



Section Annual Reports

2018-2019

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
MPSC Luncheon/Executive Council Annual Meeting (Elected Officers	Aug. 15, 2018	U-Club, East Lansing
Executive Council Meeting	Oct. 17, 2018	Phone Conference
MTT Luncheon/ Executive Council Meeting Adjourned	Dec. 12, 2018	Kellogg, East Lansing
Executive Council Annual Strategic Planning Meeting	Feb. 12, 2019	PF Changs, East Lansing
Executive Council Meeting	Apr. 17, 2019	Phone Conference
Executive Council Meeting	May 15, 2019	Phone Conference
Executive Council Meeting	June 12, 2019	Phone Conference
Annual Meeting	August 20, 2019	U-Club, East Lansing

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Michigan Public Service Commission Luncheon	Aug. 15, 2018	U-Club, East Lansing
Michigan Tax Tribunal Luncheon	Dec. 5, 2018	Kellogg, East Lansing
Michigan Liquor Control Luncheon	April 16, 2019	Kellogg, East Lansing
Michigan Public Service Commission Luncheon	June 12, 2019	U-Club, East Lansing
Michigan Administrative Law for Young Lawyers	August 20, 2019	U-Club, East Lansing
Annual Meeting	August 20, 2019	U-Club, East Lansing

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Legislative issues:

N/A

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue to develop additional program targeted towards developing younger attorneys' skills in the substantive area and leverage the use of available technology for livestreams, on-demand webinars, and social media

Other Information:

N/A

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STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING, April 17, 2019
Tele-Conference Meeting

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Patterson at 12:03 PM. In attendance were council members Brad Deacon, Dustin Kamerman, Ryan Wilson, Mike Ashton, Tony Snyder, Dennis Mack, Shaun Johnson, and Kim Breitmeyer. All other council members were excused.
2. The meeting agenda was approved by unanimous vote of the council members, following a motion by Kim Breitmeyer, seconded by Shaun Johnson.
3. The meeting minutes for the February 12, 2019, Council Meeting were approved by unanimous vote of the council members, following a motion by Mike Ashton, seconded by Kim Breitmeyer.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Treasurer Ashton reported that the section has a balance of \$63,093.92 as of March 31, 2019.
 - b. The Treasurer's Report was received as presented. There were no comments on the report by council members.
5. New Business:
 - a. Annual Meeting
 - The State Bar Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 2019 in Novi.
 - There was some discussion about when and where to hold the section's annual meeting.
 - There was consensus to hold the section's annual meeting in September 2019 but not at the State Bar Annual Meeting.
 - The Chair will circulate possible dates for the September meeting.
6. Program Committee Report (Patterson, Chris):
 - a. Michigan Liquor Control Commission Luncheon
 - The luncheon was held on April 16, 2019. The event was well attended and very successful. Brad Deacon to lead this event and introduced the speakers.
 - For future events, the Chair introduced the idea of reaching out to the section for questions and then providing the questions up front to the speakers. The idea had support.

- b. Michigan Public Service Commission Luncheon
 - The event is on track for June 12, 2019, at the University Club. Dennis Mack has reserved the club. Ryan Wilson will arrange for the speakers.
 - The flyer will be out soon. It was agreed that the flyer should also be emailed to Young Lawyers and Environmental Law Sections of the State Bar.
 - The Chair will send the guest code to Ryan Wilson when it is time to make reservations.
 - c. Possible MPSC/Utility – Legal/Regulatory Practice Seminar/Luncheon
 - Shaun Johnson stated he would follow-up on this possible event. He will report back by email.
 - The tentative plan is for such an event in the fall, i.e., September, October or November.
 - d. Environmental Law/Admin Law Joint-Law Section Webinar
 - Dennis Mack will look for a possible speaker for the webinar.
 - The event will need to accommodate the speaker's calendar.
 - There may be more than one speaker if the program develops into two-parts or is two hours long.
 - e. AG Luncheon/Reception
 - There was a discussion about holding a future luncheon/reception event. However, it was determined that the section could not fit it into this year's calendar.
 - There was also some discussion about starting with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).
 - Note: MAHS has been re-named the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearing and Rules.
 - f. Young Lawyers Luncheon
 - There was a discussion about holding a general administrative law/energy primer event in July or August.
 - The plan is to have a program involving an administrative law judge and a practitioner. The past programs have been very successful.
 - There was some discussion about hosting the event at the University Club in one of its smaller room. Dennis Mack agreed to assist in this regard.
 - Dustin Kamerman previously agreed to take the lead on this potential joint event.
 - g. ICLE Program
 - Chris Patterson will follow-up and gather additional information about the substantive materials and pricing.
7. Membership Committee Report (Chapelle, Laura):
- a. As of March 31, 2019, the section had 630 total members.

- b. As of March 31, 2019, the section has 480 paying members. There were 523 paying members at the end of the last fiscal year.
- 8. Legislative Committee (Snyder, Tony):
 - a. Tony Snyder reported on recent legislation activity and pending administrative rules. He indicated that there are several rule sets pending before the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.
 - b. Tony Snyder will forward an email to the council members with specific details.
- 9. Energy Committee (Wilson, Ryan):
 - a. Ryan Wilson stated that Executive Order 2019-06 becomes effective on April 22, 2019.
 - b. The Michigan Agency for Energy has been transferred to the new Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).
- 10. Old business: None.
- 11. Council Member Comments:
 - a. Kimberly Breitmeyer mentioned that she and Dustin Kamerman are looking for content for the section's Facebook page. Council members may forward content to them or Chris Patterson.
- 12. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Wilson, Secretary, Administrative and Regulatory Law Section Council.

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
council meeting	10/18/19	phone
council meeting	11/15/18	phone
council meeting	12/20/18	phone
council meeting	1/17/19	phone
council meeting	2/21/19	phone
council meeting	3/21/19	phone
council meeting	4/18/19	phone
council meeting	05/30/19	

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
YLS Summit sponsorship	5/17/19	Detroit
Annual meeting	09/24/19	Lansing

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Legislative issues:

None

Recommendations for next Council:

None

Other Information:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Full Council Meetings	See Dates Below	Lansing
Executive Committee Phone Conferences	See Dates Below	Teleconference

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Full council meetings have been held on June 8, August 10, October 13, and December 7, 2018; February 8, and April 5, 2019. Full Council meetings are currently scheduled for June 7, August 9 and October 12, 2019; Teleconferences have been held on July 13, Sept. 14, Nov 16, 2018; Jan 18, March 8 and May 17, 2019; and Executive Committee teleconferences are currently scheduled for July 25 and September 13, 2019

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Negotiation, Persuasion & High Stakes Decision-Making	June 14	Auburn Hills
ADR Annual Program	October 13	Traverse City
Div & Inc in ADR/The Legal Prof Mediator Luncheon	August 7	Ann Arbor
Mediator Mixer Luncheon	Sept 21	Marquette
Mediator Mixer	June 7	Grand Rapids
Mediator Ethics; Eff. Practices Under Standards of Conduct	Oct 3	Teleseminar
Eff. Mediation Preparation: A Primer for Advocates	March 7	Teleseminar
ADR TeleSeminar: How Mediators Prepare for Mediation	April 2	Teleseminar
ADR Summit	March 19	Auburn Hills
ADR Teleseminar: Preparing for Your First Arbit. A Primer	May 21	Teleseminar
[Planned] Carol Izumi--Implicit Bias	June 12-13	Detroit/Grand Rap
[Planned] SBM-ADR Annual meeting/Program	October 11-12	Plymouth

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Legislative issues:

None

Recommendations for next Council:

Pursue Diversity and Inclusion initiative in all court rule amendments; work more closely with the CDRCs.
Reach out to Judges as important stakeholders in the ADR process

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Recommendations for next Council:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council meeting	6/28/19	teleconference
Council meeting	3/29/19	teleconference
Annual business meeting	9/28/19	in-person in Grand Rapids
Council meeting	7/13/18	teleconference

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Sadie Award	6/23/19	Barn Sanctuary, Chelsea, MI
Brandi Award	6/7/19	Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary, Lake Odessa, MI
Wanda Nash Award	4/23/19	MSU College of Law, E. Lansing, MI

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Legislative issues:

The Animal Law Section is extremely active and regularly supports or opposes legislation that impacts animals. The Section's policy reports may be found here: <https://www.michbar.org/sections/animalpp>

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

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	June 8, 2018	Dykema (Bloomfield)
Council Meeting	July 20, 2018	Telephone
Council Meeting	August 24, 2018	Telephone
Section Annual Meeting	September 27, 2018	SBM Annual (Devos Place)
Council Meeting	November 8, 2018	Telephone
Council Meeting	January 18, 2019	Dykema (Bloomfield)
Council Meeting	February 22, 2019	Jaffe
Council Meeting	March 22, 2019	Telephone
Council Meeting	May 3, 2019	Saretsky Hart Michaels

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Utica Unicorns - Social Event	August 15, 2018	Jimmy John's Stadium
AFTR Fall Forum	October 4, 2018	Inn at St. John's
Holiday Dinner	December 13, 2018	Steve & Rocky's, Novi

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Legislative issues:

Employee non-poaching agreements

Recommendations for next Council:

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**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Legislative issues:

None, with the exception of Senate Bills 1182 and 1183, addressing assessment of sanctions on appeal and a new "loser pays" rule. The Council voted to take a position in opposition to those Bills, but the Bills were taken off the meeting agenda for lack of the support required to report it and did not receive any further attention.

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue efforts to add information to website. Continue efforts to recruit new Section members. Complete in-progress committee projects. Educate membership with regard to transitioning from the Modern Listserv to SBM Connect. Secure location for next Annual Meeting and commence planning program several months in advance.

Other Information:

The Section amended its Bylaws to allow the Section to hold its Annual Meeting and Program at a time and place separately from the SBM.

The Chair presented the Section's Lifetime Achievement Award to Ret. Judge Michael Talbot at the Appellate Bench Bar Conference on March 28, 2019.

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APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARIES

Legislative:

Graham Crabtree followed and reported to the Council on legislation of interest, but the Counsel did not take any positions on any of it, with the exception of Senate Bills 1182 and 1183 addressing assessment of sanctions on appeal and a new “loser pays” rule. The Council voted to take a position in opposition to those Bills, and Mr. Crabtree went over to present written and oral testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of the Council, but the Bills were taken off the meeting agenda for lack of the support required to report it and did not receive any further attention.

Court Liaison/Rules Comment:

The committee analyzed and advised Council on the following proposed court rule amendments:

- ADM 2018-77 (proposed amendment of MCR 3.993 to add a list of specific orders that can be appealed by right regarding an Indian child subject to a child protective proceeding pursuant to statute);
- ADM 2017-27 (proposed amendment of MCR 6.425 to require requests for appointed appellate counsel to be “filed,” as opposed to “made” or “completed or returned,” within 42 days and remove the requirement for a sentencing judge to articulate substantial and compelling reasons to deviate from the guidelines range);
- ADM 2018-04 (proposed amendments of MCR 7.212 and 7.312 to require amicus briefs to indicate certain information regarding the preparation of the brief and disclosure of monetary contributions).

With respect to ADM 2017-27, the committee consulted with Council member Brad Hall on the Michigan State Appellate Defender Office’s (SADO) recommended changes to the proposed amendment of MCR 6.425, and advised Council regarding Mr. Hall’s request that the Section endorse SADO’s proposal.

Finally, the committee advised Council on ADM 2018-25, which would amend MCR 7.312 to formalize the procedures for cases being argued on the application (i.e., MOAAs), and prepared a proposed comment for the Supreme Court’s consideration.

Publications:

The APS Publications Committee is comprised of co-chairs Elizabeth L. Sokol and Nancy Vayda Dembinski, and committee members Bridget Brown Powers, Lauren London, Howard Yale Lederman, Jonathan Koch, Anne Argiroff, and Ann Sherman. In 2018, three issues of the Appellate Practice Section Journal were published. The summer and winter editions were published in the traditional print format, but the spring publication was published in electronic-only format. The continued practice of publishing two print editions and one non-print/electronic-only edition of the Journal annually reflects the APS Section

Council's effort to reduce printing and mailing costs to the Section, while recognizing that many Section members prefer the traditional print publication.

