswell, Lansing  
P71940 William David Lucius, Sault Sainte Marie  
P52362 Erma S. Yarbrough-Thomas, Redford

Term Expires 9/30/2016

P68470 Cynthia Jill Goodell, Grand Rapids  
P15910 J. David Kerr, Mount Pleasant  
P49520 Robert D. Mannor, Grand Blanc  
P71780 Maria Rosaria Messina, Redford  
P72152 Sara Ann Schimke, Troy

## **Immediate Past Chair**

P35762 Bradley A. Vauter, Lansing

- October 4, 2013 –Crystal Mountain Resort
- November 2, 2013 –State Bar of Michigan
- December 7, 2013 –Bassett & Associates, Ann Arbor MI
- January –No meeting
- February 1, 2014—Barron Rosenberg, Mayoras & Mayoras, Troy, MI
- March 1, 2014—Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices, East Lansing, MI
- April 5, 2014 Barron Rosenberg, Mayoras & Mayoras, Troy, MI
  
- May 3, 2014—State Bar of Michigan
- June 7, 2014—Bassett & Associates, Ann Arbor MI
- July—no meeting
- August 2, 2014—Steward & Sheridan, Ishpeming, MI 49849
- September 6, 2014—Caroline Dellenbusch PLLC Grand Rapids, MI 49505

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**Section Name: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, our website, public service programs, and publication of the Michigan Environmental Law Journal. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan and to law students. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

**OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**OFFICERS 2013-2014**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION COUNCIL 2013-2014**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term</b>
Rebecca J. Cassell, P64456	2014	Kurt A. Kissling, P61937	2015
Rodger A. Kershner, P26049	2014	Kelly Marie Martorano, P66968	2015
Steven C. Kohl, P28179	2014	Robert P. Reichel, P31878	2016
AnnMarie B. Sanford, P44166	2014	Nicholas Joseph Schroeck, P70888	2016
Jamie Weitzel Scripps, P69322	2014	Scott J. Sinkwitts, P56107	2016
George F. Curran, III, P31328	2015	Scott J. Steiner, P42490	2016
James P. Enright, P46355	2015	Scott Michael Watson, P70185	
Tammy Lyn Helminski, P69431	2015		

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**COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:**

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Council Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	January 15, 2014	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	April 23, 2014	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	June 20, 2014	Kalamazoo, MI
Council Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Grand Rapids, MI

**GENERAL BUDGET INFORMATION:** As of March 31, 2014, the Section has an ending Fund Balance of **\$49,879.26**. Budget expenses seem to be in line for this point in the year.

**EVENTS AND/OR SEMINARS:**

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Great Lakes & Inland Waters Committee: “Hydraulic Fracturing in Michigan and the Intersection with Water Resources”	October 15, 2013	Webinar
2013 Joint Conference of the Air Quality Committee together with the East and West Michigan Chapters of the Air & Waste Management Association	November 6, 2013	Lansing, MI
Section Member/Student Mixer with Detroit’s Law Schools, at the Cass Cafe	October 28, 2013	Detroit, MI
Hazardous Substances and Brownfields Committee: “2014 Update on Michigan’s Brownfields Program”	March 25, 2014	Webinar
Meeting of Great Lakes and Inland Waters Committee.	April 21, 2014	Conference Call
“Clearing the Air: An Overview of Federal, Regional and State Air Quality Issues in 2014 5th Annual Conference co-sponsored by ELS with Michigan Manufacturers Association	April 23, 2014	Lansing, MI
“The Environmental Lawyer’s Role in Transactions” May 15, 2014 Webinar		
ELS Natural Resources Committee Webinar on Mining	June 4, 2014	Webinar
ELS Administrative Law and Litigation Committee Webinar	June 11, 2013	Webinar
ELS Annual Summer Program: Topic TBD	June 20, 2013	Kalamazoo, MI
Webinar on the Pigeon River	July 15, 2014	Webinar
Annual Meeting and Program	September 19, 2014	Grand Rapids, MI

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**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:** Numerous individual members of the Section actively work on legislative issues, as advocates, spokespersons and experts. Those members regularly share their experiences with the Section and offer their opinions and outlooks. However, the Section itself is not presently active with respect to any pending legislative issues.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT COUNCIL:** The next Council is encouraged to continue the focus on the growth and diversity of Section membership, starting with law school students and continuing through newer practitioners. Continued outreach through multiple media adds value for the existing members and encourages new members to be involved as recipients and providers of a wide spectrum of programming. Cooperative efforts with other sections of the State Bar and other affinity organizations, as well as among the Committees of this Section, can bring synergistic effects. Also, continuing the ongoing efforts to secure more stable committee leadership and to develop more committee/section member interaction and continuing to increase value for section members, with a focus on effective transitioning from committee membership to effective leadership, should remain in the forefront to assure continued growth for the Section and its membership.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** The Section is on a sound financial footing despite a net loss of membership during the economic downturn. Several multi-year initiatives continue to show progress, including significant headway toward completion of a second edition of its online Deskbook and the transition of the Deskbook to systems preferred by the State Bar of Michigan.

**Reports must be submitted by May 31, 2014, to:**

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Sections & Committees Administrator  
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**SECTION NAME:** Have there been any changes in the section name? Details provided may be interesting to the public and other readers.

**There have been no changes to the section name.**

**SECTION MISSION STATEMENT:** A section's mission statement is a critical description of the goals the section sets for the whole of its membership. Including the statement in an Annual Report serves as a yardstick by which to measure progress.

**See above.**

**OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Including P#s; accurately identifies officers and the council.

**See above.**

**SECTION COMMITTEES:** Descriptions of the various committees provides a clearer picture of a section's work, especially if the name of the chair and description of committee activities are included. Including meeting schedules allows potential future volunteers for committee work to better understand the frequency with which the committee meets.

**THE AIR COMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION** is composed of attorneys interested in federal, state, and local air pollution control laws and policy. Air laws and policies continue to evolve and raise significant issues for government, business, and citizen organizations in Michigan. The Air Committee meets several times a year to discuss emerging air-related topics, organize air-related programs, and conduct other types of outreach to Environmental Law Section members, including sponsoring site visits.

The Air Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in air issues to participate in upcoming activities, which are typically publicized through the Environmental Law Section e-mail distribution list, calendar, and social media outlets.

**THE DESKBOOK COMMITTEE** is responsible for completion of a second edition of "Michigan Environmental Law Deskbook, 2nd Edition," an online publication which is in the process of revision and transition to systems preferred by the State Bar of Michigan.

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE COMMITTEE** is responsible for legal issues that relate to environmental disputes in administrative, state, and federal jurisdictional forums. The committee periodically arranges programs on these topics. The environmental litigation committee welcomes any Section member interested in the foregoing issues and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

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**THE GREAT LAKES AND INLAND WATERS COMMITTEE** closely follows environmental developments regarding the Great Lakes and tracks developments in federal, state, and local regulation of discharges to and use of surface water and groundwater. The Committee periodically arranges programs in which experts in these areas discuss important developments. These programs also offer an opportunity for Section members to meet and benefit from learning about other attorneys' experiences in working on water-related matters. The Great Lakes and Inland Waters Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in the foregoing issues and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**THE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND BROWNFIELDS COMMITTEE** is responsible for legal issues that relate to the treatment, storage, disposal, and remediation of hazardous substances (including hazardous wastes) under both federal and state law, including CERCLA, RCRA subtitle C, and Parts 111 and 201 of NREPA. It is also responsible for the topics of liability under those statutes for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs and natural resource damages, related contribution actions, and associated claims for insurance coverage. Finally, it is responsible for the topic of managing transactions that are complicated by the real or potential presence of hazardous substances by environmental investigations, baseline environmental assessments and related mechanisms, environmental insurance, and incentives for brownfield re-development.

The Hazardous Substances Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in the foregoing issues and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL/PUBLICATIONS:** The Journal Committee publishes a quarterly electronic newsletter that includes scholarly articles about environmental issues, as well as information about section activities and events, important decisions by Michigan and federal courts in environmental cases, and new Michigan environmental regulations and legislation. The committee increases the level of interest in environmental law by sponsoring an annual writing competition among law students at all Canadian and U.S law schools. Winners of the writing competition receive generous cash awards and have their articles published in the section's Michigan Environmental Law Journal.

**THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** mission is to: (1) assist the Section and each of the other committees in their respective functions by providing useful information about the membership of the section and its needs and interests; (2) increase Section membership; and (3) promote race/ethnic and gender diversity in the membership and leadership of the section. The Membership Committee encourages any interested Environmental Law Section members to join this committee or attend the next meeting.

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**THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE** tracks developments in federal state and local laws and regulations that relate to issues concerning natural resources, including wetlands, oil and gas, mining, forestry, and fisheries. The Committee periodically arranges programs on these topics.

**THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE** plans educational programs for the benefit of Section members. The Committee meets monthly by phone for about an hour to discuss the needs and interests of the members. The programs are designed to provide members with information on important new developments and opportunities for socializing and networking with other Section members. The length and content of programs vary widely, from informal lunch roundtables covering one topic to multiple day seminars that cover numerous topics. The committee selects dates, locations, and general themes for the programs, and one or two committee members will chair or co-chair the programs. The chair/co-chairs arrange for speakers and other details of the programs. Certain program committee members also function as liaisons to the subject matter committees to facilitate programming for those committees. This year the Committee has increased the Section's utilization of webinars as one of its programming methods.

In short, the Program Committee provides opportunities for members to be kept informed on important new developments in the environmental legal landscape. Planning those opportunities is an effective and fun way to participate in Section activities. The Program Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in keeping Section members up to date on current events and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** supports the Section's use of Bar-provided resources such as the list serve and the website, and investigates, develops and supports the use of newer communications technologies as suggested by the Section. The Technology Committee also investigates and prepares presentations for the Section on new environmental technologies. The Technology Committee welcomes any Environmental Law Section member interested in the section's technology related issues, and maintains an e-mail list to notify members of meetings and events.

**THE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** is scheduling a meeting/telephone conference to brainstorm/select topics/speakers for a series of mid-day brown bag webinars utilizing the Section's interactive webinar service. A program is being tentatively being planned in July. Possible partnering with one or more other subject matter committees to have a combined program will also be discussed. Current webinar planning and possible topics include: Review of the four energy initiative reports (Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Electric Choice and Additional Areas) from MPSC and the Michigan Energy Office which were the subject of seven public forums held around the state in 2013 following Governor Snyder's 2013 address on Energy and the Environment, entitled:

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“Readying Michigan to Make Good Energy Decisions.” The reports were released for public comment during 4th Q 2013; Sustainability and the new Federal vision; Climate, Energy, and Economic Security integration; Solar Leases, Biodigestor energy production and incentives; LEED Developments: US Green Building Council Green Screen Credits; Recycling Initiatives; Water/Energy Climate Change Overview; Public Trust Doctrine and Water Use; Climate Change Impacts on the Insurance Industry; Michigan’s Response to Climate Change through MPSC Initiatives; PACE Legislation; Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Michigan, and other topics to be discussed during brainstorming sessions.

**SECTION MEMBERSHIP:** Section membership fluctuates from year to year. Tracking the membership numbers at a set time of year, such as the Annual Report deadline, can provide a good picture of changes in the section membership.

**We have initiated a new form of outreach to section members about lapsed membership and the benefits for members of participating in the section listserv, and are seeing positive results from that outreach.**

**639 Members as of April 16, 2014**

**SECTION BYLAWS:** Awareness of bylaw changes can be critical for understanding a section’s operation. Including the most recent revision date of the bylaws will allow readers familiar with the bylaws to ensure they have the most current version at hand. Additionally, if there are any forthcoming changes, this is a good opportunity to summarize plans briefly.

**Visit [www.michbar.org/environmental](http://www.michbar.org/environmental) to obtain the most current version. There have been no recent revisions.**

**SECTION PUBLICATIONS:** Some of the most frequent questions for sections are in regard to publications the section has produced. Providing a list including publication information for journals, newsletters, and other publications creates a valuable resource.

**The Section has published the second edition of the Michigan Environmental Law Deskbook, consistent with our educational mission and this valuable resource is available electronically and is being updated for the benefit of all interested readers. Similarly, our respected Environmental Law Journal is in electronic format and with renewed energies and talents has been published regularly during the Bar year. Access to both publications is available on our website.**

**MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS:** This is critical information for the Annual Report. Describing meetings, activities and seminars can be detailed, or brief. Suggestions for information to include are the date, location, and a minimum of one paragraph describing the event.

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**Current and past event information is available on our website. Events are shown above on the template.**

**SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY:** The section's involvement in legislature, policy, or *amicus curiae* is a matter of great interest, many questions are asked regarding the sections involvement in such. A brief description of any such involvement is requested, as this falls under the heading of section activities.

**See above.**

**AWARDS:** Many sections present awards, honors, or scholarships. The Annual Report is another opportunity to laud the recipients, as well as detail any awards presented to the section itself. A description of the history of the award, or why the award is given, is useful.

**The Environmental Law Section sponsors an annual environmental law essay contest open to students in U.S. and Canadian law schools. First place prize is \$2,000, second place is \$1,000 and third place is \$500.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Section finances vary from simple to complex. A brief statement of general budget information would be very appropriate to include in any Annual Report, or a reprinting of an annual treasurer's report if the section feel it is necessary.

**See above.**

**FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:** Because the Annual Report is often used as a resource for future planning, and is viewed by members of the public who may be considering membership in the section, a brief description of future goals and activities is recommended. This may also serve as a recommendation to the next council.

**See above.**

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**Section Name: FAMILY LAW SECTION**

**Mission Statement:** To study the laws, court rules, and procedures regarding family law; to study and report upon and recommend legislation and court rules, and to promote throughout the State of Michigan the legal education of members of the Bar and the Public on the problems relating to the family; sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences regarding family law; preparing and sponsoring and publishing legal writing regarding family law. Family law includes issues associated with marriage, divorce, separation, adoption, paternity and the rights of minor children.

