

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007-2008

- SECTION NAME:** Social Security Section for the State Bar of Michigan
- MISSION STATEMENT:** The Social Security Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, the website, public service programs and publication of a newsletter.
- SECTION MEMBERSHIP:** Membership is growing rapidly and latest total available indicates membership is now 335 members. The largest percentage of our members are residents of Oakland County (31%), however, we have at least 1 member participating in each Michigan County.
- SECTION BYLAWS:** Currently being revised under leadership of Chairperson-Elect Annette E. Skinner
- SECTION PUBLICATIONS:** A Social Security Newsletter is published four times per year under the leadership of our Editor, Lewis M. Seward, and mailed to all members. The Newsletter covers changes in Federal Court Law; changes in Social Security policy; highlights from past seminars for those who could not attend, as well as, input from Social Security representatives and members of the National Association of Social Security Representatives.
- FINANCIAL REPORT:** Current balance in general ledger is \$18,339.04. Based on income from dues and various expenses, the balance has varied from approximately \$14,000.00 to \$21,000.00

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COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
(ALL MEETINGS HELD AT UNIVERSITY CLUB IN LANSING, MICHIGAN)

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Thursday, August 16, 2007

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Thursday, July 17, 2008

SEMINAR I

DATE: September 14, 2007
PLACE: State Bar of Michigan

PROGRAM:

Filing appeals with the Appeals Council with the Honorable Barbara Johnson, Administrative Law Judge

Federal Court Practice (Filing appeals and winning briefs) by Lewis M. Seward, Attorney; Tom Geelhoed, Attorney and Mary Meadows, Attorney

Roundtable discussion

SEMINAR II

DATE: Friday, February 8, 2008
PLACE: State Bar of Michigan

PROGRAM:

Current status at ODAR (Things you can do to help ODAR speed up processing your case) with the Honorable Peter N. Dowd, Chief Administrative Law Judge (Flint) and Ms. Janice Pegg, Hearing Office Director (Flint)

Dealing with offsets to disability benefits and working with the Payment Center

- :Concurrent DIB and SSI claim offsets
- :Workers' Compensation offsets
- :Friend of the Court liens

with Ms. Linda Driscoll and Ms. Amy Eubanks from the Lansing District Office (Claims Representatives)

Five step sequential evaluation process overview by Elizabeth Warren, Attorney and Matthew F. Taylor, Attorney

SEMINAR III

DATE: Friday, June 20, 2008

PLACE: State Bar of Michigan

PROGRAM:

Trusts to protect SSI individuals by Doug Chalgian, Attorney

Family Law issues affecting Social Security by Jane Bassett, Attorney

A treating doctor's perspective on disability by David Steinberg, M.D.

Working with the treating physician and the social worker with Matthew Reid, M.D.; Phillip Almalouf, M.D. and John Carey, LMSW

Social Security and Bankruptcy by Attorney Greg Frye

Roundtable discussion