As in years past, the each of the 2018 APS Journal editions featured the following recurring columns: From the Chair (by 2017-2018 Chairperson Joanne Geha Swanson, and 2018-2019 Chairperson Bridget Brown Powers); Selected Decisions of Interest to the Appellate Practitioner (by Barbara H. Goldman); Cases Pending Before the Supreme Court After Grant of Oral Argument on Application (by Linda M. Garbarino and Anita Comorski); and Recommended Reading for the Appellate Lawyer (by Mary Massaron). There were also two "Meet the Justice" columns in 2018, featuring interviews with Justice Kurtis Wilder (by Conor Dugan) and Justice Beth Clement (by Ann Sherman), respectively.

In 2018, lead articles featured in the APS Journal included: an overview of the Appellate Practice Section Council's recommendations for an e-briefing pilot program in the Michigan Court of Appeals (by Gerald F. Posner, on behalf of the Appellate Practice Section Council's Ad-Hoc E-Briefing Committee); a discussion of the trending "(cleaned up)" post-citation parenthetical (by Joseph E. Richotte); and an article discussing ADM 2017-20, entitled "Process Failure?" (by the Michigan Coalition of Family Law Appellate Attorneys (MCFLAA)).

Technology:

The Technology Committee has been in the process of preparing for the transfer of Section communications from a hosted listserv to SBM Connect.

Website:

The website committee continued its work this year, exploring ways to improve the functionality and content of the Section's webpage on the SBM website.

Annual Meeting and Program:

The Chair-Elect of the Appellate Practice Section Council is responsible for organizing a program to be held in conjunction with the annual business meeting. Traditionally, the program and annual meeting have been held during the State Bar of Michigan's annual meeting and NEXT Conference. In 2019, however, the NEXT Conference will not be held, and sections have been encouraged to plan their annual meetings separately and independent from the State Bar's annual meeting. This presents an opportunity for the Appellate Practice Section to try something new.

On October 25, 2019, the Section will host a one-day Writing Workshop for civil and criminal practitioners at the Hall of Justice in Lansing. The workshop will feature small group writing exercises as well as plenary presentations and a judges' panel discussion, all with a focus toward stories and themes in appellate writing. Planned presenters include Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack, former Michigan Solicitor General John Bursch, MAACS Administrator and APS Chair-Elect Brad Hall, SADO Training Director Marilena David-Martin, and others.

While the morning session will focus on small group writing exercises and the nuts-and-bolts of brief writing, the program will open to non-workshop participants beginning at 1:45 pm. The afternoon session will include lunch, a plenary presentation, the APS Annual Business Meeting, and a judges' panel

discussion. Upon the conclusion of the program at 5:00 pm, the Section will host a networking reception at the Hall of Justice.

Space is limited and registration will be required for any portion of the program. Registration details will be provided in the summer of 2019.

Good Deeds:

The Committee set up a volunteer event at the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing on April 20, 2019.

Membership:

The Membership Committee has been looking at various options to recruit new members. Attorneys were invited to the Annual Program. Follow-up telephone calls will be made to attorney who have appeared in the Court of Appeals, but who are not current members of the Section.

Bench Bar:

The Appellate Bench Bar Conference was held on March 27-29, 2019, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Michigan. The Committee is working on finalizing the summary reports and will meet this summer to discuss topic ideas for the 2022 Conference.

Ebriefing Ad Hoc:

After starting its work in early 2017, the Ad Hoc Ebriefing Committee proposed a pilot program with non-mandatory formatting options designed to produce briefs that are easier to read, both on screen and on paper. A central feature of the proposal is to allow greater readability by substituting a word limit for a page limit governing the length of briefs. Page limits encourage less readable formatting by creating an incentive to use smaller, less-readable fonts, and elimination of white space. Word limits allow lawyers to use larger fonts and white space to make briefs less fatiguing to read.

The pilot program was approved by the APS Section Council and submitted to the Michigan Court of Appeals in the spring of 2018.

The Court of Appeals issued its response during the summer of 2018 raising concerns about the formatting options in the proposal. Among other objections, the Court of Appeals disagree with the pilot proposal for a 16,000-word limit instead. The Committee's research showed that a 16,000-word limit equaled a 50-page limit. The Court of Appeals believes 13,000 words equals the current 50-page limit.

The committee is concerned that the pilot program proposal could be used by the Court to reduce the length of briefs across the board. The committee is working on a reply to the Court of Appeals' offering additional research and samples showing both that the 16,000-word limit equals the current 50-page limit and that double-spaced (200%) text is harder to read than the pilot proposal's 120% to 150% line spacing.

The Section believes judges, clerks, and lawyers will benefit from the more readable briefs allowed by this pilot program. Reading legal briefs is inherently fatiguing. It requires long stretches of focused attention. Poor formatting encouraged by the existing rules exacerbates fatigue by creating obstacles to

extended deep reading. If those obstacles are eliminated, judges and clerks will have more energy to spend understanding and evaluating the lawyers' arguments. We are hopeful we can adequately address the Court of Appeals' concerns and move forward with the pilot program.

**2018-2019 Meeting Schedule for the Appellate Practice Section Council
State Bar of Michigan
All meetings begin at 2 p.m.**

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| October 19, 2018 | Kerr Russell and Weber, PLC,
500 Woodward Ave., Suite 2500
Detroit

(Hosted by Joanne) |
| November 16, 2018 | Rosati Schultz Joppich & Amtsbuechler, PC.
27555 Executive Drive, Suite 250
Farmington Hills

(Hosted by Stephanie) |
| December 21, 2018 | Telephonic Conference |
| January 18, 2019 | Dykema
300 Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Suite 700
Grand Rapids

(Hosted by Mark) |
| February 15, 2019 | Hall of Justice, 925 W Ottawa St, Lansing
(with after-event at Liisa Speaker's home)

(Hosted by Liisa) |
| March 15, 2019 | Michigan State Appellate Defender Office
645 Griswold, Suite 3300
Penobscot Building
Detroit, MI 48226

(Hosted by Brad) |
| April 12, 2019 | Warner Norcross & Judd LLP, 900 Fifth Third Center,
111 Lyon Street N.W.
Grand Rapids

(Hosted by Gaëtan) |
| May 17, 2019 | Petoskey (Perry Hotel or Bay View Inn)

(Hosted by Bridget) |
| June 19, 2019 | Ciao Amici,
217 W Main St,
Brighton (@ 4:00 p.m.) |

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting & Program	9/28/18	DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids
Council Meeting & Program	2/20/19	USPTO, Detroit
Officer Meeting	3/26/19	Phone
Council Meeting	4/17/19	Hertz Schram, Bloomfield Hills
Officer Meeting	5/22/19	Phone

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

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Artists, Creatives & Intermediaries In The 21st Century Blockchain World	9/28/18	DeVos Hall, Grand Rapids
Hensel Award Ceremony & Reception (Sutart & Maxine Frankel honorees)	10/11/18	Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills
Visit With Acting Copyright Register, Author's Program	2/20/19	USPTO, Detroit
Copyright for Musicians with Acting Copyright Register	2/21/19	Detroit Public Library, Detroit
Copyright and Collaboration for Musicians	4/23/19	La Luna, Kalamazoo
Changing Formats	6/5/19	Lisa Spindler Studio, Detroit

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Legislative issues:

NA

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue outreach to law schools for student members; continue support and review of LCE; Support Hensel Award, Support educational seminars and related programming; Continue relationship with Detroit Music Awards Foundation; Plan and prepare a topic for ICLE webinar on ACES subject matter.

Other Information:

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2019 to:

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This year the Aviation Section continues our past tradition of public service.

Traditionally a principal function of our Section has been to design and present seminars for members of the aviation community. Targeted groups include not only licensed pilots and mechanics but also persons like those who manage airports and airport services. The idea is to help all aviation professionals better cope with the many layers of regulatory and statutory law.

A current concern for the aviation community has been the rapid introduction of various types of drones. Their impact affects almost everything aviation related. Both regulators and those regulated are struggling to keep up with how fast all this is happening.

September 21st our section will offer a seminar at Pontiac Airport that will, in part, address drones. Co-ordination with the regional FAA Safety Team program manager will allow the seminar to offer pilots Wings credit. In the past, average attendance at such a seminar has been at least fifty persons drawn from all parts of aviation.

Ongoing projects include progress on another issue of the Section's Innermarker publication, discussion of a social gathering for members at the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH, and planning for a theme issue for the SBM Journal. Certainly there will be plenty to keep the Section busy into the coming year as our new officers come on board at our August annual meeting.

Charles J. Senger
Chair, Aviation Section
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Bar Year: 2018-2019

Section Name: Business Law Section

Mission Statement: The mission of the Business Law Section is to foster the highest quality of professionalism and practice in business law and to enhance the legislative and regulatory environment for conducting business in Michigan. To fulfill this mission, the Section shall: (1) expand the resources of business lawyers by providing educational, networking and mentoring opportunities; (2) review and promote improvements to Michigan's business legislation and regulations; and (3) provide a forum to facilitate service and commitment and to promote ethical conduct and collegiality within the practice.

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Ian M. Williamson P65056 – Troy	2019	Julia A. Dale P63904 – Lansing	2021
Hon. Christopher P. Yates P41017 – Grand Rapids	2019	Carrie Leahy P68142 – Ann Arbor	2021
Eric A. Zacks P64883 – Detroit	2019	Michael K. Molitor P51779 – Grand Rapids	2021
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Jennifer E. Consiglio P68496 – Bloomfield Hills	2020	James Robert Waggoner P70033 - Birmingham	2021
Bruce W. Haffey P33374 – Troy	2020		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	6/5/18	Bloomfield Hills
Annual Meeting	10/5/18	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	10/5/18	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	10/6/18	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	12/1/18	Detroit
Council Meeting	3/7/19	Lansing

General Budget Information: See attached Budget which was approved at the 10/6/18 Council meeting.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Business Law Institute	10/5/18	Grand Rapids
Symposium on Corporate Oppression Actions: Prosecuting, Defending and Avoiding	10/25/18	Grand Rapids
Co-Sponsor - Navigate Non-competes and Trade Secrets	10/29/18	Webinar
Symposium on Corporate Oppression Actions: Prosecuting, Defending and Avoiding	11/1/18	Detroit

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Co-Sponsor - Draft, Negotiate and Litigate Contracts	12/3/18	Webinar
Co-Sponsor - Life Cycle of a Loan	1/3/19	Webinar
WSU Law School Panel Discussion	3/27/19	Detroit
Co-Sponsor - IP Issues for Business Lawyers	3/27/19	Webinar
Co-Sponsor - Impact of Wayfair on Online Businesses	4/9/19	Webinar
Sponsor – Women’s Lawyer Association of Michigan 101 st Annual Meeting	5/4/19	Traverse City
Sponsor - Young Lawyers Section’s 12th Annual Summit	5/17-19/19	Detroit
Co-Sponsor - Business Entity Update 2019	6/19/19	Webinar

Legislative issues:

Amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act. The amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act prepared by the Corporate Law Committee were passed and signed into law as PA 85 of 2018.

Oppression Provisions of the Business Corporation Act and Limited Liability Company Act. A task force was formed to examine the oppression provisions of the Business Corporation Act and the Limited Liability Company Act and make recommendations regarding changes to make it easier to understand and apply. The task force includes plaintiff and defense lawyers who litigate oppression claims, transaction lawyers, a business court judge and members of the LLC and Partnership Committee. The task force created subcommittees to study discrete issues arising with regard to the oppression statutes. The subcommittees will work separately and report back to the larger group.

Statement of Opinion Practice and the Core Opinion Principles developed by the ABA Legal Opinions Committee and the Working Group on Legal Opinions (the “Joint Committee”). The Section, along with groups around the country, were asked to review and approve the Statement of Opinion Practice and the Core Opinion Principles in an effort to recognize a national customary practice with respect to legal opinions. The Section formed an Ad Hoc Committee which met to review the documents and unanimously recommended Section approval of the documents, which the Council approved at its meeting on October 6, 2018. The Section’s endorsement of the Statement of Opinion Practice and the Core Opinion Principles has been reported to the ABA Joint Committee.

SB 1182 and SB 1183 Regarding Award of Attorney Fees. After review by the Commercial Litigation Committee of the Section and discussion at the Council’s on December 1, 2018, the Section opposed SB 1182 and SB 1183 with an explanatory note referencing substantive and procedural concerns voiced by Section members.