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Rebecca Shiemke	2014	Allison Sleight	2015
Carol Breitmeyer	2014	Robert Treat	2015
Hon. Richard Halloran	2014	Randall Velzen	2015
Mathew Kobliska	2014	Kent Weichmann	2016
Colleen Markou	2014	Elizabeth Bransdorfer	2016
Steven Reinheimer	2014	J. Matthew Catchik, Jr.	2016
Ross Stancati	2014	Sahera Housey	2016
Daniel Bates	2015	Peter Kulas	2016
Christopher J. Harrington	2015	Anthea Papista	2016
Tina Yost	2015	Gail Towne	2016
Kristen Robinson	2015		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	October 5, 2013	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	November 2, 2013	Novi, MI

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Council Meeting	December 7, 2013	Ann Arbor, MI
Council Meeting	January 25, 2014	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	March 8, 2014	Novi, MI
Council Meeting	April 5, 2014	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	May 3, 2014	Ann Arbor, MI
Council Meeting	June 7, 2014	Grand Rapids, MI
Annual Meeting	September 18, 2014	Grand Rapids, MI

**General Budget Information:**

The Family Law Section commenced FY 2013-2014 in September, 2013, with a budget surplus of approximately \$20,000.00. This represented a significant decrease from a surplus of over \$100,000.00 over the last couple of years. This decrease has been countered by the transition to an Electronic Journal, and other significant cost cutting measures. The Section anticipates a significant increase in the end of year, September fund balance.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

The Family Law Section actively partners with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ann Arbor, MI, and furnishes speakers and written materials for all of the ICLE Family Seminars during the year. In addition, the Family Law Section is a co-sponsor of the Family Law Institute and furnishes nearly all speakers and written materials for the annual Family Law Institute held in November each year. This 1 ½ day Seminar is the premier Family Law event in Michigan. The Institute had a new location at the Suburban Collection Exhibition Center in Novi, Michigan. There were a record number of attendees, Attorneys, Judges, and Friend of the Court staff present. In conjunction with the ICLE, the Section was most proud to have long time Section Member Diana Raimi be the recipient of the *Blaine Johnson Award* which recognizes outstanding contributions to continuing legal education in Michigan. In addition there are approximately 6 to 8 ICLE Family Law seminars each year, as well as the ICLE Certificate Program, with presenters from the Family Law Section.

**Legislative issues:**

The Legislative Committee of the Family Law Council includes Members Kent Weichmann as Chair, Daniel Bates, Carol Breitmeyer, Hon. Richard Halloran, Christopher Harrington, Sahera Housey, Rebecca Shiemke, Ross Stancati, Robert Treat, Randall Velzen and Tina Yost Johnson, as well as non-Council Members Barbara Kelly as Co-Chair, Sandy Glazier, Luran Howard and William Kandler. Every single legislative proposal involving Family Law is reviewed by this Committee, recommendations submitted to Council, and positions on the legislation published on the State Bar website. This is a key committee, and its input is critical to protection of families and children in Michigan.

The Legislative Committee reviewed 62 family law bills, and made recommendations to Council on each bill. The Legislative Committee also obtained sponsors for the Uniform Collaborative Law Act, the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act, the Parenting Coordination Act, and a package of bills to streamline Adoption. The Legislative Committee is working to affect bills to revise the Paternity Establishment Process, as well as promote sponsored bills.

**Court Rules & Ethics Committee:**

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The Court Rules & Ethics Committee includes the Chair, Mathew Kobliska, and members Carol Breitmeyer, Elizabeth Bransdorfer, Sahera Housey, Steven Reinheimer, Kristen Robinson, Rebecca Shiemke, Kent Weichmann, and Tina Yost Johnson. Non-Council members include Lori Buiteweg, Jennifer Johnson, Andrew Littman, Elizabeth Sadowski, and Amy Spilman.

This is also a key committee. Every proposed Court Rule, or Court rule Amendment involving Family Law is considered by this Committee.

The Committee has taken a variety of positions on proposed Court Rules, including “support” or “support with conditions”; it has also opposed numerous court rules amendments which would adversely affect family law. The Committee responded to the request of the Michigan Supreme Court for the section’s position in *In re: Timothy T. Fryhoff*. There are a number of proposed Court rules amendments which originated with the Committee, including MCR 7.204 (docketing statement); MCR 2.107 and 2.117 (duration of appearances – enacted); MCR 2.302 (post-Judgment discovery); MCR 3.211 (post-Judgment arbitration of limited matters). These proposals are at various stages of the amendment process. The Committee has also worked with SCAO Forms Committee regarding changes in MC 306 (substitution of attorneys).

The Committee’s proposed amendment to MCR 2.302 has received wide support from family law practitioners and judges. The proposal was recently the subject of Public Hearing before the Michigan Supreme Court on May 28, 2014 and the subject of testimony by Court Rules Chair Matt Kobliska. The Supreme Court also considered ADM 2010-32 which would establish a separate “Default Judgment” and “Consent Judgment” Court Rule for family law cases. The Family Law Section Chair, James J. Harrington III testified in favor of this court rule before the Supreme Court.

The Committee and the Family Law Section have also been constructive participants in the development of e-filing rules and processes.

**Amicus Committee:**

The Amicus Committee is Chaired by former Council member Anne Argiroff, and Co-Chaired by Member Rebecca Shiemke. The Committee includes Members Elizabeth Bransdorfer, Kristen Robinson, Gail Towne and Kent Weichmann. Non-Council members include Judith Curtis, Trish Haas, Katherine Root, Joanne Ross, Erica Salerno, and Liisa Speaker.

The Amicus Committee has received and reviewed numerous amicus requests involving Family Law. It has filed various Amicus briefs, including *In re: AJR*, *Furneaux v Miller*, *In re: Mays*, *In re: Sanders/Laird*. The Committee has also summarized appellate case decisions for each issue of Family Law Journal.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution:**

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee is chaired by Council Member Randall Velzen, and includes Member Gail Towne, as well as Non-Council Members Deb Berecz, Nina Abrams, Shelley Kester and Zena Zumeta. The ADR Committee has continued its efforts to reach out across the State with approximately 8 small meetings to facilitate understanding and use of ADR and evaluate improvements for delivery of ADR information to the Family Law Section.

**Domestic Violence:**

The Domestic Violence Committee is Chaired by Council Member Rebecca Shiemke. Members Daniel Bates, Hon. Richard Halloran, Kent Weichmann were joined by Non-Council Members Kari

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Deming and Antoinette Raheem. This Committee reviewed and commented on a package of approximately ten Domestic Violence bills, in conjunction with a work group established by Representative Santana's office.

**Family Law Journal:** The newly appointed Editor of the Family Law Journal, Anthea Papista, and her co-editors have performed an incredible transition from a bulky, unwieldy, and expensive paper Journal to a fully electronic Family Law Journal. This new format has reduced expenses of the Journal an estimated 66 2/3 % while at the same time offering significantly expanded publishing capability, hyperlinks for advertisers and contributors. In addition, the first rollout edition of the Family Law Journal was a "special edition" and co-Edited by former Chair Traci Rink and current Family Law Section Chair James J. Harrington III. The Family Law Journal is now "state of the art" and in stride with similar electronic publications.

**Family Law List Serv:** Under the very capable leadership of Elizabeth Sadowski, the List Serv is available to a record number of Section members. It is a dynamic and powerful communication tool for attorneys.

**Journal Advertising:** The Family Law Section implemented the "Honor Roll" to permit individual attorneys to financially support the Journal, without having to take out formal advertisements. The "Honor Roll" has significantly augmented the normal advertising revenue of the Journal and the Section is most appreciative of the contributors.

**QDRO:**

The Qualified Domestic Relations Order Committed was chaired by Robert Treat. He was joined in this Committee by Non-Council Members Joseph Cunningham, and Nancy Keppelman. This Committee is assessing the recoupment problems presented by the EDRO Act and possible Amendment to the EDRO Act. Bob Treat has exhibited great leadership and in depth knowledge of the QDRO process which has significantly benefited the Family Law Section.

**MidSummer Seminar:** The Co-Chairs of the Mid Summer Seminar, Traci Rink and Elizabeth Bransdorfer, had an outstanding success with the 2013 Mid Summer Seminar at Mission Pointe, on Mackinac Island. Record numbers of attendees, and record Sponsorship contributions evidenced this success. The wide range of presentations by Judges and Attorneys who were experts on their topics was substantially responsible for the success of the 2013 Mid Summer Seminar.

The Family Law Section is very excited about the upcoming 2014 MidSummer Seminar scheduled for Boyne Mountain Lodge in Northern Michigan. The high level of speakers, cutting edge topics and a family friendly environment promises to make MidSummer 2014 a memorable event.

**MidWinter Seminar:** This 7 day Seminar in the doldrums of Winter have made this "sun & sand & seminar" event the highlight of the year for many Section members. Once again, Judith O'Donnell exceeded all expectation with this Seminar at Peter Island Resort in the British Virgin Islands from February 1-8, 2014. Outstanding speakers were only exceeded by the spectacular beauty of this exclusive Caribbean getaway.

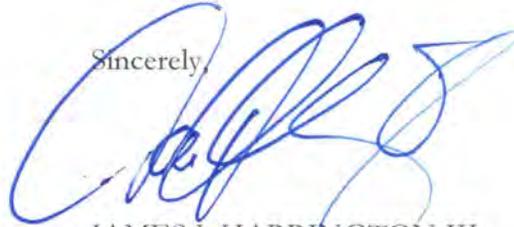
An equally exciting adventure is planned by Judith O'Donnell for 2015, at the Maroma Resort & Spa on the sugar sands of the Mayan Riviera, Mexico, between January 31-February 7, 2015. This

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fabulous trip has “sold out” and all attendees are looking forward with great anticipation to this January getaway.

**Conclusion:** Between now and September there will continue to be dramatic changes in both Legislation and Court Rules affecting the Family Law Section and family law. One of the most significant is the so-called “Voluntary Bar” proposition has been actively opposed by the Family Law Section, and it believes this would have a disastrous affect upon the Section, and well as the Bar as a whole, and have spill over negatives consequences for the citizens of the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,



JAMES J. HARRINGTON III  
CHAIR - FAMILY LAW SECTION  
2013-2014

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** General Practice – Solo & Small Firm Section

**Mission Statement:**

The General Practice—Solo and Small Firm 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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Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael Gunderson	9/30/2014		
Elizabeth Silverman	9/30/2014		
Lori Williams	9/30/2014		
Mary Ericson	9/30/2015		
Marty Fried	9/30/2015		
Maury Klein	9/30/2015		
John Holmquist	9/30/2016		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	10/17/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	11/21/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	1/16/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	2/27/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	3/20/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	4/17/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	5/15/2014	Sweet Lorraine's Restaurant

**General Budget Information:**

The Section began the fiscal year with a budget of approximately \$32,988.64. The Section's ending balance as of \$25,453.91.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
'Ask The Lawyer'	9/15/2014	Birmingham Community House
Driver License Restoration Seminar	3/26/2014	Andiamo's
Attorney/Judge Crossfire	4/30/2014	Andiamo's
Marketing Webinar	5/13/2014	audio

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**Legislative issues:** The Council discussed the recent legislation, SB 743 but has not taken a position on the issue due to further clarification needed. As the Task Force Report has recently been issued, the Section will review those findings and determine whether what action, if any, is needed.

**Recommendations for next Council:** More seminars to educate membership on hot topics; consider a summer one-day retreat to prepare a joint agenda for the year; establish an agenda early; prepare for more educational and social events jointly with other 'like' sections; a stronger presence in legal education programs for schools, including but not limited to Law Day, Constitution Day, as well as mentoring options. The Section should concentrate new membership attention on law students and recent bar takers.

**Other Information:**

The Section publishes a quarterly newsletter with the assistance of Editor Maury Klein, and Bill Cataldo who assists as Associate Editor.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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 HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013-2014**

Dear Section Members:

I am pleased to report that the Section has had another busy and successful year. Please allow this report to serve as a summary of Section activities over the past year.

**Section Purposes:**

Serve as an educational resource for members of the Section for the purpose of fostering professional development and understanding of health care laws and issues; and

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; and

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; and

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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Patrick Haddad	2014
John Hazewinkel	2014
Joshua Moore	2014
Abby Pendleton	2014
Trish Schabath	2014
Steve Bender	2015*
Timothy Gutwald	2015
Cara Jansma	2015
Thomas McGraw	2015*
Laura Napiewocki	2015*
Monica Navarro	2015*
Donna O'Connor	2015*
Jennifer Benedict	2016*
Mercedes Dordeski	2016
Matthew Keuten	2016
Mark Kopson	2016*
Deborah Williamson	2016*

\* Council member is term limited and not eligible for re-election.

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

**General Budget Information:** The Section received approximately \$34,000 in member dues during Fiscal Year 2014. The funds are used for the following purposes: (1) educational opportunities via teleconferences 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) in support of the Section's commitment to diversity by providing support to the Michigan pipeline program offered by the Just the Beginning Foundation; and (5) in support of the Section's commitment to diversity by providing financial support to the Michigan pipeline program offered by the ABA-affiliated Council on Legal Education Opportunity. See attached unaudited interim financial report for the month ended March 31, 2014.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Date:	Event:
November 20, 2013	Teleconference: Changes to the Hospital IPPS: Two Midnights and More
January 29, 2014	Teleconference: Meaningful Use, Patient Portals and Exchanges
February 26, 2014	Teleconference: Anatomy of a HIPAA Breach (jointly sponsored with MCACHE)
March 6-7, 2014	20th Annual Health Law Institute, jointly sponsored with ICLE, Plymouth
March 26, 2014	Teleconferences: Software Licenses: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You
April 16, 2014	Teleconference: Michigan's Evolving Health Care Land Scape
April 30, 2014	Teleconference: Partner Benefits in the Aftermath of U.S. v. Windsor and DeBoer v. Snyder
May 14, 2014	Teleconference: Michigan Health Professional Licensing – An Overview of the Investigation and Complaint Process

May 28, 2014	Teleconference: Reimbursement and APRNs: What Every Practitioner Should Know
September 23, 2014	HCLS Annual Meeting and Educational Session at Detroit Athletic Club

**Section Committees:** The Health Care Law Section features a Substantive Law Committee with four subcommittees consisting of the Medical Legal Subcommittee, Payors Subcommittee, Providers Subcommittee, and Technology Subcommittee. These Substantive Law Subcommittees are responsible for organizing various educational programs, which typically are given as teleconferences and benefit the Section's membership. In addition, the Health Care Law Section Council has a Publications Committee, a Students and New Lawyers Committee, a Law School Achievement Award Committee, a Legislative Committee, a Technology Committee, a Pro Bono Committee, an Annual Meeting Committee, a Nominating Committee, and a Fellows Committee.

**Publications Committee:** The Committee has engaged in the following whitepaper projects this year: (1) Basics of Starting a Medical Practice from Scratch; (2) Closing a Medical Practice in Michigan; (3) Responding to Subpoenas and Warrants for Protected Health Information in Michigan – Do's and Don'ts; (4) Healthcare Trifecta: Non-Compete, Non-Solicitation and Confidentiality Agreements; (5) CON Basics; and (6) Corporate Practice of Medicine. In addition, the Committee repaired and rebuilt the Section's Legislative Index links and continued to maintain existing publications.

**Students and New Lawyers and Law School Achievement Committees:** The Committee offered "lunch and learns" regarding the practice of health law at all Michigan law schools. These programs were well attended. Each year, the Section provides scholarship awards for the best health law student at qualifying Michigan law school programs. These awards are presented during the Annual Meeting. A "meet and greet" for young lawyers is planned as part of the Annual Meeting.