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Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act. Last year, the State of Michigan adopted the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act (“UCRERA”). A Subcommittee of the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee reviewed a proposed amendment to that legislation that, if adopted, would expand the provisions of UCRERA to all business receiverships, including those of operating businesses and not just real estate cases. The Subcommittee modified the proposed amendment and is in the process of working with members of the State legislature to have the legislation introduced. The Committee has not yet formally considered and voted on this proposed legislation but plans to do so.

Uniform Assignment of Rents Act. A Subcommittee of the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee of the Section reviewed the Uniform Assignment of Rents Act and modified it to conform to Michigan practice. The Subcommittee is working with members of the State Legislature to have the legislation introduced. The new legislation, if adopted, would make the grant of an assignment of rents a security interest, as opposed to an absolute assignment, which would have a significant impact on the manner in which single asset real estate debtors’ cases are handled. The Committee has not yet formally considered and voted on this proposed legislation but plans to do so.

Publication of Proposed Amendments to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The Standing Committee on Bankruptcy Rules for the National Judicial Conference (“Standing Committee”) submitted proposed amendments to various rules of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee of the Section recently reviewed, prepared and submitted formal written comments to proposed Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004(c) because, unlike Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26, it did not contain the concept of proportionality with respect to ediscovery. Judith Greenstone Miller, Co-Chair of the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee, submitted formal comments of the Committee to the Standing Committee. The Committee is also making inquiry about the ability to testify at an upcoming meeting of the Standing Committee considering the proposed rule changes.

Other Information:

The Section signed the State Bar of Michigan Diversity Pledge in 2019.

The Section contributes annually to Access to Justice, Community Legal Resources.

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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 Dee Dee Fuller at its Annual Meeting on October 5, 2018, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Grand Rapids. The Award for 2019 will be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 4, 2019 in Grand Rapids.

Business Law Section Awards to Wayne State University Law School Transactional Law Competition Winners. The Section participated in the Wayne State University Law School Transactional Law Competition and presented awards to the winners: Jamila Garmo, Asma Al-Khshali, Alexander Krasuski and Fadee Nakkash. Each winner received a cash award of \$200, complimentary registration to upcoming Business Boot Camp I and II sessions, and a complimentary registration to 2019 Business Law Institute.

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

Business Courts

The Committee's objectives are to serve as a liaison between the Business Court Judges and the Business Law Section, to serve as a resource for the Business Court Judges, and to assist the Business Court Judges in whatever ways they and the Business Law Section deem appropriate.

Commercial Litigation Committee

The Commercial Litigation Committee assists litigators as well as business and corporate counsel in addressing issues that may lead to or arise in business-related litigation. The Committee sponsors seminars and other programs that address such issues and that are designed to enhance the practice of those involved in commercial litigation.

Corporate Laws Committee

The Corporate Laws Committee monitors and reviews matters relating to corporate law statutes and developments in the law of corporate governance. The committee also works with the Business Corporation Act Revision Subcommittee, which reviews the Michigan Business Corporation Act for the purpose of keeping it current with developments in corporate law and which assists from time to time in drafting and advocating proposed changes to the Act.

Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee

The Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee focuses on issues of insolvency, such as bankruptcy, state law alternatives to bankruptcy, secured lending (Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code), and state law exemptions.

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Financial Institutions Committee

The Financial Institutions Committee focuses on legislative, regulatory and judicial developments and issues of interest to financial institutions (primarily banks) and their affiliates.

In-House Counsel Committee

The In-House Counsel Committee is committed to addressing the professional interests of in-house counsel by sponsoring continuing legal education programs, informing members about issues of particular interest to them, and offering social and professional networking opportunities.

Law Schools Committee

The Law Schools Committee is designed to promote an interest in business law among students at each of the law schools located in Michigan. The Committee represents a collaborative effort between the Section and the business law societies at the University of Michigan Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Wayne State University Law School and Thomas M. Cooley Law School. The Committee supports programs initiated by the business law societies within the law schools and provides a forum for networking among law students and members of the Section.

LLC and Partnerships Committee

The Committee remains active in conducting seminars regarding unincorporated enterprises, focusing principally on limited liability companies. The Committee has also assisted in informing members of the bar from other sections as to legislation affecting unincorporated enterprises.

Nonprofit Corporations Committee

The Nonprofit Corporations Committee's principal responsibility is to review and update laws relating to the organization of nonprofit corporations in Michigan. The principal focus has been on the Nonprofit Corporation Act, but it also reviews other legislation, such as bills regulating the solicitation of contributions by charities. The committee also assists with sponsoring continuing legal education programs directed at nonprofit organization issues.

Regulation of Securities Committee

The Regulation of Securities Committee is concerned with federal and state laws and regulations relating to the offer, sale and trading of securities. The Committee also supplies a liaison to the Securities Law Advisory Committee of the Michigan Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau. Activities are designed to inform members of current developments and issues and provide input to appropriate administrative and legislative bodies.

Small Business Forum

The Small Business Forum specifically caters to business owners, attorneys, accountants, and other professionals who work with closely held businesses. The Forum hosts two to three highly productive, time efficient and fun educational events throughout the year. Every event includes a networking portion to mingle with other business professionals.

Uniform Commercial Code Committee

The Uniform Commercial Code Committee monitors developments and issues under all Articles of the UCC and related commercial statutes. In October of each year, the Committee

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presents a seminar on recent developments in commercial law. Additionally, the Committee prepares an annual survey of case law involving the UCC and commercial law.

PUBLICATIONS:

The *Michigan Business Law Journal* is published three times per year and is sent to members via U.S. mail and electronically. The *Journal* is posted on the Section's website.

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The Children’s Law Section is a recognized section of the State Bar of Michigan, with hundreds of members who are attorneys and judges working in Michigan’s child welfare system. The Section provides services to its membership in the form of educational seminars, advocating and commenting on proposed legislation relating to child welfare law topics, and filing *amicus curiae* briefs in selected child welfare law cases filed in Michigan Courts.

The Section works to advance the rights and interests of children and families who become involved in matters before the Probate Courts and Family Divisions of the Circuit Courts, in the State of Michigan. The Section strives to improve courts and agencies serving children and their families, through regular meetings among peers, organizing and attending relevant training events, active engagement by members on multi-disciplinary task forces convened by the Section itself, as well as by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), Courts and other groups; and through the Section’s participation as *amicus curiae* in cases with the potential for widespread impact in the field of child welfare law. The Section, because of its active involvement in the field of child welfare/juvenile law, and as part of the State Bar of Michigan, has an interest in the development of sound legal principles in these legal areas.

During the past year, the Section was active in terms of amicus participation in cases in the Michigan appellate courts, making comments on various policies and proposed legislation, organizing and presenting a day-long training event, establishing a child welfare-focused scholarship in honor of the immediate past Chair of the Section, John H. (“Jack”) McKaig, II,

among other activities and outreach. Some of the Section's activities over the past year include:

- The Section issued a statement objecting to the DHHS's proposed revisions to Title IV-E appeal policies in March 2018. The DHHS later reversed its proposed decision to eliminate appeals in Title IV-E determinations.
- The Section issued a statement condemning the current administration's family separation policy in June 2018.
- In September 2018, the Section issued objections as to changes in DHHS policies regarding responses to complaints involving substances.
- In November 2018, the Section wrote the CPS Operation Excellence Team to offer the expertise and input of the CLS Council child welfare attorneys, to the DHHS/CPS response to the September 2018, Office of Auditor General report about CPS.
- On May 17, 2019, the CLS put on a full-day training event, *Admirable Advocacy for Proud Parents and Kind Kids*, at the MSU College of Law. The event was well-attended by child welfare attorneys from all across the state, and peppered with many excellent questions and practice tips from the attendees. The event presented speakers addressing childhood trauma; the *Sanders* decision eliminating the "one parent doctrine;" evidentiary issues particular to child welfare proceedings; infant mental health; assessing credibility and reliability of children's tender years statements; and Michigan case law updates. The Section is currently planning another child-welfare focused training event for Fall 2019.

Throughout the year, the Children's Law Section Council assessed and weighed in upon many pieces of pending legislation affecting juvenile and child protective proceedings.

The Children's Law Section noted at its last annual meeting that Michigan children lost an amazing advocate in 2018: Jack McKaig passed away in June 2018, and he continues to be sorely missed by not just his beloved wife and family, but by his child welfare law colleagues. For Jack, it was "all about the children" – and he showed that by his zealous advocacy in court and by his excellent leadership of the Children's Law Section. The Section has established the John H. McKaig, II, scholarship for law students, in Jack's honor. The first scholarship will be awarded in Fall of 2019.

Over the course of 2018, the Section filed no fewer than six amicus briefs in cases pending before the Michigan Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. One of those cases resulted in a published Court of Appeals' decision regarding Title IV-E foster care funding (*Ayotte v DHHS*).

The Section's Publications Committee reviewed and selected a number of articles for publication in the child welfare-law-themed Bar Journal in November 2019.

The Children's Law Section welcomes everyone to join. We hope that the Annual Report encourages you to join our section or to participate in the activities that the section has to offer. Information concerning upcoming events and meetings, along with past publications of the Section, amicus briefs filed, and other helpful resource materials and links, can be found on the Children's Law Section website, <http://connect.michbar.org/childrenslaw/home>.

The Children's Law Section welcomes your input and suggestions on any and all child welfare and juvenile law matters and section issues. Thank you for your interest in the Children's Law Section.

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Bar Year: 2018-2019**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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		Priya Bali	2020
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		Gary M. Victor	2020

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
September 27, 2018 Annual Meeting	9/27/18	Annual Meeting Grand Rapids
Section Meeting	11/8/18	State Bar
Section Meeting	1/10/19	State Bar
Section Meeting	3/21/19	State Bar
Section Meeting	5/9/19	State Bar
Section Meeting	7/11/19	State Bar
Annual Meeting end of September 2019 to be scheduled		

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Webinar - Warranties in Auto Litigation	TBD	Online
Join Webinar with Elder Law Section	TBD	Online

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Legislative issues:

See attached document.

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue with webinars as a means of educating section members, continue working with Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, hire researcher for newsletter.

Other Information:

N/A.

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Legislative issues:

On November 30, 2018, the Section adopted a position to oppose Senate Bills 1182 and 1183 (loser pay bills). Senate Bill 1182 required the court to award attorney fees to the prevailing party in a civil action. It also required the court to award attorney fees based on percentages of the amount of judgment arbitrarily determined by the legislature.

On December 11, 2018 the Section adopted a position that the State Bar should approve legal services proposed list of non-fee generating cases.

On April 1, 2019, the Section adopted a position to sign on to a letter from national consumer organizations to the Senate Judiciary Committee to support an end to forced arbitration.

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Term Ending: 2019

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P78216 David Michael Champine, Detroit
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P65293 Ericka R. Savage, Detroit
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Ex Officio

P74227 Stephanie Elena Farkas, Saint Joseph

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	10/16/2018	Lansing, Mich.
Council Meeting	11/13/2018	Lansing, Mich.
Council Meeting	12/18/2018	Lansing, Mich.
Council Meeting	1/15/2019	Lansing, Mich.
Council Meeting	3/19/2019	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Council Meeting	4/16/2019	Lansing, Mich.
Council Meeting	5/21/2019	Lansing, Mich.
Council Meeting	6/19/2019	Lansing, Mich.

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
9th Annual Spring Conference	6/15-16/2018	Frankenmuth, Mich.
42nd Annual Mid-Winter Conference	2/16-18/2019	Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

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Legislative issues:

The council evaluates pending criminal legislation and court rules at each monthly meeting and regularly reports positions when there is a consensus among the council.

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

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P72152 Sara Ann Schimke, Southfield

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P14656 Edward L. Haroutunian, Bingham Farms

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
October Annual Meeting	10/18/2018	Mackinac Island
November Council Meeting	11/3/2018	Lansing
December Council Meeting	12/1/2018	Lansing
February Council Meeting	2/2/2018	Lansing
March Council Meeting	3/2/2019	Lansing
April Council Meeting	4/6/2019	Lansing
May Council Meeting	5/4/2019	Lansing
June Council Meeting	6/1/2019	Lansing
*August Council Meeting	8/3/2019	Ishpeming
*September Council Meeting	9/7/2019	Lansing
*To occur in the future.		

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

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Fall Conference	10/17-10/19/18	Mackinac Island
A Peak Behind The Counter: Tips & Tricks from a Former Probate Register	12/11/18	Webinar
Inherited IRAs: Or What Could Possibly Go Wrong	1/24/19	Webinar
PEME: Covering Pre-Eligibility Medical Expenses	2/15/19	Webinar
Recent Medicaid BEM Changes: Answered and Unanswered Questions	2/21/19	Webinar
Spring Conference	3/15/19	Plymouth
Senior Debt Solutions	3/21/19	Webinar
Let's put the "F-U-N" in Prepaid Funerals	4/15/19	Webinar
Contested Guardianship	5/23/19	Webinar
Guardianship - Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	6/18/19	Webinar
Planning After Hegadorn	6/19/19	Webinar
Medicaid Application Odds & Ends	7/11/19	Webinar
Special Needs Tool Box / VA Aid & Attendance Basics	8/15 & 9/9/19	Webinars

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Legislative issues:

HB 6129, 6130, 6131, 5362, 5398(2018). SB 1182-1183(2018). SB 1220(2018).

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue to put more emphasis on "Disability Rights."

Other Information:

First ever Legislative Day (5/21/19). Michigan Supreme Court victory in Hegadorn v. Lollar (5/9/2019). Submitted comments: Whitmer Transition Team (11/28/18); Universal Caseload System (3/14/18); Draft POST Form (4/8/19); Mental Health Questions on Bar Application (4/8/19); and DHHS Proposed BEM Changes re: Homestead and Promissory Notes. Active participant in the Elder Law Task Force. Participate in Elder Policy Coalition. Working on advocacy related to individuals with disabilities in the legal profession. Will be proposing changes to the Bylaws for annual meeting. Next Annual Meeting: October 3, 2019, Crystal Mountain, Michigan.

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	June 4	Lansing
Council Meeting	Sept. 27	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	Dec. 11	Troy
Council Meeting	Jan. 24	Troy
Council Meeting	April 25	Troy

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Summer Program	6/14	Lansing
Annual Program	9/27	Lansing
Joint Environmental Conference	11/8	Lansing
"Examining Shared Interests," Joint Webinar ELS and the Ontario Bar Association	11/12	
Webinar: Duck! Insiders Review the Late 2108 Legislation	2/6	
Spring Air Conference	4/11	Lansing

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

The Environmental Law Section has published 2 editions of the Michigan Environmental Law Journal which is a valuable resource for our members and other sections.

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 P63901 Vanessa Marie Moss-Wilson, Southfield
 P45407 Steven D. Reinheimer, Southfield
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Term Ending: 2021

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting and Council Meeting	9/27/18	Amway - Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	11/16/18	Suburban Showplace - Novi
Council Meeting	12/1/18	Webers Inn - Ann Arbor
Council Meeting	1/5/19	Amway - Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	3/2/19	Crowne Plaza - Lansing
Council Meeting	4/6/19	Weber's Inn - Ann Arbor
Council Meeting	5/4/19	Doubletree - Novi
Council Meeting	6/8/19	Weber's Inn - Ann Arbor

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Council Roster

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Sponsor of ICLE's Family Law Institute	11/15/18-11/16/18	Suburban Showplace, Novi, MI
Mid-Winter Seminar	2/2/19-2/10/19	Punta Islita, Costa Rica
Family Law Forum	6/7/19	Travis Pointe Country Club, Ann Arbor
Mid-Summer SEminar	7/11/19-7/14/19	Crystal Mtn. Resort, MI

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Legislative issues:

The legislative committee was very active this year, especially with its opposition to HB 4691 (mandatory Joint Custody bill). Council opposed the "loser pays" bill for civil action and opposed allowing the legislature to intervene in any court action. The Committee was active with the adoption committee re amending the adoption code. There was a flurry of Bills introduced during the lame duck session in Dec. to add in the mix. The committee and council, with the help of our lobbyist, are making a real difference, and making the Section's voice heard in Lansing!

Recommendations for next Council:

Clarify By-Laws and memorialize institutional memory in writing policy to be reviewed annually or as needed from time to time. Other suggestions: We are a very strong section, and can do a lot. Involve FLS membership and align skills and talents with section needs. Involve the judiciary. Have special guests at council meetings and Section functions.

Other Information:

The new Court Rules committee chairs are doing a fine job, just as the new Legislative Chair. Kudos. The Amicus Committee has been very busy this year, and done a fine job of writing briefs for appellate cases. This committee and its brief writers are critical to our voice being heard by the judiciary. The Family Law Journal is outstanding, and its editorial staff deserve a ton of recognition. If it's important it's in the FLJ! Keep an eye out for the interdisciplinary Special Edition! The ADR committee has accomplished a lot in recent years, and has now merged with the Collaborative Law committee, as Collaborative is becoming more and more popular with parties and attorneys alike. The Domestic Violence committee does such important work; next on their agenda is to establish a committee to review/revise the batterer intervention program. Last, our executive board (Chair-Elect, Treasurer, Corresponding Sec'y and Recording sec'y) has been outstanding. We have met before every meeting and planned, anticipated and brainstormed all year. I am very thankful for them.

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Government Law Section

Jurisdiction: Public Corporation Law Section prior to July 2017.

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Legislative issues:

The Government Law Section (GLS) continues to monitor the many marihuana statutes and regulations that have been and are being adopted, as well as extensive legislation in the areas of telecommunications, broadband, clean water and the environment, FOIA, zoning, taxes, unfunded mandates, erosion of local authority and home rule, preemption of local regulatory authority, and other laws affecting governmental organizations across the state.

Recommendations for next Council:

See attached Addendum

Other Information:

See attached Addendum

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#1 Addition to Council Meeting Schedule:

In addition to the meetings listed on the attached report, the GLS Council held two Regular Meetings on 04/06/2019 and 05/4/19 in Lansing.

#2 Recommendations for Next Council:

- (a) Continue with and try to increase in-person attendance at regular Council meetings, while respecting the logistical challenges that exist in doing so.
- (b) Continue supporting the newly established Social Media Committee and begin implementation of GLS social media platforms to better connect with and provide valuable resources for the membership, as well as increase participation by the membership.
- (c) Continue to promote and work toward increasing the number of Briefly publications issued by the GLS to better connect with the membership.
- (d) Continue participation in amicus briefs on matters of state-wide impact to governmental bodies.
- (e) Continue with educational seminars and possibly add webinars or other forms of continuing legal education for the membership on relevant topics.
- (f) Continue efforts to update and maintain the GLS webpage more regularly, perhaps with the assistance of a designated volunteer from the GLS membership looking to contribute and become more active in the Section.

#3 Other Information:

- (a) The GLS, under the leadership of its Section Council and many volunteers, has a long history of providing its membership with two valuable and highly attended educational events each year, starting with the Winter Seminar in February and culminating with the Summer Conference in June. In addition to the top-notch program of speakers and social events, the GLS was honored to have Supreme Court Chief Justice Markman attend and speak at last year's summer conference and we are equally honored to have Justice Cavanagh join us this summer.
- (b) The GLS Council has established a new Social Media Committee with the objectives of identifying and implementing GLS sponsored social media platforms that will better connect the membership with each other, provide valuable resources for the membership and their law

practices, and increase interest and involvement by the membership. Six GLS members and two Council members have been appointed to this Committee.

(c) The GLS Council has approved the following two amendments of the Section's Bylaws: (i) an amendment adding a new officer position called the "Deputy Secretary Treasurer" to help better prepare individuals for the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer position; and (ii) an amendment to change the date on which the term of office commences for the officer positions from the date of selection at the Organizational Meeting in June, to October 1 in order to assist future appointed individuals better transition into their positions.

(d) The Council has also established an Amicus Committee to review amicus requests and keep better track of amicus filings and expenditures. Six members of the Council have been appointed to this Committee.

#4 List of GLS Amicus Brief Participation June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019:

Michigan Association of Homebuilders v City of Troy, MSC Case No. 156813

Van Buren Charter Township v Visteon Corp., MSC Case No. 156018

City of Warren v Bezy, MCOA Case No. 341639

West & Wigfall v City of Detroit, MSC Case No. 156793

DeRuiter v Byron Township, MSC Case No. 338977

Shaw v City of Dearborn, MCOA Case No. 34170

Nixon v Webster Township, MCOA Case No. 343505

Oakland County Water Resources Comm'r, et al. v MDEQ, MCC Case No. 18-000259-MZ

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Bar Year: 2018-2019

Section Name: Health Care Law Section

Mission Statement:

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

Provide education to members of the State Bar, members of the health care community and the general public with regard to health care laws and related issues;

Advocate, comment on or provide input with respect to state and federal legislation, regulations and public policy that affect the practice of health care law, consistent with the Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan;

Establish and maintain working relationships with attorney organizations and organizations of health care professionals, providers, consumers and other members of the health care community in this State and other states for the purpose of fostering better communication and understanding of health care laws and related issues and advocating Section interests; and

Promote awareness of the purpose and work of the Section among State Bar members, the health care community and the general public and encourage their participation in Section activities.

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Matthew R. Keuten – 2 nd term	2019	Louis Szura	2021
Sheerin Siddique – 1 st term	2019	Rebecca L. Glitman	2021
Nicole E. Stratton – 1 st term	2019	Andrea N. Lee	2021
Martha Boonstra	2020	Laura M. Napiewocki	2021
Jeremy S. Brieve	2020	Deborah Williamson	2021
Leslie A. Rojas	2020		
Christian I. Schafer	2020		
Jeffrey M. Schroder	2020		
Patricia A. Stamler	2020		
Dustin T. Wachler	2020		
Rosanna J. Willis	2020		

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

General Budget Information: The Section received approximately \$39,000 in member dues during Fiscal Year 2019. The funds are used for the following purposes: (1) educational opportunities via webinars and an in-person Annual Meeting; (2) in support of the annual ICLE Health Law Institute; (3) scholarships for law students interested in a health law career; (4) membership outreach and networking activities; and (5) administrative services. Consistent with prior years, the financial position of the Section remains strong.

Events and/or Seminars:

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Art Prize Tour – Networking Event	Thursday, October 4, 2018	Art Prize, Grand Rapids
Private Equity	Thursday, January 31, 2019	Webinar
Membership Networking Event – Pistons game	Thursday, January 31, 2019	Little Caesars Arena
ICLE Health Law Institute & Appreciation Dinner	Thursday & Friday, March 7 & 8, 2019	Inn at St. John's, Plymouth
Cybersecurity Threats & Trends from the FBI and DOJ's Perspective	Thursday, April 25, 2019	Webinar
Provider Audits	Tuesday, May 21, 2019	Webinar
Intellectual Property of Healthcare	Wednesday, June 12, 2018	Webinar

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New HHS Proposed Rule Anti-Kickback laws	July (date TBD)	Webinar
Membership Networking Event – Tigers Game	August (TBD)	Bodman PLC (Ford Field) & Comerica Park
HCLS Annual Meeting	Thursday, September 19, 2019	Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit

Section Committees: The Health Care Law Section features seven standing committees: Substantive Law, Publications, Legislative, Pro Bono, Fellows, New Lawyers and Law Students, and Membership. The work of each of those committees is summarized below:

Substantive Law Committee: The Substantive Law Committee is the Section Committee responsible for arranging educational programs throughout the year, typically presented in a teleconference/webinar format to benefit the Section's membership at no additional cost. Its work is accomplished through four subject matter subcommittees: Technology Subcommittee, Payors Subcommittee, Providers Subcommittee and Medical–Legal Subcommittee. The subcommittees produced four webinars on a wide variety of health care law topics with one planned for Summer. The topics and titles of the webinars are listed above under the heading “Events and/or Seminars.”

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

- An updated version of the *Licensing Health Care Providers in Michigan: Requirements and Ramifications* will be published in the late spring.
- *Michigan Legal Requirements for Opioid Prescribing* will be published in early summer.
- *How to Successfully Handle an Appeal* will be published in mid-summer.
- The Communicable Disease and Pandemic Preparedness Task Force is to publish in mid to late summer a guidance paper covering disposition of human bodies during a pandemic emergency.

Legislative Committee: The Committee monitored Michigan health care legislative developments including a bill to require all health insurance companies to cover prosthetic devices similarly to coverage for implanted devices rather than as durable medical equipment. In addition, the committee monitored the state government and legislative changes that occurred through the change in administration at the state level with a new Governor and legislature being sworn-in. The committee reached out to legislators requesting speakers willing to debate the health care impacts of potential no-fault auto insurance reform. The committee has also invited the chair and vice-chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee to give a legislative update at the section’s annual meeting.