**Legislative Committee:** The Committee monitored the Michigan health care legislative and regulatory developments on an as needed basis, reporting on such matters to the Section Council. The Committee's activities included monthly updates on the Public Health Code Review Project, an assessment of the Section's interest in HB 5560 (governmental notices), and an assessment of the Section's interest on furnishing comments regarding the proposed amendments to MCR 3.602 concerning arbitration.

**Technology Committee:** The Committee assessed the accuracy of the Section's web page, including quality of scanned materials and timeliness of information. The Committee recommended review of the Publications Policy.

**Pro Bono Committee:** The Committee met with several community groups and organizations that provide pro bono services in an effort to understand their needs and assess potential partnerships with interested members of the Section. The Committee also conducted a membership survey to assess particular pro bono interests of Section members and current member participation in pro bono efforts. Following the survey, the Committee determined to partner with the Veteran's Law Clinic at the University of Detroit-Mercy on a Pro Bono activity. An informational teleconference is planned for June 10, 2014.

**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 2013-2014 class of fellows will be selected this Summer 2014.

**Recommendations for 2014-2015 Council:** Continue to provide educational and networking resources to the Section's membership, via programs and written materials. Continue to pursue the Section's support of the Michigan Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion. Continue efforts to attract new lawyers and further enhance affiliations with Michigan law schools. Continue to work on jointly sponsored educational programs with other sections and associations to reach members with cross over practices. Continue to support the Fellows Program. Continue with Pro Bono efforts.

**Closing Remarks:**

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Section this year. The Health Care Law Section is one of the more active sections of the State Bar of Michigan. Its size, programs, and success are due to the countless hours of hard work by section members. In particular, I would like to thank my fellow Council members, officers, Substantive Law Committee and subcommittee members, all committee members and chairs, our dedicated Section Administrative Assistant, Adrienne Nutter, and last but not least, the many volunteers who have contributed so much of their time and talent to the Section. I know our Section will be in good hands this coming year as we welcome Jennifer Benedict as our new Chair.

Laura Miron Napiewocki  
Chair, Health Care Law Section  
State Bar of Michigan  
2013-2014

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Information Technology Law Section

**Mission Statement:**

The purpose of the section is to review, comment upon, and apprise members of the State Bar of Michigan and others of developments in the law relating to information technology, including:

- the protection of intellectual and other proprietary rights;
- sale, leasing, distribution, provision, and use of, hardware, software, services, and technology, including computer and data processing equipment, computer software and services, games and gaming, information processing, programming, and computer networks;
- electronic commerce
- electronic implementation of governmental and other non-commercial functions;
- the Internet and other networks; and
- associated contract and tort liabilities, and related civil and criminal legal consequences.

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*Officers*

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Brian A. Hall – P70865

Daniel John Henry – P68296

Ronald S. Nixon – P57117

Issac T. Slutsky – P71975

Jeanne Marie Whalen (Moloney) – P72253

Term expires 9/30/2015

Steven D. Balagna – P33230

Christopher J. Mourad – P68011

Dalpreet Singh Saluja – P72292

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Term expires 9/30/2016

Susanna C. Brennan – P67018

William Henry Hartwell – P73847

Donna K. Malonee – P68649

Carla M. Perrotta – P67644

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Nathan William Steed – P72355

David R. Syrowik – P25331

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular	December 9, 2013	Troy, MI
Regular	February 13, 2014	Troy, MI
Special	March 21, 2014	Telephone Conference
Regular	May 1, 2014	Troy, MI
Regular	August 2014	Kemp Klein, Troy, MI
Annual Meeting	September 24, 2014	Inn at St. Johns, Plymouth MI

**General Budget Information:** The Section continues to be in great financial shape. There may be unanticipated expenses this year with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Information Technology Seminar since this is the first year the section is putting it on without the assistance of ICLE and we are reducing the cost of attendance to both section and non-section members in order generate more interest. Nonetheless, we still anticipate being well within our anticipated budget and leaving the next Council in great financial shape, although our surplus may not grow as much as in year's past.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Information Technology Law Section Seminar	September 23, 2014	Inn at St Johns

**Legislative issues:** None

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**Recommendations for next Council:**

The incoming council has for the most part been a part of the events of the past year in making preparations for our first annual seminar without the benefit of the many services ICLE provided in organizing this seminar. This is our signature event, and the council should continue to build upon and improve the foundation we have laid this year. Additionally, the council should try to provide other educational opportunities for the section, such attempting to put together a mid-year function with the International Law Sections as was discussed in our May 1, 2014.

The incoming Chair, Michael Gallo, also has continued his long-standing, yeoman's effort in putting together our bi-monthly newsletter, the Michigan IT Lawyer. Somebody needs to step up to the plate and assist him with this great work, especially since he is assuming the additional duties of Chair.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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**Bar Year:** May 31, 2013 to May 31, 2014

**Section Name:** Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

**Mission Statement:**

Issues arising out of insurance contracts and indemnity agreements affect a broad range of practice areas. In addition, insurance is a regulated industry, and state and federal regulations present specialized questions. The membership of the Insurance and Indemnity Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan consists of those who have expertise in this area of practice, as well as those whose expertise lies in other practice areas that are affected by insurance and indemnity issues. The mission of the Section is to provide a forum for an exchange of information, views and expertise from all perspectives on both insurance coverage issues and indemnity issues, and to provide information and assistance to other persons or organizations on matters relating to insurance and indemnity.

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Lauretta A. Pominville (P59072)	2012-2014
Kimberly J. Ruppel (P55138)	2012-2014
Joshua R. Terebelo (P72050)	2013-2015
James K. Thome (P25629)	2013-2015
Sarah E. Wohlford (P70567)	2013-2015
Douglas Young (P43808)	2013-2015

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**Council Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	June 4, 2013	Southfield
Annual Meeting	September 19, 2013	Lansing
Council Meeting	November 19, 2013	Southfield
Council Meeting	February 4, 2014	Southfield

**General Budget Information:**

Cash balance is approximately \$39,000.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

At our annual meeting in September 2013, we presented a panel discussion on the highly-debated issue of no-fault reform, discussing the pros and cons of proposed legislative reform.

In November 2013, we had a program for our members as well as members of the Negligence Section. Our speaker addressed the recently-formed business courts throughout the State and the impact on certain kinds of cases, including those impacting insurance and indemnity issues. The event was followed by a pre-holiday networking reception.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
A 360 Degree Perspective on Reforming Auto Insurance in Michigan: Can We Find Any Common Ground in the No-Fault Debate?	September 19, 2013	Lansing
Litigator's Guide to Navigating the New Michigan Business Courts	November 19, 2013	Southfield

**Legislative issues:** The Section formally opposed SB 0743, which would make the State Bar of Michigan a voluntary bar association.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

Continue to follow and implement the five-year strategic plan.

Continue to expand membership through networking with other sections and groups.

Conduct Section business through productive committees.

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### **Other Information:**

We continue to publish our quarterly *Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law*, and in addition to mailing copies to all members, we have also mailed copies to state circuit court and appellate judges, federal trial court judges, the chairperson of every other State Bar section, and some non-lawyer groups. The *Journal* is well-received and provides a wide breadth of articles and features for readers.

We finalized approval and implementation of a searchable directory of our members, intended to help promote our members' areas of expertise to other members of our Section and Michigan court personnel.

We conduct business through the following committees: publications, strategic planning, membership, and programming.

We are in our seventh year as a Section. Our membership has continued to grow steadily, and is approximately 700 members.

### **Reports must be submitted before May 31 of each year, to:**

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION  
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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Submitted: May 30, 2014**

**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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69367 Steven Richard Hansen, Drayton Plains  
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49241 Sharon K. Brady, Midland  
56075 Eugene J. Rath, Kalamazoo  
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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Section Annual Meeting	July 20, 2013	Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, MI
Council Meeting	August 8, 2013	Lansing Lexington Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	September 12, 2013	Lansing Lexington Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	October 10, 2013	Teleconference
Council Meeting	November 14, 2013	Lansing Lexington Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	December 12, 2013	Teleconference
Council Meeting	January 16, 2014	Teleconference
Council Meeting	February 13, 2014	Teleconference
Council Meeting	March 13, 2014	Teleconference
Council Meeting	April 17, 2014	Teleconference
Council Meeting	May 8, 2014	Teleconference
Council Meeting	Scheduled for June 12, 2014	Teleconference
Section Annual Meeting	Scheduled for July 19, 2014	Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, MI

Minutes of all meetings are available at: <http://www.michbar.org/ip/minutes.cfm>

**Intellectual Property Law Section Membership:** 1073 Members (2013)

**Intellectual Property Law Section Publication:** As of this Report, the Section has published one issue of the *IPLS Proceedings* this year. A second issue is planned for early June 2014. In

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an effort to save costs and "go green," the *IPLS Proceedings* will now be available only as an electronic version. Copies of the *IPLS Proceedings* are available at: <http://www.michbar.org/ip/>

**General Budget Information:** The Section continues to maintain a solid financial position, with a balance reported for April 30, 2014 of \$118,958.23. The balance includes excess sponsorship funds of \$34,940.21 from the Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office Detroit Office Grand Opening Gala, held on July 12, 2012 at the Henry Ford (Dearborn, MI). These funds are to be dedicated to the formation of an Intellectual Property Pro Bono Program, which has been encouraged by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The Section's most significant expenditures this year were associated with the following events/seminars: 2014 Spring IP Law Seminar held on March 24, 2014 at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing, Michigan (total expenses- \$11,543.79) and a reception following the US Patent & Trademark Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board Roundtable held on April 24, 2014 at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills, Michigan (total expenses - \$2,967.16).

**Events and/or Seminars:**

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
39th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute	July 18-20, 2013	Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, MI
IP Overview: Patents, Trade Secrets, Trademarks & Copyrights in 60 Minutes or Less	September 19, 2013	Lansing Center, Lansing, MI
2014 Spring IP Law Seminar	March 24, 2014	Kellogg Center East Lansing, MI
US Patent & Trademark Office, Patent Trial And Appeal Board Roundtable	April 24, 2014	Thomas M. Cooley Law School Auburn Hills, MI
Reception with Judges of US Patent & Trademark Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board	April 24, 2014	Thomas M. Cooley Law School Auburn Hills, MI
40th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute	Scheduled for July 17-19, 2014	Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, MI

**39th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute held July 18-20, 2013, at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island:** The 2013 Summer IP Institute returned to Mackinac Island. Two hundred forty-five people registered for the event, with 224 actual attendees. This was up from 181 registrants in Traverse City in 2012, and up from the 211 registrants at Mackinac in 2011. Evaluations of the speakers were very positive. The overall rating for the seminar was 6.14 out of 7.0. The program included outstanding presentations from nationally renowned speakers on a range of patent, trademark, copyright, and other related topics. The Section was particularly excited that the Hon. Teresa Stanek Rea, the Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, gave a keynote address on developments at the Patent and Trademark Office. The Section appreciates ICLE's support for this program.

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**IP Overview: Patents, Trade Secrets, Trademarks & Copyrights in 60 Minutes or Less, held September 19, 2013, in Lansing:** In conjunction with the State Bar's annual meeting, the IPLS provided a one-hour seminar that provided an overview of patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and copyrights for non-IP lawyers. The event was free and open to any member of the State Bar. However, attendance was sparse.

**2014 Spring IP Law Seminar, held March 24, 2014 in at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing:** Our annual Spring IP Law Seminar had 232 registrants and 194 attendees. This was down from 263 registrants/216 attendees in 2013 and 288 registrants/238 attendees in 2012, but up from 225 registrants/190 attendees in 2011. The Section believes that one factor for the significant rise in attendance in 2012 and 2013 was due to changes in the patent law under the America Invents Act. The program included patent and trademark tracks with presentations from the PTO and national practitioners. This year, the Section also reinstated a student track. It included a panel discussion focused on careers in the IP field, as well as reserved seats at each of our luncheon tables to promote networking between students and Section members. The Section appreciates ICLE's support for this program.

**US Patent & Trademark Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board Roundtable held on April 24, 2014 at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills:** The Section was honored to host judges from the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) at a public roundtable in Auburn Hills. This event was one of several roundtables that the PTAB conducted nationwide. Judges from the PTAB shared information about the new America Invents Act trials (inter partes reviews, post grant reviews, covered business method reviews, and derivations) including statistics, lessons learned, and techniques for successful motions practice. More than 80 people attended. The IPLS also hosted a reception with the PTAB judges following the roundtable. Both events were free to the public.

**40th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute to be held July 17-19, 2014 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island:** The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual IP Law Summer Institute will be at the Grand Hotel in July, with advanced patent and copyright sessions Thursday afternoon, updates Friday morning, and various topics Saturday morning. The Section is very excited that the Hon. Gerald E. Rosen, Chief Judge, Eastern District of Michigan, and the Hon. Robert Holmes Bell, District Judge, Western District of Michigan, will speak and share their perspectives on IP litigation.

**2014 Annual Business Meeting:** The Section's annual business meeting will be held July 19 at 8:00 a.m. at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island in conjunction with the 40th Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute.

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**Other Section Projects During 2013-2014**

**Pro Bono** - Section 32 of the America Invents Act directs the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to work with regional IP law associations to implement a network of pro bono service programs for individuals seeking patents, but lacking the financial resources to obtain counsel. The Section has taken the lead in facilitating the development of a program for Michigan. Initially, the Section met with significant stakeholders in any pro bono program, including private firms with significant patent practices and corporate legal departments. Based on the positive result of that meeting, the Section organized a steering committee to direct the design and implementation of a program. Currently, the steering committee is selecting a not-for-profit legal service provider to serve as an administrative partner for the program. We hope to launch a program in early 2015

**Writing Competition** - For the past four years, the Section has sponsored the Michigan Innovation and IP Legal Writing Competition. The competition is open to law students at any Michigan law school, and recognizes original scholarship in the IP field. Winners receive a cash award, publication in the IPLS *Proceedings* journal, and complimentary registration at a Section educational program. At our 2013 Annual Meeting it was announced that Kyle Quigley of Cooley Law School won the first place prize of \$500, Tasha Francis of the University of Michigan Law School won the second place prize of \$300, and Jordan Zuppke of Cooley Law School won the third place prize of \$200.

**Social Media** - The Section explored the possibility of, and worked towards, engaging in various social media platforms. A LinkedIn page has been considered and discussions with a representative of the State Bar of Michigan regarding LinkedIn took place. Written guidelines were drafted for a LinkedIn page. Various features of the new State Bar of Michigan section page were discussed and discussion questions for the page are being developed

**Survey** - In order to continue to provide educational opportunities desired by our section, the IPLS Council conducted a survey of our members to evaluate what we have been doing in the past and what changes may be made as we go forward. This review was also important to our longtime partner, the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), as it continues to evaluate its seminar activities. The information that has been gathered is being used to help the IPLS Council plan future seminars.