Pro Bono Committee: The pro bono committee has teamed up with Michigan Community Resources on two initiatives to provide Section members with the opportunity to engage in meaningful pro bono work. Michigan Community Resources is an organization that advances the missions of Michigan nonprofits that serve low income individuals and communities through pro bono and low-cost legal services. The first initiative allows Section members to receive periodic notices of pro bono opportunities and elect to participate in such matters directly with Michigan Community Resources. The second initiative involves working with Michigan Community Resources to organize a workshop to educate representatives of nonprofit organizations and

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community groups about the basics of organizing and operating a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The pro bono committee hopes that these initiatives will evolve into long-term and reoccurring opportunities for Section members to engage in worthy pro bono activities.

Fellows Committee: The Section established a Fellows Program in 2011 to honor former Health Care Law Section leaders who have made sustained, outstanding contributions to the Section and the practice of health care law in Michigan. Fellows are recognized each year at the Section's Annual Meeting. The Fellows Committee administers the Fellows Program, which includes nominating Fellows for election by the Council, and handling all matters regarding the presentation of Fellows at the Annual Meeting. The Fellows Committee meets periodically to discuss nominations and other matters concerning the program. In 2018, the Fellows Committee nominated, and the Council elected, the following attorneys: Laura M. Napiewocki, Alan T. Rogalski, Carol A. Tarnowsky, and Deborah J. Williamson. The 2019 class of Fellows will be selected in early summer and honored at a dinner following the Section's Annual Meeting on September 19, 2019. A list of all Health Care Law Section Fellows is posted on the Section's web page.

New Lawyers and Law Student Committee: The Committee administered the Section's Academic Achievement program under which the Section awards \$1,500 scholarships to law students at eligible Michigan law schools who exhibit a high level of achievement in health care-related law courses. The recipients will attend and be honored at our Annual Meeting.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee organized several networking events this year (2018-2019). The Committee orients new Section members to the Section and engages Section members through the Section's Twitter account. Key events and milestones included:

- October 4, 2018 – Art Prize event held in Grand Rapids, MI.
- January 31, 2019 – Pistons Game Networking Event in Detroit, MI
- March 7 – 8, 2019 – Tweets for Treats during the ICLE Conference at the Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, MI
- August 2019 – Tigers Game Networking Event in Detroit, MI

Recommendations for next Council:

- Continue to provide the high-quality and reliable education and networking opportunities that the Section's membership has come to expect.
- Increase efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in the Section's membership and Council committees.
- Increase efforts to build civility and professionalism in the Section's membership.
- Build on the success of the Section's social media efforts by continued and sustained use.

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- Explore methods to retain the institutional knowledge of experienced Section members for the advancement of all Section current and future members.
- Strengthen the Section's pro bono efforts.
- Strengthen the Section's affiliations with law students, new lawyers and Michigan law schools and recommit to engaging in visible and sustained outreach activities to provide exposure and education to health care law.
- Continue the Section's strong relationship with ICLE, including continued co-sponsorship of the Annual Health Law Institute and Section Appreciation Dinner.

Other Information:

I am very appreciative of being provided the opportunity to serve as Section Chair for the experienced, motivated and professional members of our Section. The Section was stronger because of the efforts of the Council members, officers, committee and subcommittee members. In addition, a particularly high level of praise belongs to Susan Stokes, our Section's Administrative Assistant, who is an integral and invaluable part of the team. Her skills, intelligence and dedication is a great benefit to the Section.

Louis Szura
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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	08/09/2018	Southfield -PrizeLogic
Council Meeting and Section Meeting	09/06/2018	Plymouth-Inn St. John's
Council Meeting	09/20/2018	Bloomfield Twp-5th Tavern
Council Meeting	11/08/2018	Southfield-Town Center
Council Meeting	01/31/2019	Pontiac-Oakland Cnty
Council Meeting	04/04/2019	Southfield-Town Center
Council Meeting	05/23/2019	Southfield-Town Center
Privacy Committee- California Consumer Privacy Protection Act	11/15/2018	Southfield-Jaffe
Privacy Committee- Privacy Around the Globe	03/20/2019	Southfield- Jaffe

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

We returned to publishing a Newsletter. The second addition of this term will go out in June. The first recent Newsletter will be attached to the email with this report.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Electronic Security Measures Presentation	01/31/2019	Pontiac-Oakland County Courthouse

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Legislative issues:

The Privacy Committee discusses and monitors privacy legislation in the U.S. and other countries.

Recommendations for next Council:

Update and keep current the section pages on the SBM website. Continue sending the Newsletter. Actively recruit and retain members. Adopt a Strategic Plans and revised Bylaws.

Other Information:

We are working on joint events with two other sections. We are having an event with the past Chairpersons to encourage their participation. We are going to work with Darin Day on update our Bylaws. We are considering a name change that more accurately describes our area of law.

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Legislative issues:

Ongoing active monitoring and reporting on legislative issues and developments.

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

We publish a quarterly Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law, now in its twelfth year, featuring articles, case updates, analyses and opinions of interest pertaining to insurance and indemnity law.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION
2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2018-2019

Submitted: May 24, 2019

Section Name: Intellectual Property Law Section (“Section” or “IPLS”)

Mission Statement: The purposes of this Section are to study the laws and procedures pertaining to federal and state patent, trademark and copyright laws and to promote the fair and just administration of such laws; to study and report upon proposed legislation; to promote the legal education of members of the bar, and the general public on the problems of patent, trademark and copyright law by sponsoring meetings, institutes and conferences devoted to the problems of patent, trademark and copyright law by the preparation and dissemination of pamphlets and brochures with respect thereto and by preparing, sponsoring and publishing legal writings in the patent, trademark and copyright field.

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Council Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	July 12, 2018	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	August 9, 2018	Teleconference
Council Meeting	September 20, 2018	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	October 11, 2018	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
Section Annual Meeting	October 26, 2018	Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, MI
Council Meeting	November 14, 2018	Teleconference
Council Meeting	December 13, 2018	Teleconference
Council Meeting	January 10, 2019	Teleconference
Council Meeting	February 14, 2019	Teleconference
Council Meeting	March 18, 2018	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	April 11, 2019	Teleconference
Council Meeting	May 9, 2019	Teleconference
Council Meeting	Planned for June 13, 2019	Teleconference
Council Meeting	Planned for July 11, 2019	TBD
Section Annual Meeting	Planned for July 20, 2019	Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
Council Meeting	Planned for August 8, 2019	TBD

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

Intellectual Property Law Section Membership: 1,106 Members (as of April 30, 2019).

Intellectual Property Law Section Publication: As of this Report, the Section has published one issue of *IPLS Proceedings* in October 2018. The Section expects a second issue to be published May 2019. Copies of IPLS Proceedings are available at: <http://connect.michbar.org/iplaw/newsletter>. To save costs and "go green," the *IPLS Proceedings* is now distributed electronically.

General Budget Information: The Section continues to maintain a solid financial position, with a balance reported for April 30, 2019 of \$114,574.29.

The Section's most significant expenditures this year was associated with the IPLS Annual Meeting held at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan on October 26, 2018 which totaled \$8,507.88 and the Spring Seminar held at the Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel on March 18, 2019, which totaled \$14,742 This amount has not yet been deducted from the above noted balance as of the submission of this report due to the timing of the invoice.

Events and/or Seminars:

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
44th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute	October 25-26, 2018	Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, MI
2019 Spring IP Law Seminar	March 18, 2019	Lansing Crown Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI
45th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute	Scheduled for July 18-20, 2019	Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI

44th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute held October 25-26, 2018 in Dearborn, MI:

The 2018 IP Institute was held in Dearborn for the first time. This year 166 people registered and 127 attended. This was slightly down from our registered 221, with 189 attending, for 2017 on Mackinac, but we did anticipate a drop because of the location. Approximately 40% of the registrants were first time registrants and

The program included outstanding presentations from nationally renowned speakers on a range of patent, trademark, copyright, and other related topics. Speakers included the Hon. Victoria A. Roberts giving a View from the Bench on Defend Trade Secrets Act Litigation, a panel of attorneys from the Lions, Tigers, Pistons and Redwings to give an overview on IP in professional sports, and EU Patent attorney David Brophy on EU Design Rights.

Evaluations of the speakers were positive. The overall rating for the seminar was 6.40 out of 7.0. The program included a Women in IP Networking Lunch attended by approximately 35 participants and an evening reception at the Dearborn Inn attended by about 90 people.

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

Our annual Spring IP Law Seminar had 146 registrants and 133 attendees. This was the Section's second time hosting the event at the Crowne Plaza, and generally we think the decrease in attendance was because the perception that the event was too heavily focused on trademarks.

Programming for the Spring Seminar continued to focus on practical topics to benefit members' practice areas. We had diverse presentations from the USPTO and a performance/seminar session with the Tams. We propose moving the day of the week of next year's Spring Seminar as we have feedback that Monday is not as convenient.

Additional Sponsored Events for 2018-2019

The Section co-sponsored a welcome event for Damian Porcari, the new Director of the USPTO's Midwest regional office on October 17, 2018.

The Section co-sponsored an event with acting Registrar of Copyrights Karyn Temple followed by a panel presentation on current issues in copyright law on February 21, 2019.

The Section sponsored lunch for the USPTO's Design Day on April 25, 2019 held where approximately 25 people attended.

45th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute to be held July 18, 20, 2019 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, MI

The 2019 IP Institute will be held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Featured speakers include the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Andrei Iancu as well as Commissioner for Trademarks, Mary Boney Denison who will co-present with Anne Gilson LaLonde. We will also enjoy the advanced seminar topics for patents and trademarks and an update on ethical issues in IP Practice.

Other Section Projects During 2017-2018:

Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award: The IPLS created the Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of a lawyer who had excelled in the intellectual property field and exemplified professionalism, excellence, and dedication to furthering opportunities and accomplishments in the area of intellectual property. In 2018, David Berry was the fourth recipient of the Michigan State Bar Excellence in IP Award. The 2019 recipient will be announced and presented with the award during the annual IP Law Institute in July 2019.

IP Pro Bono Initiative: The Michigan Patent Pro Bono Project (Project) is a service project of the IPL Section. On September 17, 2015, the State Bar of Michigan Intellectual Property Law Section ("IPLS" or "Section"), formally amended its by-laws to establish the Project as a standing committee of the Section. The Project seeks to address the unmet need for patent legal services in Michigan by matching low-income inventors and innovators with volunteer patent attorneys.

The Project has a panel of more than 25 dedicated attorneys that provide pro bono legal assistance.

In 2018, the Project received requests for legal services from 13 persons. Of these, five were placed with volunteer attorneys, but none were placed with law school patent clinical programs. Several outreach programs introduced the Project to the community and attorneys.

During 2018:

Applications for assistance submitted:	13
Applicants placed:	5
5 with volunteer attorneys	
0 with law school clinical programs	
Reasons for not accepting applicants:	
No application filed with USPTO	3
Over income	2
Client not responsive	2
Lack of panel attorney interest	1
Rejected by attorney after placement	0
Not a patent issue	0
Not appropriate referral	0
Not a Michigan resident	0

The Project's operating costs are limited to the cost of additional insurance premiums to include the Project in the State Bar of Michigan's pro bono policy, and expenses associated with promoting the Project. The Section is currently holding funds representing excess sponsorship donations relating to the Gala Reception to celebrate the opening of the Elijah McCoy Regional U.S. Patent Office on July 12, 2012, and those excess donations are earmarked for the pro bono effort. During SBM fiscal year 2018, \$974.32 in Project-related expenditures were approved by the Section.

David C. Berry served as chair of the Steering Committee through February and then Dan Aleksynas and Angela Caligiuri stepped in as Co-Chairs.

During 2018, the following firms and organizations accepted pro bono clients through the program: Brooks Kushman PC, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Dobrusin Law Firm, Fishman Stewart PLLC, LeClairRyan.

In addition to coordinating with law firms and in-house law departments, the project has coordinated with other IP legal resources. It has referred inquiries involving non-patent IP legal issues to Creative Many of Michigan, which operates the Lawyers for the Creative Economy ("LCE") program. It has referred clients to USPTO-certified law school patent clinical programs at Wayne State University Law School and University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

Looking Forward to 2018-2019:

Recommendations for Next Council:

- Act on suggestions of the newly formed “New Ideas Committee” of the IPLS.
- Organize additional, smaller, events (such as luncheons) on single topics, especially co-sponsored by other Sections.
- Enlist input from in-house counsel as to what they want to hear about, in hopes of increasing attendance at IPLS events.
- Continue efforts to grow the IP pro bono program in Michigan.
- Continue to partner with the USPTO to provide presentation, information and networking events with USPTO personnel through the USPTO’s Detroit Regional Office.

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	September 13, 2018	Detroit, MI
Council Meeting	November 7, 2018	Troy, MI
Council Meeting	January 16, 2019	Troy, MI
Council Meeting	March 6, 2019	Troy, MI
Council Meeting	May 15, 2019	Grand Rapids, MI

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
"Building Bridge(s): From Infrastructure to Economic Development"	September 13, 2018	Detroit, MI
"Enforcing Your Contracts in the Global Economy: International Arbitration and the Cross-Border Deal"	November 1, 2018	Detroit, MI
"U.S. Sanction Programs: What International Businesses in the U.S. Need to Know"	November 7, 2018	Troy, MI
"Bi-National Chambers of Commerce Networking Fair"	January 16, 2019	Troy, MI
"Risk Management: Strategies and Threats" (West Michigan World Trade Week)	May 15, 2019	Grand Rapids, MI
"The Trouble with Tariffs" (West Michigan World Trade Week)	May 15, 2019	Grand Rapids, MI
"USMCA" (West Michigan World Trade Week)	May 15, 2019	Grand Rapids, MI

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Legislative issues:

N/A

Recommendations for next Council:

1. Continue review of how to increase Section member value from Michigan International Lawyer.
2. Seek out opportunities to co-sponsor events with other SBM Sections and other bar associations (e.g., Ontario Bar Association)
3. Consider developing an "International Transactions Boot Camp" for younger lawyers.

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Recommendations for next Council:

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Council meeting	11/12/18	Bingham Farms, MI
Council meeting	12/11/18	Bingham Farms, MI
Council meeting	1/14/19	Bingham Farms, MI
Council meeting	2/11/19	Bingham Farms, MI
Council meeting	3/11/19	Bingham Farms, MI
Council meeting	4/8/19	Bingham Farms, MI
Council meeting	5/13/19	Bingham Farms, MI
Council meeting	6/10/19	Bingham Farms, MI
August lunch meeting	TBD	TBD
Annual Meeting	Sept. 25-27, 2019	Novi, MI

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Diversity Luncheon	11/16/18	Detroit, MI
Holiday Party	12/11/18	Birmingham, MI
Mid-Winter Meeting	1/25/19	Detroit, MI
Diversity Luncheon	3/27/19	Detroit, MI
ICLE 44th Annual Labor & Employment Law Institute	April 11-12, 2019	Plymouth, MI
SpringBoard	6/6/19	Troy, MI
Summer Outing	7/25/19	Detroit, MI
Annual Meeting	TBD	Grand Rapids, MI

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Legislative issues:

N/A

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue to work to implement strategic plan; work on a 2020 annual meeting early in the year

Other Information:

N/A

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 P54637 Jeffrey E. Kirkey, Ann Arbor

Term Ending: 2020

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 P75964 Ameel Michael Trabilsky, Pinckney

Term Ending: 2021

P75622 Stephen P. Kallman, Lansing

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P35401 Charles A. Fleck, Lansing

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 P70875 John Chau, Bloomfield Hills
 P61684 Stacey Lynn Dinser, Hamburg
 P38054 Reginald G. Dozier, Detroit
 P70735 Steven Mark Feigelson, Lansing
 P33874 Mark R. Filipp, Troy

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P42712 Elizabeth C. Jolliffe, Ann Arbor
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P40690 Miles J. Postema, Big Rapids
P25948 Vincent A. Romano, Grosse Pointe Woods
P42654 David C. Sarnacki, Grand Rapids
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Law Practice Management Section
Annual Report Addendum

During 2018-2019, the Law Practice Management and Legal Administrators Section was, for the most part, inactive due to unforeseen circumstances.

Currently, as the new Chair, I am working with the Chair elect and Past Chair to finalize the year and have our formal annual report submitted to the Bar Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie D. Brewis, Chair

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P68656 Timothy Scott Cordes, Southfield
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P53594 Dana M. Warnez, Center Line

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Section Meeting	09/26/18	DeVos Place Grand Rapids
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	10/10/18	teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	11/14/18	teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	01/09/19	teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	02/13/19	teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	3/13/19	teleconference
Section Executive Council Meeting	03/14/19	teleconference
Regular Monthly Section Council Meeting	04/10/19	teleconference

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Detroit Mercy Law Bar Association Fair	03/05/19	U of D Mercy Law School
OCBA Forum on Inclusion of Diverse Lawyers	04/25/19	Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C.

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Legislative issues:**Recommendations for next Council:**

Develop and schedule social and networking events to add value for section members

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P68793 Michael O. Fawaz, Royal Oak
P15554 Donald A. Johnston, III, Grand Rapids
P72020 Anthony James Kochis, Troy
P78299 Andrew Louis Stevens, Farmington Hills
P21083 James M. Straub, Saint Joseph

Term Ending: 2020

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P79633 Andrew J. Lukas, Grand Rapids
P30716 David L. Moffitt, Bingham Farms
P47394 Thaddeus E. Morgan, Lansing
P34295 Daniel P. Steele, Livonia

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P79956 John Scott Bryan Buell, Bingham Farms
P68934 William Stewart Cook, Livonia
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P71186 Jason J. Thomas, Farmington Hills

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P31833 Michael J. Butler, Farmington Hills
P69576 Brandon J. Evans, Marquette

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	9-27-18	Grand Rapids - NEXT Confer
Council Meeting	10-24-18	Telephonic
Council Meeting	11-14-18	Telephonic
Council Meeting	12-19-18	Telephonic
Council Meeting	1-16-19	Telephonic
Council Meeting	2-20-19	Telephonic
Council Meeting	3-20-19	Telephonic
Council Meeting	4-24-19	Telephonic
Council Meeting	5-1-19	Detroit Institute of Arts

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Masters in Litigation Seminar: Pozner on Cross	3/26/19	Plymouth
Bench/Bar Relationship Building and Networking Mixer	5/1/19	Detroit Institute of Arts

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Legislative issues:**Recommendations for next Council:**

Continue considering how to increase membership turnout at litigation section events.

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Council Member

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Term Ending: 2020

P45545 Allison M. Arnold, Monroe
 P47071 Bruce Alan Block, Grand Rapids
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P47961 Lisa L. Dwyer, Detroit
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P65327 Mary Chartier-Mittendorf, East Lansing

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P76368 Chelsea Megan Rebeck, Southfield

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular MLS Council	6/21/18	Chartier, Lansing
Regular MLS Council	7/19/18	Chartier, Lansing
Regular MLS Council	8/23/18	Chartier, Lansing
Regular MLS Council	9/27/18	Hendricks, GR
SBM/MLS Annual meeting	9/28/18	Amway, Grand Rapids
Regular MLS Council	10/25/18	Traverse City
Regular MLS Council	11/27/18	Phone
Regular MLS Council	12/18/18	Hendricks, GR
Regular MLS Council	1/15/19	SBM
Regular MLS Council	2/19/19	SBM
Regular MLS Council	3/26/19	SBM
Regular MLS Council	4/23/19	Phone
Regular MLS Council	5/28/19	SBM

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Seminar re MMFLA license app denial and appeal	10/04/18	dial in
Annual MLS Conference	10/25-27/19	Traverse City
ICLE webinar with MLS Council and Sections members	1/08/19	Ann Arbor
MLS and Insurance/Indemnity Section seminar	1/22/19	Bath (Lansing)
MLS Recent Developments Seminar	3/28-29/19	Breckenridge, Colo
MLS/MIAOWIA impaired driving seminar	5/10-11/19	Henry Center, Lansing

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Legislative issues:

Various Council and/or Section members have and are participating in Michigan governmental (AG, LARA, etc.) assessments and management of marijuana legalization.

Recommendations for next Council:

Develop effective process to use MLS section members to advance agenda and goals of MLS to better spread the workload among interested participants.

Other Information:

The MLS continues to enjoy broad participation by State Bar members. Public and legal interest in marijuana legalization, and the legal issues that arise from that activity, provide substantial opportunities for involvement in the development of this new practice area and industry. Both defense\ and civil practices have many opportunities.

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Treasurer

P16799 James H. Loree, Northville

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P38891 Curt A. Benson, Grand Rapids
P12709 Michael Hayes Dettmer, Traverse City
P20796 Edward Sosnick, Bloomfield Hills

Term Ending: 2020

P34200 David A. Kallman, Lansing
P33431 Michael B. Rizik, Jr., Grand Blanc
P21044 Norman Otto Stockmeyer, Haslett

Term Ending: 2021

P31888 Paula L. Cole, Grosse Pointe Woods
P37514 Julie L. Granthen, Rochester Hills
P39998 Roberta M. Gubbins, Mason

Immediate Past Chair

P15782 Ronald D. Keefe, Marquette

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular Council Meeting	2-7-2019	Teleconference
Regular Council Meeting	3-20-2019	SBM Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	5-23-2019	SBM Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	6-20-2019	SBM Lansing, MI
Regular Council Meeting	8-15-2019	Teleconference

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location

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Legislative issues:

Current Council has been involved with the IAP (Interim Administrator Programs); will assist Bar to create a comprehensive program to protect members of the public in event attorney becomes disabled, dies, disappears, or is disciplined and has no plan in place. BOC approved IAP plan and now goes to Supreme Court. MLS anticipates involvement with future lobbying efforts before Supreme Court.

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue work with IAP program as it evolves and offer feedback to BOC as to involvement of senior lawyers in training, assistance and outreach efforts for the entire Bar.

Other Information:

Chair appointed ad hoc committee to begin work to organize a traditional voluntary SBM section for senior lawyers demographic (55+). Three members of Council: Charles Fleck, Michael Dettmer and Edward Sosnick are in process of making request for new section and can establish that there are at least 50 SBM members in good standing who will apply for membership in new section.

Publication of Mentor NewsLetter, Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer issues.

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P78467 Justin Bryan Hayes, Fort Sill
 LS098277 Julie Lawler-Hoyle, Whitmore Lake
 P55341 Larissa Z. Waltman, Gaylord

Term Ending: 2020

LS094397 Jeffrey M. Barker, Lansing
 P13304 Robert L. Farnette, West Bloomfield
 LS096752 Alan Foreman, Dearborn Heights

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P38750 Hon. David A. Perkins, Detroit

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Legislative issues:

Recommendations for next Council:

Engage individually with members by telephone to gather interests/concerns. Where e-mail is fast, personal conversations seem more effective with the section's smaller membership number.

Other Information:

The Section currently has approximately 222 members (140 paid, 82 free).
The section's approximate fund balance as of May 31, 2019 is \$12,539.02.

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P61741 Mark A. Gilchrist, Grand Rapids
P31492 Mark R. Granzotto, Berkley
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Term Ending: 2020

P65084 Timothy A. Diemer, Detroit
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P62979 Donna M. MacKenzie, Berkley
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Administrator

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Immediate Past Chair

P35599 Michael J. Sullivan, Southfield

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P42006 Robert J. Buchanan, Grand Rapids

Council Meetings

Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Wednesday, February 27, 2019
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Wednesday, July 24, 2019

All Council Meetings start at 5:30 p.m. at BACCO

29410 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48034 – 248-356-6600

Thursday, October 11, 2018 – **Seminar: “Civil Justice CPR: Reviving the dying art of trial lawyering”** - MSU Education Center, Troy, MI

Saturday, March 16 - Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – Kimpton Surfcomber South Beach, Miami, Florida
– Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Nominating Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2019 – YL Social Event, Punch Bowl Social, Detroit - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - Past Chair Dinner, Detroit Golf Club, Detroit, MI
6:00 pm Cocktails, 7:30 pm Dinner

Thursday, August 8, 2019 – Summer Reception & Annual Meeting – Tam-O’Shanter Country Club,
West Bloomfield

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Paralegal/Legal Assistant Section

Chair

LA003575 Lindsay Kahn

Chair-Elect

LA105982 Melissa Ann Arab, Utica

Secretary

LA104285 Patricia Allerton, Southfield

Treasurer

LA062938 Marianne Beth Delaney, Dearborn

Council Member

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LA102097 Kendra C. Hogan, Oak Park

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Term Ending: 2020

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P49219 Erane C. Washington, Ann Arbor

Council Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Board Meeting - Conference Call	11/10/2018	N/A
Board Meeting - Conference Call	01/12/2019	N/A
Board Meeting - In Person	3/30/2019	Lansing
Board Meeting - In Person	May 31, 2019	Dearborn
Board Meeting - Conference Call	July 20, 2019	N/A
Annual Meeting	September 2019	TBD
Council Retreat	October 13, 2018	Troy

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Day of Education	May 31, 2019	Dearborn
Meet & Greet Networking Events (2 on the same day)	Feb. 28, 2019	Southfield/Lansing
Volunteer Work at Gleaners Foodbank	March 9, 2019	Pontiac
Annual Meeting Program	TBD	TBD

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Legislative issues:**Recommendations for next Council:**

Continue reaching current members and adapting to attract new membership.