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**Looking Forward to 2014-2015:**

**Planned Activities:**

- Spring Seminar, March 2015, Lansing.
- 41st Annual Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, July 2015

**Recommendations for Next Council:**

- Continue efforts on establishing an IP pro bono program in Michigan.
- Continue the Section's recent trend of having an annual program or social function with the USPTO
- Use feedback from 2014 member survey to plan locations and seasons for future annual seminars
- Consider implementing plans to increase IPLS's social media presence to increase collaboration and networking between Section members

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** International Law Section

**Mission Statement:** To educate, inform, and provide analysis about the field of international law to its members and the Michigan international law and business communities through programs, meetings, seminars, the Section’s website, and publication of the *Michigan International Lawyer*.

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Linda J. Armstrong	2014	Timothy A. Attala	2015
Sonia Salah	2014	Debra Auerbach Clephane	2015
Douglas F. Duchek	2014	Neil Woelke	2015
Timothy M. Kaufmann	2016		
Troy L. Harris	2016		
Aaron Ogletree	2016		

**Committees:**

The ILS has the following standing committees:

*Business and Tax*

*Emerging Nations*

*Employment and Immigration*

*Human Rights*

*International Trade*

*International Dispute Resolution*

*Mentor-Mentee*

Informally, the Committees are asked to present a program annually. If each Committee answers the call, the program presentation becomes almost every other year.

***Section Membership:***

I am pleased to report that, as of March 2014, we increased our ILS total membership from 430 to 445 attorneys and from 14 to 38 law students.

***Council Meeting and Programs Schedule:***

The ILS combines its Annual and Quarterly Council Meetings with Programs of interest to its members and the Michigan international business and legal communities. More detailed Program Flyers for each of the Events held this past year and listed below are attached.

Meeting:	Date:	Host/Sponsor:
Annual: <b><i>Growing International Deal Lawyers: Doing Good by Doing Deals</i></b>	Thursday, September 12, 2013	<i>International Transactions Clinic</i> University of Michigan Law School Ann Arbor, MI
Quarterly: <b><i>The Middle East And Israel:</i></b>	Wednesday, November 13, 2013	Miller Canfield Detroit, MI

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<i>Post-Arab Spring Economic Dependencies, Troubled Economies Amid Conflict, Oil Politics, Embargo And Trade Sanctions.</i>		
Quarterly: <i>International Trade: Recent Developments In Export Control Regulations And Embargoes And Their Implication On Manufacturers</i>	Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn Bloomfield Hills, MI
Quarterly: <i>Policy, Practicality, and Reality: The 3 Facets of Immigration: Immigration Reform; NAFTA Operations; and Employer Compliance</i>	Wednesday, March 19, 2014	Butzel Long Detroit, MI
Quarterly: <i>Nuts and Bolts of Investment Treaty Arbitration: What Every Deal Maker Should Know About Protecting Cross-Border Investments</i>	Wednesday, May 21, 2014	University of Detroit Mercy Law School Detroit, MI

**General Budget Information:**

For the seven months ending May 31, 2014, the Section reported revenues of \$14,320.00, expenses of \$4,867.71, and an Ending Fund Balance of \$23,520.59. This compares with revenues of \$13,015.00, expenses of \$6,555.07, and an Ending Fund Balance of \$23,728.78, for the same seven months ending May 31, 2013.

**Other Events and Programs:**

We try to engage our membership with programs and events of interest to them and Michigan's international business and legal communities. These **Other Events and Programs** are designed to inform law students and young lawyers in Michigan about international law as practiced in Michigan and to attract them to join our Section.

1. "Meet & Greet" events at Michigan Law Schools:  
The ILS hosted informal programs at MSU, Wayne State and UDM Law Schools in 2014, during which three ILS members fed law students and discussed practicing international law in Michigan. Similar events are planned for the fall for Uof M and Cooley Law Schools.
2. *International Law Session at Young Lawyers' Section Annual Summit: May 31, 2014:*  
Three ILS members hosted a Panel Session at the SBM's Young Lawyers' Section's Annual Summit this year in Lansing, designed to describe for the YLS's members attending what a private international transactional law practice in Michigan might look like. Two ILS

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members (and former Section Chairs) compared their in house and outside counsel perspectives on their private international transactional careers.

### 3. *Mentor-Mentee Program:*

The Mentor-Mentee “Committee” is an initiative designed to provide mentoring opportunities for ILS members. Past Chairs of the Section serving as Mentors to law student- or young lawyer-Mentees have designated “office hours”, during which the Mentors could provide more substantive, candid and personalized guidance for young international lawyers in Michigan.

#### **Initiatives:**

*“Making Michigan the ‘Delaware of ADR?’”*

*Ad Hoc Committee:* The ILS was invited by *Carl E. Ver Beek*, of *Varnum LLP* in Grand Rapids to participate in an effort to “*Make Michigan the Delaware of ADR*”: How do we bring more international commercial dispute resolutions to Michigan? *What is the appropriate role of the International Law Section in this effort?* We formed an *Ad Hoc Committee* that includes, in addition to Mr. Ver Beek, the past, present and future Chairs of the Section, and to provide expertise and academic *gravitas*, the Committee invited Professors Troy Harris of UDM Law School and Julian Mortenson of *The University of Michigan Law School* to participate. With no illusions that Michigan will displace New York, Paris or London as desirable locations with commercial or financial expertise to host international commercial dispute resolutions, the Committee believes *ab initio* that, if any such initiative is to “have any legs”, Michigan needs to lead with a “hook” like *manufacturing expertise*. More specific goals remain to be defined but might include a State Bar task force and/or enactment of model legislation in Michigan.

#### **Programs and Meetings, 2014-2015:**

The ILS plans to hold its combined Programs and Meetings for 2014-2015 on the dates indicated:

##### ***ILS Annual Meeting:***

***Regulating the International Data Cloud: New Proposals and Initiatives***

*Thursday, September 11, 2014*

Tentatively scheduled for the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway St., Detroit, MI 48226

##### ***ILS Quarterly Meetings:***

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014:*

*Topic: TBA Location: TBA*

*Wednesday, January 21, 2015:*

*Topic: TBA Location: TBA*

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*Wednesday, March 18, 2015:  
Topic: TBA Location: TBA*

*Wednesday, May 20, 2015:  
Topic: TBA Location: TBA*

**Legislative Issues:**

None at this time. However, see “*Initiatives*” above.

**Recommendations for next Council:** Will be reviewed by ILS Nominating Committee and entire Council.

**Other Information:** The Section publishes the *Michigan International Lawyer* approximately three times a year with assistance from Wayne State University School of Law. The mission of the *Michigan International Lawyer* is to enhance and contribute to the public’s knowledge of world law and trade with articles of contemporary international law topics and issues of general interest. The journal is mailed to all Section members and is also available on the Section’s website at [michbar.org/international](http://michbar.org/international).

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Section Name: Judicial Conference

Mission Statement: The purpose of this organization shall be to join all judges of courts of record into one group to improve the efficient administration of justice in the various courts of this State and to further the relationship between the Bench and the State Bar.

Officers and Council Members:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
Chair	Honorable Fred Mulhauser
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Vice Chair	Honorable Richard Hammer
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Treasurer	Honorable Dorene Allen

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Honorable Lita M. Popke, Detroit	9/30/2014
Honorable Peter J. Maceroni, Mt. Clemens	9/30/2014
Honorable Patrick J. McGraw, Saginaw	9/30/2014
Honorable Joe Schwedler, Crystal Falls	9/30/2014
Honorable Karen J. Tighe, Bay City	9/30/2014
Honorable Richard L. Hammer, Jr., Garden City	9/30/2014
Honorable Katherine L. Hansen, Detroit	9/30/2014
Honorable Ronald W. Lowe, Plymouth	9/30/2014
Honorable Timothy G. Hicks, Muskegon	9/30/2015
Honorable Fred L. Borchard, Saginaw	9/30/2015

Honorable Stephen D. Gorsalitz, Kalamazoo	9/30/2015
Honorable John Hohman, Monroe	9/30/2015
Honorable Milt Mack, Detroit	9/30/2015
Honorable Dorene Allen, Midland	9/30/2015
Honorable Thomas P. Boyd, Mason	9/30/2015
Honorable Terry L. Clark, Saginaw	9/30/2015
Honorable Brian A. Oakley, Romulus	9/30/2015
Honorable Annette M. Juriewicz-Berry, Detroit	9/30/2016
Honorable Paul Stutesman, Centreville	9/30/2016
Honorable James M. Alexander, Pontiac	9/30/2016
Honorable Susan L. Dobrich, Cassopolis	9/30/2016
Honorable Lisa Sullivan, Clinton	9/30/2016
Honorable Frederick R. Mulhauser, Petoskey	9/30/2016
Honorable Michelle Appel, Oak Park	9/30/2016
Honorable Beth A. Gibson, Newberry	9/30/2016
Honorable Theresa M. Brennan, Brighton	9/30/2016

The Judicial Conference affords a unique forum for judges from all courts, whether large or small, urban or rural, to discuss issues that affect the citizen users of Michigan Courts ranging from current court practices to pending legislation. Members of the Michigan Bar Association regularly attend council meetings providing valuable input and perspective on behalf of the practicing bar.

The section meets a minimum of four times a year with an effort to coordinate a meeting with the State Bar Annual meeting. Other meetings are ordinarily held at the State Bar Building in Lansing or in conjunction with other judicial association meetings.

Section meetings center on current court process, legislative activity, and bar issues as they may affect the operation of the court and the public users of the court. The ability of all courts to have this open discussion forum has helped implement new court processes occasioned by recent court reforms including judicial reductions, the

implementation of performance measures, and court consolidations. Other examples affecting the bar and the public include changes in indigent defense, preliminary hearings, and specialty courts to name only a few examples.

The section budget is solely funded by the State Bar. Judges are prohibited from fund raising.

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LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION**

**Bar Year:** 2013-2014

**Section Name:** Labor and 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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Jeffrey Steele	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joseph Girolamo	1 <sup>st</sup>
Gary Francis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sam Morgan	1 <sup>st</sup>
Gloria Hage	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jennifer Salvatore	1 <sup>st</sup>
John Runyan, Jr.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Shoudy	1 <sup>st</sup>
Gail Cober	1 <sup>st</sup>	David Radtke	1 <sup>st</sup>
Michelle Crockett	1 <sup>st</sup>		

**Council Meeting Schedule:** The Council meets the second Monday of each month, except for July. Most of the meetings were held at the offices of Sommers Schwartz in Southfield. Minutes of Council Meetings are posted on the Section's website.

**General Budget and Membership Information:** Through member dues and event fees, the Council generated approximately \$95,000 in revenue for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Just over \$65,000 is generated by the dues support provided by our roughly 2,000 members (which is one of the largest sections of the State Bar of Michigan). Due to our recent change to our bylaws, non-attorneys are able to join our Section and enjoy most of its benefits. There are nearly 30 non-attorneys who have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Our expenses for the year will be approximately \$75,000. Most of those expenses relate to the printing and mailing of the Section's quarterly Law Notes publication, with the other expenses largely relating to our programs. A small percentage of our overall expenses relate to administrative costs. New initiatives which got underway in the current year will increase projected expenses for the coming years. Those expenses relate, in part, to supporting the new quarterly e-News publication and webinars, as well as coordinating and managing the Section's

presence on various social media sites. The finances of the Section are healthy and additional services are planned to be supported the Section's current fund balance and increased revenues from current and new programs.

**Events, Seminars and/or Webinars:** The Section continues to have numerous continuing education and social programs each year, and this year it added two new programs to its standard offerings. One of these offerings is a seminar offered in the Fall, the "Making Your Case" seminar. This program addresses issues of particular interest to new practitioners in the field. In addition, this year a summer social event was held. That event was a night at a Tiger's Game, preceded by a buffet picnic at the game.

Our programs were as follows:

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Annual Meeting	September	Lansing
New Event	October	Southfield
Holiday Party	December	Birmingham
Mid-Winter Meeting	January	Detroit
ICLE L&E Law Symposium	April	Northville
Webinar w/Healthcare Section	May	
Springboard Event	June	Birmingham
Westside Event w/GR Bar Assn's LELS	June	Grand Rapids
Tiger's Game Summer Outing	July	Detroit

#### **Publications:**

The Section has been publishing a quarterly hard-copy journal for the past few decades, *LawNotes*. This publication is a marquis product provided to all members.

This past Spring, the Section also published its first newsletter, *e-News*. This is a web-based publication provided by email to members sent out between *LawNotes* mailings. The content focuses on Section news and its members.

#### **Awards and Scholarships:**

The recipient of this past year's Distinguished Service Award was posthumously provided to Janet Cooper, a former Director and attorney for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. The award is reserved to individuals who have provided distinguish service to the profession over the course of their careers and who have done in highly ethical and collegial manners.

The Section also sponsored the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's Annual Labor and Employment Law Symposium, which subsidized substantially reduced tuition for new lawyers attending the conference.

The Section also provided \$1,500 towards scholarships to law students to attend the Bernard Gottfried Symposium on labor law, sponsored by the NLRB's Region 7.

**Section Committees:** There are a number of committees comprised of Section members, including Council members. Among those committees are:

- Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Gloria Hage, Chair)
- Mid-Winter Meeting Planning Committee (Jeffrey Steele, Chair)
- Webinar Committee (Gloria Hage, Chair)
- e-News Publication Committee (Daniel Swanson, Chair)
- Springboard Planning Committee (Jennifer Salvatore, Chair)
- Holiday Party and Summer Outing Planning Committee (Sam Morgan, Chair)
- “Making Your Case Seminar” Planning Committee (Gary Francis, Chair)
- Social Media Committee (Brian Koncius, Chair)
- Nominating Committee (Darcie Brault, Chair)

Section members are encourage to volunteer to participate in these planning committees, to provide suggestions to these committees, and to also serve as speakers at these various events.

**Legislative Issues:** While the Council rarely takes positions on legislative or regulatory matters, this year the Council endorsed a bill pending in Congress which would alter the way settlements of employment claims would be taxed.

**Recommendations for Next Council:** Continue with the new programs, including webinars and e-News communications, to better engage a broader range of the membership in participating in the development and execution of our programs, as well as in attending our events, and continue to reach out to the membership for participating in the development, planning and execution of these programs. Also continue to provide the programs which the members have consistently reported are highly valued to them, both on the seminar front and through Law Notes. And finally, continue to develop relationships and partnerships with other sections and affinity bar groups to aid in the maintenance and growth of our membership base, and to also enhance the diversity within our Section.