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P56521 Stephen J. Gobbo, Lansing
P38304 Gary M. Kasenow, Northville
P32946 Carol A. Siemon, Lansing

Term Ending: 2020

P81505 John Stuart Cooper, Lansing
P73175 Marilena David-Martin, Detroit
P41934 David E. Gilbert, Battle Creek
P24207 Barbara R. Levine, Grand Ledge

Term Ending: 2021

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Associate Member

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Donald Korbin Felder, Ypsilanti
TO BE DETERMINED, ASAP

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P72107 Ryan Zemke, Clinton Township

Rep./Department of Corrections

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Keith Barber, Lansing

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Annual Section Meeting	09/28/18	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	10/06/18	Bar Building, Lansing
Council Meeting	11/03/18	Bar Building, Lansing
Council Meeting	12/01/18	Bar Building, Lansing
Council Meeting	01/12/19	MSU Law School
Council Meeting	02/02/19	Bar Building, Lansing
Council Meeting	03/19/19	MSU Law School
Council Meeting	04/06/19	Bar Building, Lansing
Council Meeting (scheduled)	05/04/19	Bar Building, Lansing
Annual Section Meeting (scheduled)	10/05/19	Bar Building, Lansing
Council Meeting (scheduled)	10/05/19	Bar Building, Lansing

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Newsletter: Prisons and Corrections Forum, Volume 18, No. 4, Fall 2018

Newsletter (in process): Prisons and Corrections Forum, Volume 18, No. 5, Spring 2019

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
1. Spring Conference cosponsored with the Criminal Law		
Section: Marijuana regulation and sexual assault testimony	02/16 - 02/17/19	Mt. Pleasant
2. June Conference (scheduled): Trauma and Trauma Care		
Before, During and After Incarceration	06/01/19	Bar Building, Lansing

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Legislative issues:

The Council provided input on numerous administrative measures and initiatives being considered or implemented by the MDOC. Detailed descriptions of Council discussions are documented in our meeting minutes. Additionally, the Council took public policy positions in support of HB 6397 (authority of Corrections' Ombudsman), and HB 4032 and HB 6149 (revising monthly monitoring fees for parolees). The Council also voted unanimously to write the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of the Section recommending a rule change to require appointment of counsel for inmates when a prosecutor or victim appeals a grant of parole and to require appointment of counsel for victims in such cases as well.

Recommendations for next Council:

The Prisons and Corrections Council should continue its collaboration with the Criminal Law Section in the upcoming years. The PCC should also continue sponsoring a educational program for Section members at the time of our annual meeting even though it can no longer be done in conjunction with the Bar's annual meeting.

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Probate and Estate Planning Section

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Council Member

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P37092 Robert B. Labe, Birmingham
P54896 Andrew W. Mayoras, Troy
P68618 Richard Charles Mills, Jackson
P32058 Lorraine F. New, Troy
P70974 Nathan R. Piwowarski, Cadillac

Term Ending: 2020

P67628 James F. Anderton, Lansing
P47209 Hon. Michael L. Jaconette, Battle Creek
P71256 Michael G. Lichterman, Grandville
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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Committee on Special Projects followed by Council Meeting	06/16/2018	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, Annual Meeting, Council Meeting	09/08/2018	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, following by Council Meeting	10/13/2018	Troy, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by Council Meeting	11/17/2018	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by Council Meeting	12/15/2018	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by Council Meeting	01/25/2019	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by Council Meeting	02/15/2019	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by Council Meeting	03/08/2019	Lansing, MI
Committee on Special Projects, followed by Council Meeting	04/12/2019	Lansing, MI

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Addendum 1 includes public policy positions, status of legislative projects, and recommendations for next Council.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
The ICLE Probate & Estate Planning Certificate Program was created with the cooperation of the Probate & Estate Planning Section.		
The following ICLE seminars were cosponsored by the Probate & Estate Planning Section (and some are courses in the certificate program):		
58th Annual Probate & Estate Planning Institute	June 14-15, 2018	Plymouth, MI
Estate Planning for Partnerships and LLC's	July 26, 2018	on-demand
Medicare Liens	September 19, 2018	on-demand
Fundamentals of Estate Administration	October 9, 2018	Plymouth, MI
Administration of Trusts under the Michigan Trust Code	November 11, 2018	Plymouth, MI
Administer Trust with Incapacitated Settlor	January 8, 2019	on-demand
28th Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents	January 31, 2019	Grand Rapids, MI
28th Annual Drafting Estate Planning Documents	February 26, 2019	Plymouth, MI
Medicaid and Health Care Planning Update 2019	April 16, 2019	Plymouth, MI
Building Your Future Estate Planning Practice Today	May 15, 2019	Acme, MI
59th Annual Probate & Estate Planning Institute	May 16-18, 2019	Acme, MI

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Legislative issues:

See Addendum 1.

Recommendations for next Council:

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Public Policy Positions Taken on Legislation from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019:

HB6467	Michigan Uniform Transfers to Minor, Amount Modification
HB6470	Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act, Watercraft
HB6471	Estates & Protected Individuals Code, General Amendments
SB1182	Revised Judicature Act of 1961, Attorney Fees
SB1183	Revised Judicature Act of 1961, Attorney Fee Awards

Other Public Policy Positions Taken on Legislation from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019:

- [Proposal to Add a Section to EPIC Concerning Undisclosed Trusts \(700.7409a\)](#) (the Section proposes to add a provision that will permit a settlor to create a trust that does not require disclosure to the beneficiaries under certain circumstances)
- [Amendments to MCL 700.5508](#) (proposal to add definition of “attending medical professional”)
- [Amendments to MCL 700.5507\(2\)](#) (permitting patient advocate designation to include instructions for patient advocate)
- [Amendments to MCL 700.5506](#) (added provision clarifying that a patient may name more than one patient advocate to act together)
- [MCL 554.531\(3\)](#) (increase limit for transfers under this section)
- [Amendments to MCL 700.3206\(14\)\(a\)](#) (revised definition of “armed forces”)
- [Amendment to MCL 700.7103 and 700.7506](#) (revised provision for determine who is the settlor of a trust)
- [Amendments to EPIC Standby Guardian Sections](#) (proposed revisions to prior public policy positions)
- [Amendments to Safe Families for Children Act, MCL 722.1551 et seq.](#) (to clarify the application of the statute)
- [MCR 5.307\(A\)](#) (the Section oppose amending Michigan Court Rule 5.307(A) to require that the inventory be filed with the probate court, because it is contrary to MCL 700.3706(2))
- [MCL 554.531\(3\)](#) (the Section supports amending MCL 554.531(3) to increase the limit from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for a transfer by a third party (other than a personal representative, trustee, or conservator) to a custodian under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, 1998 PA 433, MCL 554.521 et seq.)
- ["A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled 'Estates and protected individuals code,' by amending..."](#) (the Section supports making various changes to EPIC)

Status of Legislative Projects as of January Probate Council Meeting:

Probate Council Initiatives (or Revisions to Proposed Legislation) that Were Enacted During 2017-2018 Legislative Session

- Override to *Jajuga* case. HB 4410. 2018 PA 143.
- Certificate of Trust coordination. HB 5362, 5398. 2018 PA 491, 2018 PA 492.
- Divided and Directed Trusteeships. HB 6129, 6130, 6131. 2018 PA 662, 18 PA 663, 18 PA 664.

Probate Initiatives That Have Gone Through LSB and Need Sponsors in 2019-2020 Session

- ART Legislation.
- EPIC Omnibus Bill.
- Community Property Trust bill.
- Tenancy by the Entireties Trust bill.

Probate Initiatives that Need to Be Reviewed by LSB and Need Sponsors (or be added to other bills)

- Voidable Transactions Act fix to harmonize with the Qualified Dispositions in Trusts Act (Rob Tiplady's request).
- Undisclosed Trusts.

Probate Initiatives that Need To Be Drafted and Approved by Probate Council

- Proposal from Drafter/Beneficiary Ad Hoc Committee?
- Proposal from Premarital Agreement Legislation Ad Hoc Committee?
- Vehicle Title Transfer on Death?

Probate Initiatives that Stalled

- No uncapping for transfers to LLC's.
- Limit liability for Trustees of ILITs.
- Expand kinds of personal property that can be held as tenancy by the entireties.

Miscellaneous

In October, the Michael Irish Award was awarded to Nancy Little.

Recommendations for next Council

Keep up the good work! The officers, members, ex-officios, liaisons, and many volunteers make the Probate Council meetings welcoming, rewarding, and productive. A few suggestions:

- Continue to press for enactment of ART and the EPIC Omnibus, including testimony at hearings on our bills.
- Consider other ways of permitting more Section members to attend the meetings and contribute. The remote attendance is a good start. Have video conferences so those that are attending remotely feel more engaged in the meeting?
- Consider community educational outreach about issues with internet-based forms.
- Collaborate with Business Law Section's committee on non-profit law to address issues with the non-profit corporation act.

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Council Meeting	9/27/18	DeVos Center, GR
Council Meeting	10/17/18	Butzel
Council Meeting	11/28/18	Butzel
Council Meeting	12/19/18	MEX
Council Meeting	1/16/19	Butzel
Council Meeting	2/20/19	Butzel
Council Meeting	4/18/19	Downtown Market, GR
Council Meeting	5/15/19	Butzel
Council Meeting	7/12/19	Boyne

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Real Property Law Academy 11	10/10/18-10/11/18	J.W. Marriott, GR
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtable: Shopping Center Law	10/18/18	Townsend
Homeward Bound: Water Rights	12/6/18	MSU MEC
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtable: Industrial & Office Transactions	1/7/19	Townsend
Homeward Bound: End of Lease	2/7/19	MSU MEC
Winter Conference: Redevelopment	3/7/19-3/9/19	Omni Royal, New Orleans
Groundbreaker Roundtable: Industrial & Office Transactions	4/17/19	Downtown Market, GR
Real Property Law Academy 11	5/8/19-5/9/19	MSU MEC
Homeward Bound: Tax Aspects	6/6/19	MSU MEC
Summer Conference	7/10/19-7/13/19	Boyne
Meet & Greet	10/23/18	Birmingham
Meet & Greet	5/23/19	Birmingham

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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 meetings with legislators, particularly committee chairs, to inform them of the Section's mission and expertise so that the Section can get involved with legislative real estate initiatives before new legislation is introduced. In all cases, the Section tries to limit its comments and recommendations without bias toward any particular constituency (the Section strives to be neither pro borrower, pro lender, pro developer, nor pro municipality).

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue the fine efforts of prior Councils to meet the needs of RPLS members and advance the purposes of the Section as set forth in the RPLS Bylaws.