**Other Information:** In addition to continuing to offer various continuing education and social/networking events for the Section as it has over the course of recent years, as well as providing members with its quarterly scholarly and informative Law Notes publication, this year the Section has developed additional programs and services for its members. For instance:

- The Section, in part in conjunction with other Sections, is offering webinars to our members. The first webinar covered domestic partner benefits for same sex couples. Other webinars are planned for the coming year.
- In addition to Law Notes, the Section has started a new quarterly web-based publication, the e-News. This publication is intended to keep members informed of coming events and provide summaries of past events, and to otherwise keep members abreast of Section developments and ways for members to be involved in Section offerings.
- Late this year, the Section also rolled-out its presence on social media by establishing and supporting sites on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- This past year, the Council also conducted and closely analyzed the results of a comprehensive survey of members regarding the programs and services provided, their value, and options for providing services into the future.

- The webinar programs, social media presence and e-News will not only provide added value to all members, but will also enhance the Section's connections and relevance to members outside of southeast Michigan region and the generation of more social media savvy attorneys.
- As an outcome of this survey, as well as follow-up surveys and reviews, it was determined that many members were interested in redesigning the traditional format for our Mid-Winter Meeting. As a result, instead of having the meeting entail a Friday dinner with presentations, followed by a Saturday morning education program, beginning with the 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting the format will entail an afternoon of education programs followed by a dinner with presentations.

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** The Law Practice Management and Legal Administrator Section

**Mission Statement:** The Law Practice Management and Legal Administrator 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 and all affiliate members who are actively involved in the performance or teaching of administrative or managerial duties with a private law firm, corporate legal department, government, judicial or legal agency, educational institution, or other organization devoted primarily to the practice or teaching of law, and meet educational/experience requirements. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

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Treasurer	Vince Romano	1037 Maryland St Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230	(313) 333-2129	<a href="mailto:varomano@comcast.net">varomano@comcast.net</a>

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Jeff Kirkey	2015		
John Chau	2015		
Tanisha Davis	2014		
John J. Conway	2014		
David Vigna	2016		
Elizabeth Jolliffe Immediate Past Chair			
Barry Brickner Past Chair			
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Rebecca Simkins Past Chair			

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	Saturday October 26, 2013	Steven Feigelson's Office, East Lansing Michigan
Council Meeting	Saturday January 11,2014	Crown Plaza, Novi, Michigan
Council Meeting	Saturday April 12, 2014	Local Kitchen Ferndale, Michigan
Council Meeting	Monday April 28, 2014	Conference Call
Council Meeting	Saturday May 17, 2014	John Chau's Office Troy, Michigan

**General Budget Information:** As of April 30, 2013, we had an ending fund balance of \$36,206.84.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
None		

**Legislative issues:** None

**Recommendations for next Council:** The Section Council should continue in its role to increase awareness within the Bar, and among legal administrators regarding the importance of law practice management. Continue to seek out what Section members want and what benefits they can receive from the actions of the Section.

**Other Information:** The Commissioner liaison to our section is Daniel D. Quick.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2012-2013 ANNUAL LAW STUDENT SECTION  
REPORT**

❖ *Introduction:*

The State Bar of Michigan Law Student Section has been very active in the 2012-2013 academic year. Throughout the year, the section has strived to make changes that would effectively increase membership of students, and reach out to the student body throughout Michigan, and Toledo.

❖ *Section Mission Statement:*

The mission of the Law Student Section Governing Council is to represent students of Michigan's law School, and to act as a liaison to the State Bar Sections. Moreover, the Section is there to increase student involvement in the State Bar of Michigan, and to actively support other State Bar sections' in their activities. The Law Student Section strives to strengthen and further professional opportunities among law students and the legal community.

❖ *Officers and Council Members:*

<b>Chair:</b>	Marina K. Haddad
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Veronica Perera
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lauren Elster
<b>Secretary:</b>	Aaron Sohaski
<b>1L Oral Advocacy Competition Chair:</b>	Zane Hatahet

❖ *General Council Members:*

Rania Haddad; Amanda Beydoun; Eyad Fakhoury; Lauren Elster; Veronica Perrera; David Hamstra; Danielle Oliver ; Zane Hatahet; Daniela Walters ; Christine Humphrey; Aaron Sohaski; Marina Haddad; Kyra Harris; Justin Strayhorn; Elizabeth Colvin.

❖ *Section Committees:*

**1L Oral Advocacy Committee:**

The committee assisted the Chair of the Section, and the Chair of the Annual 1L Oral Advocacy Competition to put on the successful event. The committee consisted of: Marina Haddad, Zane Hatahet, Veronica Perera, Aaron Sohaski, Danielle Oliver. The committee contacted local practicing attorneys in to judge the competition, which was hosted at the Cooley Law School at Auburn Hills.

❖ **SECTION MEMBERSHIP:**

Each law school was required to host two table events each semester to increase membership and inform students of the SBM Law Student Section.

After meeting with Mr. Lynn Ingram, we were able to transform the membership registration process from paper application to online registration. The website has been launched; however, will be used for the 2014-2015 year. This will allow for an easier registration process, and the Section anticipates an increased membership as a result.

## ❖ SECTION BYLAWS:

There have not been any revisions or additions to the Section's bylaws.

## ❖ MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS:

### MEETINGS:

The Law Student Section holds a conference call every first Sunday of each month. During the calls, upcoming activities and action plans are discussed. The conference call is only open to the governing council and the general council members.

In addition, the Chair of the Section has also attending a meeting as a member of the governing council with the Young Lawyers Section. The meeting was successful and a gap was bridged between the two sections. During the meeting, ideas were shared to host events that would be beneficial to both recent attorneys and students soon to graduate.

### ACTIVITIES

#### **1L Oral Advocacy Competition:**

This year, the competition was held at the Cooley Law School at Auburn Hills. The winner of the competition was Elizabeth Butler of Detroit Mercy School of Law. The topic of this year's competition was the DIA and its collection and the current legal battle in the Michigan Supreme Court, where the contestants argued both sides of the topic. Judges were invited from the master list as well as the young lawyer section.

#### **Young Lawyers Section Conference:**

The Chair will be attending the Young Lawyers Sections Conference which will be held in June of 2014.

#### **Honorary Judge Dennis Archer:**

The LSS invited Judge Dennis Archer to both Detroit Mercy School of Law and the University of Michigan School of Law. The focus of the speech was diversity in the legal field. Both events were heavily attended by students on each respective campus.

#### **Smart Financial Planning:**

In conjunction with the Young Lawyers Section, the LSS hosted at Detroit Mercy School of Law a smart financial planning seminar with two certified public accountants. The purpose of the program was to help students and new attorneys manage their finances while dealing with loan repayment and everyday living expenses.

#### **Mental Health Day**

The LSS hosted a mental health day for students at Detroit Mercy School of Law. The LSS created a Stress-Free Zone with healthy foods, access to a nutritionist and 19 volunteer massage therapists. The event was a great success and the LSS hopes to host the same event in all Michigan Law School next year.

#### **Character & Fitness Seminar**

The LSS hosted two members from the Character and Fitness division at the State Bar of Michigan to come speak with graduating third year law students. The speakers discussed issues that arise during the character and fitness process, and gave advice on how to properly fill out the application.

## **State Bar of Michigan**

Members of the State Bar of Michigan arranged a focus group with the Michigan law schools. The purpose of the focus group was to understand the needs of law students, and how the State Bar of Michigan can involve students more in events and activities.

### **❖ FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Section started the 2013-2014 with a budget of \$6, 609.87, and ended the year with a budget of \$7,887.98. The law student section sponsored several events and became active on social media sites, increasing membership. Kaplan and Themis generously donated first and second place awards for the 1L Oral Advocacy. Kaplan gifted \$1,000-off a bar-review course, and Themis gifted \$500 off a course.

### **❖ FUTURE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES:**

The main focus of the upcoming year to increase membership to ensure students are aware of the services the SBM offers. Moreover, the upcoming year will be focused on having a more involved governing council so that the maximum number of students is involved and aware of the sections activities.

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
LITIGATION SECTION  
2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Litigation Section

**Mission Statement:** The Litigation Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, its website site, public service programs, and publication of a journal. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael P. Cooney	2014	Michael O. Fawaz	2016
David L. Moffitt	2014	Paul Daniel Hudson	2016
Thaddeus E. Morgan	2014	Hon. Donald A. Johnston, III	2016
Gary R. Peterson	2014	Kevin J. Stoops	2016
Daniel P. Steele	2014	James M. Straub	2016
Albert J. Dib	2015		
Kristopher K. Hulliberger	2015		
Daniel J. McGlynn	2015		
Bernard C. Schaefer	2015		
Brandon J. Evans	2016		

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LITIGATION SECTION  
2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT**

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	January 23, 2014	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	March 12, 2014	Telephonic
Council Meeting	May 22, 2014	Lansing, MI
Litigation Summer Conference	July 24, 2014	Thompsonville, MI
Annual Meeting	September 17, 2014	Grand Rapids, MI

**General Budget Information:** The Litigation Section’s Budget for 2013-14 is attached.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Despite moving to a Litigation Institute style seminar with ICLE, the Section continues to be interested in having a Summer Conference and Masters in Litigation Series as well as developing educational resources for its members. Attached is the Summer Conference Brochure.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Masters in Litigation	March 19, 2014	Livonia, MI
Litigation Summer Conference	July 24, 2014	Thompsonville, MI
Masters in Litigation	Fall 2014	TBA

**Legislative issues:** The Litigation Section has a Rules and Legislation Committee that keeps the Governing Council up to date on all pending legislation or rule changes that may affect our membership and the Governing Council take the action it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to issuing a position report to the State Bar of Michigan.

**Recommendations for next Council:** The next Council should focus on increasing participation of section members, particularly newer lawyers, in the section governance. ICLE has decide to consolidate its support for the Litigation Section seminars to a once a year institute model. This provides a number of opportunities not only to have section members involved in the Institute but also to have them organize and support events like the Summer Conference, which will eventually move from being run by ICLE to the section itself. The next Council should also focus on providing services and education to the ever increasing number of practitioners who will not have the opportunity to be trained by a firm due to the changing economic conditions in the legal market. Finally, the Council should continue to develop its modes of communication to its membership, both in the way it provides information to its members and makes information available to them online.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Donnelly  
Chairman-elect, Litigation Section

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**Litigation Section FY 2013-2014 Proposed Budget**

REVENUES	
Member Dues	\$55,900.00
Student/Affiliate Dues	\$500.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$56,400.00</b>
Cash Balance Forwarded	\$113,159.79
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$169,559.79</b>

EXPENSES	
Summer Program	\$23,000.00
Masters Program (includes two \$1000 receptions)	\$22,000.00
Annual Meeting	\$500.00
Newsletter	\$6,000.00
Mock Trial	\$8,000.00
Legal Aid Contribution	\$12,000.00
Website/Social Media	\$4,000.00
State Bar Leadership Conference	\$1,800.00
Postage	\$1,500.00
Listserv	\$420.00
Council Meetings	\$500.00
Telephone	\$500.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$80,220.00</b>

<b>YEAR END BALANCE</b>	<b>\$89,339.79</b>
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**Cancellation Policy:** In order to receive a full refund, you must notify ICLE by July 11, 2014. After July 11, a \$45 handling fee will be assessed. No refunds will be issued after July 18, 2014. Visit [www.icle.org/info/seminarpolicies](http://www.icle.org/info/seminarpolicies) for seminar policy information.

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The Professional Education Group  
Minnetonka, MN

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Master Lawyers

**Mission Statement:** The Section's mission is to promote the particular interests of the members of the Section, to plan and carry out programs, publications, and activities of interest to members of the Section, to coordinate programs for members of this Section with national and local bar associations, to protect the public by providing resources on the ethical and practical issues related to transitioning from the practice of law, to be a resource for retirement planning, and to expand opportunities for contributions by members of this Section to the community. The goals of Section are to provide service to members of this Section, to aid in protecting the public, and to contribute to the community.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Member	Term	Member	Term
James H. Loree	9/30/2016	George S. Lilly	9/30/2016
Richard F. Fellrath	9/30/2016	H. Rollin Allen	9/30/2014
Alfred E. Gade	9/30/2014	Kathleen Williams Newell	9/30/2014
Ronald Keefe	9/30/2015	Richard Ruhala	9/30/2015
Cynthia L.M. Johnson	9/30/2015	Jerome D. Frank	9/30/2015

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council	10/17/2013	Michael Franck Bldg., Lansing
Council	11/21/2013	Telephonic
Council	12/12/2013	Telephonic
Council	1/16/2014	Telephonic
Council	2/20/2014	Telephonic
Council	3/20/2014	Telephonic
Council	4/10/2014	Michael Franck Bldg., Lansing
Council	5/15/2014	Telephonic
Council	6/19/2014	Telephonic

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Council	7/17/2014	Telephonic
Council	8/10/2014	Doherty Hotel, Clare
Council	9/19/2014	Amway Grand, Grand Rapids

**General Budget Information:** Active, inactive, and emeritus SBM members in good standing who have reached age 60 or completed 30 years of practice as members of the Bar automatically become members of the section free of charge. Active, inactive, and emeritus SBM members in good standing who have reached age 50 or have completed 20 years of membership in the Bar may join the section for the payment of annual dues in the amount of \$25. The Section is funded by the SBM.

The Section has been assisted in its work by staff liaisons Amy Castner, Dawn Evans and Kari Thrush. The Section is provided financial information relative to its revenue and expenditures by the Finance Division and receives staff assistance with electronic publications and communications from the Communications Division.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	9/20/2013	Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan
Summer Conference	8/8/2014 - 8/10/2014	Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan
Annual Meeting	9/19/14	DeVos Center, Grand Rapids

**Legislative issues:** The Section voted to oppose Senate Bill 743 on February 20, 2014. Filed the policy position form. Chair drafted and sent a letter to the Task Force giving reasons for the section's support for a mandatory bar.

**Recommendations for next Council:** The Section should continue to work on ways to involve and serve its membership, consistent with its Bylaws, by developing programming and disseminating information to its members in areas of interest. The Section anticipates both regular and periodic use of electronic and print forms of communication to make members aware of developments that impact them, as well as to solicit from members input about what type of programming would be helpful or well-received. In the coming year, the Section plans to continue to develop member interest in working on its various committees; promote participation in the online mentor program, linking Section members with young lawyers seeking guidance; educate the members about the importance of succession planning; and increase participation by members in the Section's annual meeting, summer conference, and other events.

**Other Information:** At the annual meeting, a program entitled, "Transitioning to Working Less" was given by Roberta M. Gubbins, Ruthmarie Shea, and Tish Vincent. The section elected officers and council members for the 2013-2014 year on the basis of recommendations made by the Nominating Committee.

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The following persons served as chairs of the identified committees and subcommittees:

Nominating Committee – Ronald Keefe  
Service to Master Lawyers Committee – Jim Loree  
    Mentoring Subcommittee – Ron Keefe  
    Transition of Practice Subcommittee – Cynthia L.M. Johnson  
Protection of the Public Committee – Charlotte Shoup  
    Inventory Attorney Committee – Ed Pugh  
Community Contribution  
    Law Day Subcommittee – Richard Ruhala  
    Constitution Day – Fred Keywell  
Membership Committee – Roland Hwang

During the course of the year, the Law Day Subcommittee partnered with the LRE-PO Committee to promote section member knowledge and involvement in the State Bar's Law Day contest. The Constitution Day Subcommittee also liaised with the LRE-PO Committee and generated involvement in middle school programming throughout the state. The Council communicated with its members by use of e-blasts, the section website, the Section Briefs portion of the Michigan Bar Journal, and the section also placed an ad in the Michigan Bar Journal for the 2014 summer conference.

Communications committee and chair with liaison input will publish the section Newsletter, *The Mentor*, in an electronic format. Also, the Section now has a representative on the LRE-PO Committee.

The section chairperson attended the New Chair orientation on September, the chair and treasurer both attended the Treasurer's telephonic conference, and the chair and chair elect both attended the Bar Leadership Forum in June.

The section's summer conference is scheduled for August 8-10 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, MI. Scheduled topics are *Tips for Addressing Health Care Changes Affecting You and Your Clients* by J. David Kerr; *The Power of Pro Bono* by Darling Garcia, Robert Mathis, and Jill Nylander; *Strategies to Maximize Your Social Security Benefits*; and *Transitioning to Working Less: Toward a Graceful Retirement* by Ruthmarie Shea and Tish Vincent.

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Negligence Law

**Mission Statement:**

It shall be the purpose of this organization:

- To preserve the jury system and promote the fair and just administration of negligence law.
- To advance professional and ethical standards on the part of negligence law practitioners.
- To preserve and promote trial advocacy skills in the practice of negligence law.
- To encourage attorneys to enter the field of negligence law.
- To recognize by way of awards and scholarships excellence in tort law and outstanding contribution to the practice of the profession.

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Member	Term	Member	Term
<b>Thomas R. Behm</b>	2015		
<b>Mark J. Bernstein</b>	2014		
<b>James R. Bradley</b>	2015		
<b>Megan K. Cavanagh</b>	2015		
<b>Chad D. Engelhardt</b>	2016		
<b>Jennifer M. Grieco</b>	2014		
<b>Phillip C. Korovesis</b>	2016		
<b>Robert M. Raitt</b>	2014		
<b>Michael J. Sullivan</b>	2014		
<b>Wolfgang Mueller</b>			

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
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Annual	9/19/13	Lansing
Monthly	10/30/13	Novi
Monthly	11/20/13	Novi
Monthly	12/18/14	Novi
Monthly	1/22/14	Novi
Monthly	2/26/14	Novi
Monthly	3/26/14	Novi
Monthly	4/23/14	Novi
Seminar	5/2-5/5	Las Vegas

**General Budget Information:** Through April 30<sup>th</sup>; Net income equals \$32,074.43, fund balance equals \$69,552.73.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Presentation on Dark Money	9/19/13	Lansing
Seminar	5/2-5/5/14	Las Vegas

**Legislative issues:**

SB 652, Court of Claims bill: Council testified and help draft the trailer bill, HB 5156.

HB 4353, Emergency Room/Hospital Immunity; Council testified is opposition to the bill, which was then tabled.

HBs 4770, 4771, “ambulance chasing bills”; Council was instrumental in drafting, revising, and testifying in support of these bills, which are now law.

HB 4612, H-3, Auto No-Fault; Council has been active in meeting with legislators in opposing the legislation.

HB 4551, Disclosure of the MCCA; Council has met with the bill sponsor and has supported the bill. SB 743, Voluntary Bar; Council has opposed the bill. Council testified at the Task Force

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hearing May 2, 2014. SB 661, "Dark Money"; Council has testified in opposition to issue ad legislation.

SB 661, Trampoline liability; Council opposed the bill.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

**Other Information:**

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Paralegal/Legal Assistant

**Mission Statement:** The Paralegal/Legal Assistant 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 qualified legal assistants and 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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Treasurer	Marianne Beth Delaney	Dearborn, MI	313-322-9379	<a href="mailto:mdelane6@ford.com">mdelane6@ford.com</a>

Member	Term	Member	Term
Doreen Rae Dafauw	09/30/14	Denise E. Gau	09/30/14
Teri Lynn Rhadigan	09/30/14	Teresa Lee Duddles	09/30/15
Susan Haight	09/30/15	Kimberly King	09/30/15

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular	09/20/13	Grand Rapids, MI
Regular	11/09/13	Grand Rapids, MI
Special Electronic Vote	11/21/13	Telephonic
Special Electronic Vote	12/03/13	Telephonic
Regular	01/18/14	Telephonic
Annual	09/18/14	Grand Rapids, MI



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- Annual Meeting – Held in conjunction with State Bar Annual Meeting for any election and swearing in of officers and council members.
  
- Meet & Greet events – Informal gatherings to promote networking and membership.

11/08/13 Dawn Evans, Director of SBM's Professional Standards Division gave a discussion on ethics in Grand Rapids, MI.

03/07/14 Tish Vincent, Program Administrator of SBM's Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program spoke about Wellness and Healthy Stress Management in Royal Oak, MI.

07/11/14 Professional Standard Presentation & Discussion by Danon Goodrum – Garland, Professional Standards Investigative Counsel, SBM

**Publications** – “News Blast” (bi-monthly flyer of upcoming events), “Michigan Paralegal” (quarterly newsletter of articles and postings); new Facebook and LinkedIn pages established.

**Awards** – “Shining Star” award based on nominations to recognize outstanding paralegals in Michigan; Scholarships awarded in Summer of 2014 to deserving college students enrolled in ABA-approved paralegal program.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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Sections & Committees Administrator  
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Email: [hkanderson@mail.michbar.org](mailto:hkanderson@mail.michbar.org)  
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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Prisons and Corrections Section

**Mission Statement:** The Prisons and Corrections 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.

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Jessica Zimbelman	SADO, Lansing	313-256-9833	jzimbelman@sado.org
Chair-Elect	Jessica Zimbelman			
Secretary	Peter Martel	AFSC, Ann Arbor	248.807.7651	<a href="mailto:pmartel@afsc.org">pmartel@afsc.org</a>
Treasurer	Avar Laws-Wright	611 W Ottawa St, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl Lansing 48933	517.241.6317	laws-righta@mich.gov

Member	Term	Member	Term
Daniel E. Manville (P39731)	2014	Monica Jahner (Associate Member)	2014
Michael J. Marutiak (P30104)	2014	Nicole George (Associate Member)	2015
Paul D. Reingold (P27594)	2014	Avar Laws-Wright (P71704)	2015
Richard B. Stapleton (P38793)	2014	Jessica L. Zimbelman (P72042)	2015
Jacqueline Colette Ouvry (P71214)	2015	Pete Martel (Associate Member)	
Hon. Douglas B. Shapiro (P39827)	2015		
Ronald W. Emery (P24056)	2016	<b><i>Ex Officio Council Members</i></b>	
Sandra L. Bailiff Girard (P33274)	2016	Michelle VanDusen	n/a
Gary M. Kasenow (P38304)	2016	Jessica Peterson (P69532)	n/a
John A. Shea (P37634)	2016	(vacant--MI Sheriff's Assoc.)	
<b>Commissioner Liaison</b>			
Timothy J. Burns (P61773)			

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Membership Meeting & Program	9/20/13	Lansing Center, Lansing
Monthly Meeting	10/12/13	MSU Law Clinics Building, East Lansing
Monthly Meeting	11/2/13	State Bar- Lansing
Monthly Meeting	12/7/13	State Bar- Lansing

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Monthly Meeting	1/4/14	State Bar- Lansing
Monthly Meeting	3/1/14	State Bar- Lansing
Monthly Meeting	4/5/14	State Bar- Lansing
Monthly Meeting	5/3/14	State Bar- Lansing

**General Budget Information:** This year the Prison and Corrections Section had approximately \$3400 in revenues, \$1800 in expenses, and increased its end-of-year Fund Balance to approximately \$3500.00.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Presentation by the Council of State Governments on the Sentencing and Justice Reinvestment Initiative	11-2-13	State Bar- Lansing
Preparing your Client for Mitigation, Rehabilitation, and Incarceration Violations	6-21-14	State Bar- Lansing
Newsletter Publication, <i>Prisons and Corrections Forum</i> , Vol 14, No 1, Spring 2014	April 2014	

**Legislative issues:** The Council took positions on the following:

- House Bill 4366: Support
- House Bills 4679-4680: Oppose and Amend
- House Bill 5025: Support
- House Bill 5078: Support
- House Bill 5127: Oppose
- House Bills 5216-5218: Oppose
- House Bill 5414: Support
- Senate Bills 76-77: Oppose and Amend
- Senate Bills 318-319: Support and Amend
- Senate Bill 519: Oppose
- Senate Bills 557-558: Support
- Senate Bill 591: Support
- Senate Bill 633: Support
- Senate Bill 909: Oppose

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**Recommendations for next Council:** Continue policy review relating to Michigan corrections practices; increase public awareness of the Section and its activities; discuss moving to online newsletters; partner with other sections for an additional conference

**Dated:** June 23, 2014

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:**

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**Bar Year:** 2013-14

**Section Name:** Probate and Estate Planning Section

**Current Mission Statement<sup>1</sup>:** The purpose of the Probate and Estate Planning Section is to enhance and improve the practice and administration of law pertaining to probate and estate planning by the study of statutes, cases, and procedures; by the consideration, drafting, and active support or opposition of proposed legislation; by the providing of advice to courts during the course of pending litigation; by the sponsoring of meetings and institutes ((together with publishing and disseminating pamphlets, brochures, a journal of the Section, and legal writings) as a means of education members of the Bar and public, all in connection with advancing the proper preparation of wills, trusts, tax returns, and other documents; the efficient administration of trusts as well as estates of decedents, minors, incompetents, and missing persons; and the advance planning for the orderly disposition of property, minimization of taxes, and well-being of persons.

**2013-14 Officers and Council Members:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>		
Chair	Thomas F. Sweeney	151 S. Old Woodward Ave. Suite 200 Birmingham, MI 48009	248-988- 5867	<a href="mailto:tsweeney@clarkhill.com">tsweeney@clarkhill.com</a>
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Vice Chair	Shaheen I. Imami	31300 Northwestern Hwy. Farmington Hills, MI 48334	248-865- 8810	<a href="mailto:sii@probateprince.com">sii@probateprince.com</a>
Secretary	James B. Steward	205 S. Main Street Ishpeming, MI 49849	906-485- 6311	<a href="mailto:jamessteward@sewardsheridan.com">jamessteward@sewardsheridan.com</a>
Treasurer	Marlaine C. Teahan	124 W. Allegan Street Suite 1000 Lansing, MI 48933	517-377- 0869	<a href="mailto:mteahan@fraserlawfirm.com">mteahan@fraserlawfirm.com</a>

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Murkowski, Hon. David M.	2014	Ouellette, Patricia M.	2015
Taylor, Robert M.	2014	Spica, James P.	2015
Bearup, George F.	2014	Skidmore, David L.	2015
Kerr, J. David	2014	Brigman, Constance L.	2016
Ballard, Christopher A.	2014	Allan, Susan M.	2016

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed modification of Mission Statement will be considered at the Section's annual meeting on September 6, 2014.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Welber, Nancy H.	2014	Lentz, Marguerite M.	2016
Ard, W. Josh	2015	Vernon, Geoffrey R.	2016
Clark-Kreuer, Rhonda M.	2015	New Lorraine F.	2016
Lucas, David P.	2015	Marquardt, Michelle C.	2016

**Council Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Probate Council and Section Annual	September 8, 2012	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	October 12, 2013	Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
Probate Council Meeting	November 16, 2013	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	December 14, 2013	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	January 18, 2014	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	February 15, 2014	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	March 15, 2014	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	April 19, 2014	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	June 7, 2014	University Club, Lansing
Probate Council Meeting	September 26, 2014	University Club, Lansing

**General Budget Information Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2014**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Membership Dues	\$115,290.00
Publishing Agreements	\$ 650.00
Other	<u>\$ 35.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$115,975.00

<b>Disbursements</b>	
Journal	\$ 8,908.28
Chairperson's Dinner	
Travel	\$ 13,440.93
Lobbying	\$ 20,000.00
Meetings	\$ 11,231.94
Long Range Planning	\$ 1,000.00
Publishing Agreements	\$ 0.00
Support For Annual Institute	\$ 11,866.68
Amicus Briefs	\$ 361.50
Electronic Communications	\$ 600.00
Postage	\$ 100.00
Telephone	\$ 9.03
Officers	\$ 1,350.00
Other	\$ <u>21.33</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 67,789.69*
 Increase (Decrease)	 \$ 48,185.31

Fund Balance as of May 31, 2013 is \$254,481.91

\*There are substantial additional expenditures for the current year ending September 30, 2014 for which bills have not been received or paid.

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**Events and/or Seminars:**

The Section has a strong partnership with ICLE and co-sponsors a significant number of seminars on a variety of estate planning and administration topics each year with ICLE and does not offer any seminars independent of ICLE. Programs are offered live at locations throughout Michigan, as well as via the internet. The Section also has co-sponsored a Probate and Estate Planning Certificate with ICLE

Seminars co-sponsored by the Section with ICLE during the 2013-2014 Bar Year included the following:

<b>Event or Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Veteran's Benefits and the Claims administration Process	August 6, 2013	ICLE Studio
Michigan's Trust Decanting Rules	September 12, 2013	ICLE Studio
Fundamentals of Estate Planning	October 1, 2013	Plymouth
Drafting an Estate Plan for an Estate Under \$5 Million	October 23, 2013	Plymouth
Document Assembly Systems for Estate Planners	November 13, 2013	Novi
Planning Techniques for the Taxable Estate	December 10, 2013	Plymouth
Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents	January 23, 2014	Grand Rapids
Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents	February 13, 2014	Plymouth
Drafting an Estate Plan for an Estate Under \$5 Million	February 26, 2014	Plymouth
Annual Medicaid & Health Care Planning Update	April 3, 2014	Grand Rapids
Annual Medicaid & Health Care Planning Update	April 22, 2014	Plymouth
Estate Planning for Second Marriages	May 21, 2014	ICLE Studio
Litigating a Trust Contest	May 7, 2014	Acme
54 <sup>th</sup> Annual Probate & Estate Planning Institute	May 8-10-2014	Acme
54 <sup>th</sup> Annual Probate & Estate Planning Institute	June 13-14, 2014	Plymouth
Drafting an Estate Plan for an Estate Under \$4 Million	June 25, 2014	Plymouth

## **Legislative Issues:**

The Section remained very active with respect to legislation during the Section's 2013-2014 Bar Year.

**The Section drafted and supported through both public policy position statements and additional efforts, the following legislation enacted by the Legislature:**

- SB 31-32. Clarifies the insurable interests of trusts enacted as PA 7 of 2014 (SB 31) and PA 8 of 2014 (SB 32).
- HB 4382 and 4384. Permits Guardians to request DNR orders in a variety of circumstances, enacted as PA 155 of 2013 (HB 4382) and 157 of 2013 (HB 4384).

**In addition, the Section sought to influence and supported through public policy statements the following legislation which remain pending in the legislature:**

- HB 5366 Guardian and conservator fiduciary access to digital assets.\*
- HB 5367 Personal representative access to digital assets.\*
- HB 5368 Definitions relating to fiduciary access to digital assets.\*
- HB 5369 Attorney in fact access to digital assets.\*
- HB 5370 Trustee fiduciary access to digital assets.\*
- SB 144 Scheduling hearings for developmentally disabled minors before age 18.
- SB 177 Scheduling hearings for minors before age 18.
- SB 293 Personal representative access to online accounts.\*

\*While the Section supports these statutory efforts in concept, it believes legislation based on the NCCUSL model law would be preferable.

**In addition, the Section sought to influence and took policy positions in opposing parts all or part of the following legislation which remains pending in the legislature:**

- Proposed Amendments to HB 4382, 4383 and 4384. Prior to enactment of HB 4382 and HB 4384, the Section opposed amendments to these bills which are contrary to the public policy position previously taken by the Section. It supported HB 4382 and HB 4384.

- SB 465 and 466. Opposed adoption of proposed Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act (UAPPJA), (except the portion covered by replacement legislation proposed by the Council which was adopted).
- SB 743. Voluntary Bar membership.

**In addition, the Section has reviewed the following legislation or proposed legislation and in some cases has been drafting language. In some cases, the Section has taken a public policy position and in other cases no such position has been taken at this time.**

- SB 731 Appointment of funeral representative.
- SB 831 Would extend personal residence exemption for three years after death.
- HB 4013. Would permit exclusion of income from pooled income trusts arrangements from the amount of earned income used to determine eligibility for Medicaid. The Section has supported this legislation by public policy statement.
- HB 4690 Would modify requirements for real estate affidavits.
- HB 4810 Permits continued use of Personal Residence Exemption if resident in nursing home, (PA 40 of 2014)
- HB 5162 Disposition arrangements for decedents.
- MCL 600.308, 600.861, 600.863 and MCR 5.801, MCR 7.102(9), MCR 7.103(A)(2), MCR 7.108(E)(1) and (2), MCR 7.109(B)(1)(b), MCR 7.210(A)(1), MCR 7.210(B)(1)(b) and MCR 7.102. Drafting amendments to MCL 600.308 and the described court rules for purpose of providing that all appeals from probate court will be to court of appeals. This would also require repeal MCL 600.861 and 600.863. The Section has supported this proposed legislation and proposed court rules by virtue of a public policy statement.
- MCL 600.867, MCR 2.614, MCR 5.802 (and other affected rules) including MCR 7.208, 7.209. • Drafting amendments to MCL 600.867, and MCR 5.802, MCR 7.08(D), and MCR 7.209(A)(1), (B)(1),(F)(1); (G)(1) regarding automatic stays for appeals to conform them to rules regarding automatic stays in appeals from circuit courts. The Section has supported this proposed legislation and proposed court rules by virtue of a public policy statement.
- MCL 211.27a (7)(s). Drafting proposed technical amendment regarding uncapping for property tax purposes. Section has supported this amendment by virtue of a public policy statement..
- Proposed directed trustee legislation.
- Proposed domestic asset protection trust legislation

- Proposed amendments to Jury Instructions J1 170.44 & 179.10 regarding undue influence. The Section has made a public policy statement in opposition to this proposal.
- Proposed artificial reproductive technology legislation.
- Proposed legislation to relieve ILIT trustees from prudent investor rule.

**Other Activities.**

- Submitted Amicus brief to Court of Appeals in Ducharme v Ducharme.
- Involvement in Self Help Task Force.
- Review and drafting of proposed SCAO forms.
- Review of EPIC for possible amendments.
- Drafting of Patient Guidelines for Health Care Decision Making
- Reviewed and revised Section Bylaws and Mission Statement for approval by Section members at annual meeting.
- Recommended that Section members approve proposal that the sole means of delivery of the Probate and Estate Planning Journal will be by electronic delivery.
- Participation in statewide informational citizen outreach project in August, 2014
- Revision of Section pamphlets.
- Review and Support of Probate Judges Association proposal to eliminate probate inventory fee for revenue neutral increased filing fees.
- Initiation of new CLE program with ICLE on Experts in Estate Planning.

Dated: June 1, 2014

Respectfully submitted,



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Thomas F. Sweeney  
Chair, Probate and Estate Planning Section  
State Bar of Michigan

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SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Real Property Law Section

**Mission Statement:** The Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education and information about current real property issues through meetings, seminars, its website, pro bono service programs, and quarterly publication of a journal. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan.

As further stated in the Section's By-Laws, the Section's purpose is to study the laws and procedures pertaining to Real Property Law and to promote the fair and just administration of Real Property Law; to study and report upon proposed and necessary legislation, including, but not limited to, pending legislation and drafting and introducing legislation; to study and report on pending litigation, including, but not limited to, the filing of amicus curiae briefs; to promote throughout the State of Michigan the legal education of members of the Bar and the public on Real Property Law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences devoted to Real Property Law, by the preparation and dissemination of books, booklets, materials, pamphlets and brochures with respect thereto and by preparing and sponsoring and publishing legal writings in this field.

**Officers and Council Members:**

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Secretary	Melissa N. Collar P# 51781	111 Lyon Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503	616-752-2000	mcollar@wnj.com
Treasurer	David Nykanen P#47763	Nykanen Dorfman PLLC 33493 W 14 Mile Rd Ste 100 Farmington Hills, MI 48331	248-629-0880	dave@nykanendorfman.com

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Glen M. Zatz P# 37115	2015	Gregory J. Gamalski P#36034	2014
Lorri B. King P#42564	2016	Clay B. Thomas P#56927	2015
Richard D. Rattner P#19249	2016	Melissa B. Papke P#67083	2014
Nicholas P. Scavone P#47138	2016	Margaret Van Meter P#40960	2014
Jeffrey D. Weisserman P#40470	2016	Monica Labe P#49097	2015

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 16, 2013	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	November 20, 2013	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	December 18, 2013	MEX, Bloomfield Hills
Council Meeting	January 15, 2014	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	February 19, 2014	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	April 16, 2014	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	May 21, 2014	Warner Norcross, Sfld & GR
Council Meeting	July 19, 2014	Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, MI
Council Meeting	September 18, 2014	Amway, Grand Rapids MI

**General Budget Information:** While the Section’s finances remain strong, income and expenses are being closely monitored. In addition, the Section has been making efforts to lower its accumulated income account with the State Bar by pursuing new initiatives and educational programs focused on newer members of the State Bar.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS - Construction Lending: Back in the Saddle Again	October 24, 2013	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Multi-Family Deals	November 5, 2013	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth

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and Loans - What you Can and Can't Get: The Forms, Customs and Problems with Multi-Family and Manufactured Housing		
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast "What's in <i>Your</i> Opinion? - An Updated Look at Legal Opinions in Commercial Real Estate Financing"	December 5, 2013	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – Leasing Boot Camp - Part I	January 23, 2014	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast "Insurance and Indemnification in Commercial Real Estate Transactions	February 6, 2014	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
RPLS/ICSC	February 13, 2014	Suburban Collection Showcase, Novi
2014 Winter Conference	March 13-15, 2014	Palazzo, Las Vegas, Nevada
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – Leasing Boot Camp - Part II	April 17, 2014	Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Use of Appraisals in Real Estate Transactions and Litigation	May 1, 2014	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
2014 Summer Conference "Rebuilding the Dream: Michigan Real Estate Revitalized"	July 16-19, 2014	Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Traverse City, Michigan
<b>Other Programming:</b>		
Pizza & Property	November 23, 2013	Cooley Law School, Lansing
Meet & Greet	March 25, 2014	University of Detroit Mercy Law School, 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 particular legislators 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 entered. 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 or pro municipality).

**Recommendations for next Council:** The next Council should continue working with the State Bar of Michigan on improving the Section's website and the online offerings available to the Section's members. It should also continue pursuing outreach and educational programs for newer members of the State Bar and expand participation in the Section by real estate lawyers located outside of southeast Michigan.

**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  
Federal Tax Aspects of Real Estate Transactions  
Residential Transactions and Finance  
State and Local Taxation  
Title and Conveyancing  
Water Law  
Zoning and Land Use

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Social Security Section

**Mission Statement:** The [Social Security](#) 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](#).

**Officers and Council Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
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Treasurer	Margaret A. O'Donnell	888 W Big Beaver Road, Ste, 1490, Troy, MI	248-362-4700	odonnellm@chartersheck.com

Member	Term	Member	Term
Gregory Frye	9/30/14	Annette Skinner	9/30/14
Lisa Welton	9/30/14	Jeff Appel	9/30/15
Larry Maitland	9/30/15	Charles Robison	9/30/15
James Carlin	9/30/15	Ron Berridge	9/30/15
Janice Stern	9/30/14	Nancy Anderson	9/30/14

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	October 18, 2013	Livonia, MI
Board Meeting	December 4, 2013	Lansing, MI
Board Meeting	January 15, 2014	Lansing, MI
Board Meeting	March 12, 2014	Lansing, MI
Board Meeting	April 9, 2014	Lansing, MI

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Board Meeting	May 7, 2014	Lansing, MI

**General Budget Information:** The Section will end the year in a better financial position than year end 2013, through tedious work in analyzing costs, etc. The Section has worked hard in reducing costs while increasing membership.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Meeting and Seminar	October 18, 2013	Livonia, MI
A Federal State of Mind Seminar	February, 21, 2014	Lansing, MI
The Experts on the Experts	June 20, 2014	Grand Rapids, MI

**Legislative issues:** None

**Recommendations for next Council:** Continuing Budget Improvements, Continuing the exemplary seminars

**Other Information:**

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**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name: Workers' Compensation Law**

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Member	Term	Member	Term
John B. Combs	2014	Matthew Conklin	2014
J. Timothy Esper	2014	Dennis Flynn	2015
Jason Chizick	2015	Mark M. Sesí	2015
Rosa Bava	2016	Philip Frame	2016
Andrea L. Hamm	2016		

***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
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Other Information: We will be electing new officers and 3 council members at our meeting on June 19-20, 2014.

  
Charles W. Palmer  
6-16-14

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

**Bar Year: 2013-2014**

**Section Name:** Young Lawyers Section

**Mission Statement:**

The Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan (YLS) provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter. The YLS bylaws provide that the objectives and purposes of the YLS "shall be to sponsor and carry on activities of particular interest and value to young lawyers in Michigan; to coordinate activities of the various local young lawyer groups in Michigan; to cooperate fully with, and as an integral part of, the State Bar of Michigan; and to cooperate with the various local bar associations in the State of Michigan, and the American Bar Association, including its Young Lawyers Division, in the promotion of their programs."

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**Council Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Annual Meeting / First Meeting	Thursday, September 19, 2013	Lansing, Michigan
Annual Planning Retreat	Saturday, October 13, 2013	Holland, Michigan
Regular Business Meeting	Thursday, November 21, 2013	Crowne Plaza Lansing West
Regular Business Meeting	Thursday, January 16, 2014	Crowne Plaza Lansing West
Regular Business Meeting	Thursday, March 13, 2014	Southfield, Michigan
Annual Bowling Challenge and Regular Business Meeting	Friday, April 25, 2014	Spare Time Entertainment Center, Lansing, Michigan
YLS Annual Summit and Regular Business Meeting	Friday and Saturday, May 30-31, 2014	Lansing Radisson
Regular Business Meeting	Saturday, July 26, 2014	Detroit Yacht Club
Annual Meeting / Last Meeting	Thursday, September 18, 2014	Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids

**General Budget Information:**

The Young Lawyer Section receives an annual allocation of \$62,100 from the State Bar of Michigan to fund its operations. The Section is also allowed to roll over any unused funds from the previous year. The Section also raises revenue by securing sponsorships for programs and charging nominal registration fees to participate in certain programs throughout the year. The YLS Council strives to keep costs low so as not to unduly burden our members.

The budget is prepared by the incoming Chair each year and is divided between the following accounts: Meetings, Annual Meeting, the YLS Summit, Programming for the Bar, Public Service programming, ABA conference travel, newsletter and administrative costs.

**Committees:**

**Inter Alia Committee:** “The Inter Alia Committee shall be led by the Chairperson-Elect, and shall be responsible for collecting content for and publishing the YLS Newsletter, Inter Alia.” YLS Bylaws, Article 7, Section 3(a).

- Chair – Andrea Irons
- Members – Samantha Orvis, Aysha Kasham, Kara Hart-Negrich

**Media/Marketing Relations Committee:** “The Media/Marketing Relations Committee shall be established and shall be responsible for maintaining the YLS webpage, marketing and promotional materials, protocol regarding the YLS listserv, and initiating and maintaining any other media and/or marketing relations items.” YLS Bylaws, Article 7, Section 3(b).

- Chair – Lori Smith
- Members – Samantha Orvis, Laura Marji, Shenique Moss

**Diversity Committee:** “The Diversity Committee shall be established and shall be responsible for promoting diversity, including initiating ideas for projects to promote diversity.” YLS Bylaws, Article 7, Section 3(c).

- Chair – Donald Rencher
- Members – Molly O’Rourke Bourbeau, Jerome Crawford, Aysha Kasham

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**Events and Seminars for the 2013-2014 Bar Year:**

**Stand and Deliver! A Public Speaking Workshop by Dale Carnegie Training  
(Hope Shovein and Mark Jane)**

**September 15, 2013 at the Detroit Yacht Club**

The YLS partnered with Dale Carnegie Training to sponsor a workshop directed to helping young lawyers improve their public speaking and presentation skills. This program provided public speaking tips and individual coaching to young lawyers to help them improve their oral presentations to judges, juries, clients, and co-workers. YLS volunteers secured the participation of the Dale Carnegie instructors, developed programming for the event along with the instructors, promoted the event to Section members, selected the event site (the historic Detroit Yacht Club), and handled the general logistics of the event. Effective oral communication skills are essential for all attorneys, particularly young lawyers who are often inexperienced in this area. All lawyers receive significant legal training, but few spend time developing skills for effectively communicating. Thus, there has been a general need among the YLS membership for the opportunity to practice oral communication skills and receive instruction in this area. This workshop helped to fulfill these needs.

**Smart Financial Planning Seminar  
(Marina Haddad)**

**September 23, 2013 at University of Detroit Mercy, School of Law**

The YLS and the Law Student Section presented this seminar, which was designed to help young lawyers and law students manage their finances. Financial advisers discussed the necessary tools to manage student loans, and financial obligations post-graduation to achieve financial stability.

**Back to School Fun Day**

**(Alana Glass, Shenique Moss, Felicia Johnson, Syeda Davidson, Aysha Kasham, Hope Shovein)  
August 24, 2013 at the Vista Maria – Foster Care Department**

Vista Maria is a private, non-profit agency that helps transition high-risk girls and children into adulthood. Its mission is to heal and restore Michigan's abused, neglected and poverty stricken women and children so the successfully transition into a productive and healthy adulthood, by providing a comprehensive continuum of healing relationships and care. The event featured food, games, entertainment, and a backpack and school supply giveaway.

**Oakland County Networking Stroll  
(Shenique Moss)**

**September 5, 2013**

This program is a social event designed to promote social interaction and networking between young lawyers. Appetizers were provided at each establishment, and participants were asked to introduce themselves and share interesting facts so that participants could answer Trivia Questions about each other.

**Macomb County Networking Stroll  
(Andrea Irons)**

**September 26, 2013**

Food was provided at each restaurant and participants spent approximately 50 minutes at each location, providing an opportunity to network with other young lawyers in Macomb County.

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**Ingham County Networking Stroll**

**(Shenique A. Moss)**

**September 26, 2013**

This program is a social event designed to promote social interaction and networking between young lawyers. Appetizers were provided at each establishment, and participants were asked to introduce themselves and share interesting facts so that participants could answer Trivia Questions about each other.

**Sports & Entertainment Law Symposium**

**(Jerome Crawford)**

**September 26, 2013 at Michigan State University College of Law**

The event was designed to engage law students and young lawyers interested in sports and entertainment law and to create networking opportunities. While many students have interests in these fields, Michigan is not a hotbed of entertainment or sports law opportunities. The panel of speakers discussed the issues surrounding performance enhancing drugs in college and professional sports, the impact of PEDs and maintaining competitive balance, protecting the athlete's interest and the collective bargaining agreements. Speakers included:

- Howard Gourwitz (NHL Player-Agent)
- Jim Pignataro (Associate Athletic Director of Michigan State University)
- Storm Kirschenbaum (MLB Player-Agent)
- Mike Vorkapich (Head Strength/Conditioning Coach for MSU Basketball and Hockey)
- Todd Williams (NFL Player-Agent)

We hope this program serves as a resource and will continue and expand in future years.

**YLS Council Retreat**

**(Hope Shovein)**

**October 13, 2013 in Holland, Michigan**

The annual YLS Executive Council retreat is designed to build relationships, encourage teamwork and motivate council members to be active in the community and plan events. This year, the retreat began with a full day of planning for the year, a council meeting, and orientation for new members regarding the role of the YLS. The group met from 9:30am until 4pm and reconvened at 6pm for dinner at Butch's in Holland.

**Breakfast Basics – Setting Fees and Using ICLE Resources**

**(Felicia Johnson, Hope Shovein and Rebekah Page-Gourley of ICLE)**

**October 17, 2013 at ICLE in Ann Arbor**

In one jam-packed morning, young lawyer attendees had the opportunity to network with peers over breakfast, get great practice advice from top experts on setting and collecting fees, and learn about the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's (ICLE) essential practice resources. Attendees made valuable connections with experts and peers, as well as:

- Learned how to handle an initial client meeting and draft a retainer agreement,
- Determine what kind of fee structure to use and when, and
- How to bill and collect effectively.

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**United States Supreme Court Admissions Trip**

**(Felicia Johnson)**

**November 5, 2013 in Washington, DC**

The YLS coordinated a trip for 12 young lawyers to travel to DC to be sworn in at the United States Supreme Court. This is currently a bi-annual trip, which we are considering coordinating annually, in light of the popularity of the event.

**How Does She Do It: Channeling Your Inner Superwoman**

**(Shenique Moss)**

The project is a free multi-part series event designed to address the unique challenges women face in the legal profession. It also offered female attorneys and law students a model for success that builds upon a woman's distinctive communication style and personality. The seminars were held in two hour blocks.

- **Part One – November 9, 2013 at Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Auburn Hills)**
  - Mastering the Juggle: Tips on Developing & Maintaining Life Balance
  - Mastering Assertiveness: Skills and Strategies for Effective Communication and Advocacy
- **Part Two – January 11, 2014 at Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Auburn Hills)**
  - Order in the Closet: Dressing Professionally in an Increasingly Casual World.
  - Professional Presence is More Than a New Suit: The Top 10 Business Etiquette Tips
- **Part Three – June 2014 at Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Auburn Hills)**
  - Tips for Developing Your Professional Strategic Plan
  - Contemporary Issues in Workplace Harassment

**Gateway Community Services Thanksgiving Dinner**

**November 24, 2013**

YLS hosted a Thanksgiving Meal for the youth whom reside at Gateway Community Services, a non-profit organization based in Lansing, Michigan. Gateway manages and maintains the Kevin J. Moody Youth Home, which provides free housing accommodations and program services to homeless children between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age. The holiday meal was catered by Boston Market. On the day of the Holiday Meal, 12 children were residing at the home. YLS members volunteered, spending time with the children and answering questions about careers in law.

**Immigration Law for New Practitioners**

**(Aysha Kasham)**

**January 31, 2014 at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service building, Detroit, Michigan**

This event was open to all American Immigration Lawyers Association members and members of the YLS, and aimed to provide young lawyers the opportunity to become familiar with the U.S. Immigration Agencies. Mick Dedvukaj of USCIS, and Aaron Todd and Rebecca Adducci of ICE spoke to new practitioners about immigration law practice in Michigan, including introductions to their respective agencies and roles within the Department of Homeland Security as well as tips for newer immigration practitioners.

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**Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac**

**(Matty Breuer)**

**February 22, 2014**

Grace Centers of Hope provides shelter and security to the homeless. The YLS partnered with the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association for this event. Attendees prepared and served approximately 400 meals during a legal presentation addressing needs of the attendees.

**Cracking the Legal Field Pipeline Mock Trial Competition**

**(Donald Rencher and the Diversity Committee)**

**March 1, 2014 at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School**

The event was designed to expose students in the Detroit area to the court system/legal process in a fun, encouraging, and educational atmosphere. Students of every age level participated in some form, either as attorneys, bailiffs, or witnesses. Approximately 80 students participated from the Detroit Metro area, as well as 15 volunteers, a panel discussion of judges, young lawyers, and law students. Breakfast and lunch was served.

**Wayne State Law School Bar Association Networking Day**

**(Stephanie Farkas and Hope Shovein)**

**March 25, 2014 at Wayne State**

Members of the YLS council attended the event and spoke to law students regarding the YLS and benefits of bar membership.

**The Young Lawyers Section and Dangerously Delicious Pies Detroit**

**(Hope Shovein)**

**March 27, 2014 at Third Street Bar, Detroit**

This was a networking event with dinner and dessert by an up-and-coming pie company in Detroit. The goal was to promote networking among young lawyers and educate them on the recently created Michigan Court of Claims, as well as the importance of building litigation skills. Judge Michael Talbot of the Michigan Court of Appeals, First District, discussed his role as Special Judicial Administrator of the 36th District Court and the Chief Judge of the Court of Claims. Mark Peyser of Howard and Howard also addressed the group about the importance of building litigation skills.

**248 vs. 586 Pub Trivia Challenge**

**(Syeda Davidson)**

**April 10, 2014 at Woodward Avenue Brewers in Ferndale**

This event allows new lawyers from Macomb and Oakland counties to network with each other, since they are neighboring counties and the court systems run a little differently. In the past, we have done softball, kickball, dodgeball, and volleyball. This year, to accommodate those of us who are less athletic, we chose pub trivia with a focus on the legal profession. Losers pay and donations go to the charity of the winning bar association's choice.

**YLS v. BOC Bowling Challenge**

**(Shenique Moss)**

**April 25, 2014 at Spare Time Entertainment in Lansing**

The Board of Commissioners beat the YLS Council again this year at the annual event designed to develop relationships between the YLS and the BOC, and to raise money for Access to Justice.

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**Social Skills Series - Pool Night!**

**(Mark Jane)**

**May 8, 2014 at Sticks in Ypsilanti**

Washtenaw County social skills series returned with Pool Night. This is an annual networking skills event offered by the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section and the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan - Washtenaw Region. The event included instruction on playing billiards as a means to embed a skill in young lawyers to utilize for client development and future networking.

**Introduction to Practicing Law in Ingham County**

**(Kara Hart-Negrich)**

**May 16, 2014 at the Veterans Memorial Courthouse in Lansing**

This is a repeatedly successful event, which this year included:

- a tour and introduction to the Ingham County Circuit Court,
- presentations by representatives of the court, and
- a networking reception at Tavern on the Square, 206 Washington Square, Lansing.

**SBM New Member Orientation**

**(Alana Glass)**

**May 30, 2014 at the Radisson Lansing Hotel**

The New Member Orientation is designed to assist new lawyers with their transition into the practice of law. The event identifies programming and services offered by the State Bar of Michigan, as well as introduces attendees to State Bar staff and members of the YLS executive council. Attendees learn about the YLS and are introduced to a network of professionals and resources, as well as the benefits available through the State Bar of Michigan and its sections. The orientation also addresses common pitfalls that new lawyers should avoid, answers frequently asked questions, and offers tips for new lawyers. The location, program agenda, etc. were developed by YLS.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Lawyer Summit**

**May 30-31 at the Radisson Lansing Hotel**

The Young Lawyers Summit is the annual section-wide gathering of the members of the YLS. The Summit has been held at numerous venues across the State of Michigan, and we were pleased to bring the Summit to our magnificent state capitol for 2014. The event is designed to provide networking opportunities with fellow members of the YLS, exposure to other sections of the State Bar, as well as a wide array of educational programming. The Summit kicked off with a group watching the Lansing Lugnuts baseball game from the clubhouse at the Cooley Law School Stadium on Friday evening. Saturday offered a full day of educational sessions (11 in all) – many in partnership with other sections of the Bar, including the Criminal Law, Negligence Law, Family Law, Health Care Law, and International Law Sections (the full schedule is included in the exhibits). The Summit concluded with a Saturday evening dinner reception with live entertainment (from the band of a YLS council member!). In addition, the Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award was presented to Marilena David-Martin at the Saturday luncheon prior to the keynote address from Michigan Supreme Court Justice, David F. Viviano.

**“Choose Law: A Profession for All”**

**(Shenique Moss)**

**June 13, 2014 at Cass Technical High School in Detroit**

The YLS organized a career panel at Cass Tech. Law students were also invited to attend. Lunch was provided. Volunteers participated on the panels (two sessions were offered).

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**Ingham County Networking and Mentoring Power Hour**  
**(Shenique Moss)**

**June 19, 2014 at Troppo in Lansing**

This event was designed to provide an informal setting for YLS members to i) network with other attorneys and law students and ii) start developing practice area specific mentoring circles.

**ABA Young Lawyers Division Meetings**

The YLS represents Michigan young lawyers at the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA-YLD) meetings. As an affiliate of the ABA-YLD, the YLS representatives vote on resolutions considered by the ABA-YLD. YLS representatives were (or will be) at the following meetings:

- **YLD Fall Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, October 10-12, 2013**
- **Midyear Conference, Chicago, Illinois, February 9-11, 2014**
- **YLD Spring Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 15-17, 2014**
- **Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, August 7-10, 2014**

**Upcoming Events:**

**“Life as a Lawyer - Federal Court” College Pre-Law Summer Institute and Just the Beginning**  
**(Alana Glass)**

**June 24, 2014 at the United States District Court E.D. of Michigan Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse**

The YLS is hosting an outing to the United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan for high school and college students. The students are participants in the Just The Beginning Foundation's Summer Legal Institute and the ABA's Council of Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) College Prelaw Summer Institute. Together, these pipeline programs seek to diversify the legal profession by helping minority, low-income and disadvantage students gain access to law school. YLS is seeking volunteers to assist with the program, where young lawyers to sit with the students while they observe the court proceeding, young lawyers moderate the panel of judges, and young lawyers have lunch with the students and discuss their path to the legal profession

**Stand and Deliver! A Public Speaking Workshop by Dale Carnegie Training**  
**(Syeda Davidson, Aysha Kasham and Hope Shovein)**

This public speaking workshop will be held again in both the Metro Detroit area and in Lansing.

**The Young Lawyers Section and Dangerously Delicious Pies Detroit**  
**(Hope Shovein)**

The YLS will be hosting a presentation on health care law at Third Street Bar following the July bar exam.

**The Young Lawyers Section at Motor City Wine**  
**(Mwanaisha Sims)**

The YLS is planning a networking event with a presentation by Judge Qiana Denise Lillard of the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court for Summer 2014.

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**Facebook and Inter Alia Newsletter:**

The YLS maintains a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/sbmys> and issues a newsletter to advise its membership of its activities and provide informative and educational information. Fall 2013 and Winter 2014 editions have issued, with more to follow.

**Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award:**

Each year the YLS honors a member of the Section who exhibits great leadership qualities and who has demonstrated exceptional service to the bar and service to the public with the Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The award is named for Regeana Myrick, who was a very active member of the SBM Young Lawyers Section Executive Council when she died in 1997. The 2014 award was presented to Marilena David-Martin, an assistant defender at the State Appellate Defender Office in Detroit, during the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit in Lansing.

**YLS ABA Representatives:**

The ABA Young Lawyers Division District Representative is Shenique Moss and the ABA House of Delegates (YLD) Representative is Mwanaisa Sims.

**Legislative issues:**

At the March 13, 2014 council meeting, the YLS council voted unanimously to support the State Bar's position in opposing Senate Bill 743, calling for voluntary membership in the State Bar of Michigan, which was introduced on January 23 by state Senator Arlan Meekhof.

**Recommendations for next council:**

As the YLS does not collect dues, we are restricted in how we can spend our annual budget. Therefore, the council must closely watch for the recommendations of the Supreme Court Task Force on the SBM to make sure that future YLS programs and events are in line with any policy changes.

On a lighter note, keep it fun. The very purpose of the YLS is "to sponsor and carry on activities of particular interest and value to young attorneys in Michigan." Our members are just beginning their careers – bring them together, let them learn from each other, and don't let them forget that this can be a fun and fulfilling profession.

**Submitted by:**

Hope V. Shovein  
Chair, Young Lawyers Section 2013-2014

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**Attachments:**

- ABA YLD “The Affiliate” newsletter mentioned SBM YLS
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit Program
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit Photos
- Legal News brief regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit
- Press Release regarding the Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award
- May 2014 Bar Journal article regarding the Cracking the Legal Field Pipeline Mock Trial Competition
- Photos from the Cracking the Legal Field Pipeline Mock Trial Competition
- *Inter Alia* newsletter, Winter 2014 edition
- Legal News brief regarding Dangerously Delicious Detroit Pies event

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