Other Information:

We have a large number of Special Committees which hold educational and networking meetings throughout the State of Michigan. The following is a list of the Special Committees:

Bankruptcy
Commercial Leasing
Commercial Development, Ownership and Finance
Condominiums PUDs and Cooperatives
Construction
Eminent Domain
Energy Law
Residential Transactions and Finance
Title and Conveyancing
Zoning and Land Use

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	12-18-2018	conference call
Council Meeting	01-15-2019	conference call
Council Meeting	02-19-2019	conference call
Council Meeting	04-16-2019	conference call
Council Meeting	05-21-2019	conference call

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Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Religious Freedom and the Public Schools: Equal Access and the Law	11-26-2018	Pontiac
Religious Liberty Issues in Michigan: Where Do We Go From Here?	06-03-2019	Troy

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Legislative issues:**Recommendations for next Council:**

Creation of newsletter; collaborate with other sections of the Bar; research CLE opportunities; seek sponsorships; continue monitoring legislative issues currently being discussed

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Social Security Lawyers Section

Annual Report Addendum

This year has been a time of reassessment and experimentation for our section. Our traditional role has been to produce educational seminars for our members, but, in previous years, our number of attendees and of section members has declined. In addition, there is a sense that our overall membership is aging at a time when the need for practitioners in this area of law may be increasing. How best to counteract these trends has been our focus during this year. While we have had our traditional September seminars in 2018 and in (scheduled for) 2019, we are attempting to see if our upcoming destination seminar on June 16-18 at the Boyne Mountain will be a new way to involve our membership, especially since a multi-day seminar provides us with more opportunities to bring in a multitude of speakers. For example, our upcoming seminar will include two guest lecturers who appeared at the most recent NOSSCR convention and who will bring us information that we simply cannot get from our in-state resources. In a time when success in our practice area is becoming more difficult due to multiple rule changes being implemented by the Social Security Administration, the Section believes that better education is the only way for our members to continue to succeed. Along those lines, we also are looking at ways to use technology to allow our members to access educational resources if they cannot always attend our educational events.

As a sneak preview for fall, that seminar will feature a doctor from the University of Michigan Headache Clinic as well as a noted expert in federal appeals in

This report would not be complete without commending Kerry Spencer for her yeoman (yeowoman?) efforts to make our newsletter a more regular feature. I also appreciate the efforts of all of our section members for their efforts; most, if not all of them, regularly contribute to our section seminars. We always welcome those who wish to join not only the Section, but the Council as well.

Jim Rinck

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**SOLO & SMALL FIRM SECTION
2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Solo and Small Firm Section is proud to have provided its members with a plethora of services this year! Our council included as Chair Odey K. Meroueh, and Michael Gunderson as Vice-Chair. The Council reviewed and commented on proposed legislation and rule changes over the year and would like to thank our members for their input.

The Section's ListServ and SBM Connect continued to provide a medium for meaning full discussions for its subscribers. The Council would like to thank the Section's Editor Howard Lederman for his hard work and efforts compiling and producing the excellent section newsletter on behalf of the Section. The Section would also like to thank outgoing Section Editor Maury Klein for his decades of stewardship! Thank you Maury and we wish you great luck in your retirement in the south!

Our Programs Chair, Edmund Aronowitz put together a special seminar that was free to our members that highlighted various insurance related issues as they relate to the practice of law.

Odey K. Meroueh, the Chair, and Michael Gunderson, vice-chair, will be attending the State Bar Leadership Conference on Mackinac Island in June.

Much of the Council's efforts this year has been, and continues to be, focused on the Section's support and services to our members. This year we will be having our Annual Meeting on September 26th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and will coincide with a seminar titled Math for Lawyers wherein family law related issues including QDRO's and support calculations will be discussed with Friend of the Court Referee's. After the conclusion of the seminar, the section will continue into our Annual Meeting schedule. The Council would like to thank Tanisha Davis for her continued efforts in setting this up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Odey K. Meroueh
Chairperson, Solo & Small Firm Section

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Regular Council Meeting	9.13.2018	Birmingham
Annual Meeting and Past Chairs Dinner	9.13.2018	Birmingham
Regular Council Meeting	10.11.2018	Detroit
Committee Chair Training and Orientation	10.11.2018	Detroit
Regular Council Meeting	12.13.2018	Detroit
Regular Council Meeting	1.17.2019	Southfield
Regular Council Meeting	3.14.2019	Lansing
Regular Council Meeting	4.11.2019	Bloomfield
Regular Council Meeting (scheduled as of 5.31.19)	7.11.2019	Detroit
Regular Council Meeting (scheduled as of 5.31.19)	9.18.2019	Birmingham
Annual Meeting and Past Chairs Dinner (scheduled as of 5.31.19)	9.18.2019	Birmingham

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Taxation Section Fundamentals of Taxation	10.25.2018	Detroit
Identifying the Top ACA Reporting Errors that Lead to Penalties	2.7.2019	Troy
Meet the New Treasurer - SALT Committee	2.21.2019	Lansing
Tackle Tax Reform: Sec. 199A, 168k, 163j - FIT Committee	2.27.2019	Royal Oak
Divided and Directed Trusteeships - E&T Committee	3.14.2019	Birmingham
Panel Presentation on Tax Career Paths - Young Tax Lawyers	4.25.2019	Detroit
Taxation Section Annual Tax Conference	5.23.2019	Plymouth
What's New for Nonprofits and Charitable Gifts - E&T Committee	6.5.2019	Detroit
Retirement Plan Panel - Employee Benefits Committee (planned)	6.13.2019	Lansing
State and Local Tax Mixer - SALT Committee (planned)	9.4.2019	Lansing
Tax Court Luncheon (planned)	9.23.2019	Detroit
DOL Presentation - Employee Benefits Committee (planned)	10.17.2019	TBD

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Legislative issues:

In December 2018, the Taxation Section Legislative Monitor created a new report called the Taxation Section's "Tax Highlights" that serves as a comprehensive compilation of current legislation of interest to membership. It is updated intermittently and posted on the Section's website at: <http://connect.michbar.org/tax/pubpolicy/highlights>

Recommendations for next Council:

Prioritize the Taxation Section's Strategic Plan and ensure it remains updated and relevant; continue analyzing the vision for the Fundamentals Program to ensure its continued success as the Annual Tax Conference has continued improving in recent years; look for ways to expand and promote the Section's new student writing competition; continue utilizing the new e-newsletter "Tax in the Great Lakes State" for promoting Section events and news to membership.

Other Information:

Tax Council implemented several new initiatives this year. The Section's new quarterly e-newsletter, "Tax in the Great Lakes State," was rolled out, and quarterly installments were emailed to membership throughout the Section's fiscal year. Council recently converted its long-standing publication, The Tax Lawyer, to electronic format. Council created a new Law Student Writing Challenge in early 2019. The Section's Annual Tax Conference on May 23, 2019, was a great success, with attendance up significantly over recent years. Budget information: The Section remains financially strong (cash on hand over \$116,192 as of 2.28.19). Dues at \$30 are reasonable, and Council does not anticipate raising them in the near future.

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WC Law Section Council Meeting	9/7/18	Okemos WC Agency
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" "	11/2/18	teleconference
" "	12/7/18	Lansing
" "	1/4/19	teleconference
" "	2/1/19	teleconference
" "	3/1/19	teleconference
" "	4/12/19	teleconference
" "	5/10/19	teleconference
" "	6/13/19	Traverse City

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Annual Summer Meeting (hall of fame inductees: Charles Gilfeather and Ted Felker)	6/14/18	Traverse City, MI
Annual Winter Meeting (presentation re shoulder replacements by Dr. Patrick Noud)	12/7/18	Lansing, MI
Past Chairpersons' Outing (lunch and Tiger game)	5/23/19	Detroit, MI
Annual Summer Meeting (presentation on closed head injuries by Dr. Brooke Vanburen-Hay)	6/14/19	Traverse City, MI

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Legislative issues:

nothing of significance

Recommendations for next Council:

To consider raising dues again; to continue out-reach to potential younger members, while honoring past traditions, and encouraging participation in Section events.

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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.

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Business Meeting	7/21/2018	Lansing, Michigan
Annual Meeting	9/27/2018	Grand Rapids, Michigan
SBM YLS Retreat followed by Business Meeting	10/13/2018	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Business Meeting	11/17/2018	Lansing, Michigan
Business Meeting	12/15/2018	Teleconference
Business Meeting	1/19/2019	Teleconference
Business Meeting	2/16/2019	Lansing, Michigan
Business Meeting	3/23/2019	Teleconference
BOC Challenge followed by Business Meeting	4/12/2019	Lansing, Michigan
Business Meeting	7/20/2019	Lansing, Michigan
Annual Meeting	TBD	TBD

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Event Addendum

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Please see attached addendum.		

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Legislative issues:

N/A

Recommendations for next Council:

Continue to revise bylaws, work to attract more attendees at events, keep the Past Chair Advisory Meeting as an annual program. Use the annual retreat as a planning tool to map out the upcoming bar year and get to know council members.

Other Information:

Our Chair-Elect is working to turn our publication, Inter Alia, into a blog to attract more people. We have sponsored two scholarship for young lawyers to attend the Upper Michigan Legal Institute.

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
<p>So You Have Your P Number, Now What?: Practice Essentials for New Lawyers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was a half-day training seminar specifically designed for new lawyers, where they learned about a number of items, including how to start a practice, work/life balance, and maintaining their good standing with the bar. 	8/11/2018	Novi, MI
<p>US Supreme Court Admission Trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The YLS sponsors 12 applicants for admission to the United States Supreme Court every other year. A group photograph, lecture, and breakfast are provided. 	10/10/2018	Washington D.C.
<p>National Trial Advocacy Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a trial advocacy competition based on a sample problem where 11 teams from around the country participated. 	11/2/2018-11/4/2018	Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit, MI
<p>Federal Bar Association New Lawyers' Seminar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The YLS once again served as a sponsor of the New Lawyers Seminar presented by the Federal Bar Association. Kara Hart-Negrich provided a brief presentation on the benefits of participating in the YLS and encouraged new lawyers to get involved by volunteering to serve on a YLS Committee and/or State Bar Committee. 	12/4-12/5, 2019	Detroit, MI
<p>I AM YLS Table (at February bar exam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The YLS hosts tables at the Bar Examinations to provide essentials for the exams and words of encouragement. 	2/26-2/27/2019	Lansing, MI
<p>University of Detroit Mercy Bar Association Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The YLS had a presence at the bar association fair at U of D Mercy. 	3/5/2019	Detroit, MI
<p>Detroit Eviction Summit</p>	3/12/2019	Detroit, MI
<p>Annual YLS Council v BOC Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The YLS challenged the BOC to games and raised money for Access to Justice. 	4/12/2019	Lansing, MI
<p>Breakfast Basics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YLS partnered with ICLE to provide new practitioners with the basics of oral arguments and thinking on their feet. 	4/13/2019	The Miller Law Firm, Detroit, MI
<p>Davis Dunning's Bar Association Scholarship and Awards Banquet</p>	4/25/2019	Lansing, MI
<p>Expungement Fair</p>	4/27/2019	Detroit, MI

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YLS Co-sponsored this with the Detroit Deltas and Lakeshore Legal Aid. On-site screening and the preparation of expungement materials were provided for individuals who may be eligible for expungements. 		
1st Annual Past Chair Advisory Meeting	5/17/2019	Detroit, MI
<p>12th Annual Young Lawyer Summit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 12th Annual Young Lawyer Summit took place in Detroit at the Motor City Casino and Hotel and the Beacon. Michigan's Solicitor General, Fadwa Hammoud, was the keynote speaker for the event. There was an Improv Bootcamp, free professional headshots, and lots of CLE and networking. 	5/17-5/18/2019	Detroit, MI
<p>Outstanding Young Lawyer Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. This year the Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award was presented at the reception during the Summit to Erin C. Flynn of Kelly & Kelly P.C. The runners up were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salvatore (Sal) Amodeo of Giamarco, Mullins, & Horton PC Kyle Kamidoi of Garan Lucow Miller, P.C, Erika Riggs of Disability Law Group 	5/18/2019	Detroit, MI
<p>Downward Goat: YLS Yoga with Goats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory comments and brief presentation on animal law by Rebecca K. Wrock of the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan & Attorneys for Animals. Yoga instruction by Evolve Yoga. 	5/26/2019	Pontiac, MI
<p>Mock Trial with Middle School Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The YLS will host a mock trial competition at University of Detroit-Mercy Law School. 	6/8/2019	Detroit, MI

It will provide middle school students with an opportunity to participate in a mock trial and interact with local judges and lawyers.		
UP Limited Scope Representation Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An introduction to Limited Scope Representation and a meet and greet with SBM President Jennifer Grieco. 	6/17/2019	Marquette, MI
I AM YLS Table (at July bar exam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The YLS hosts tables at the Bar Examinations to provide essentials for the exams and words of encouragement. 	7/30-7/31/2019	East Lansing, MI
YLS Promotional Video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YLS is working with Rizzarr, Inc. to produce a promotional, informative video. 	4/27-8/1/2019	Throughout Michigan

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. YLD representatives were (or will be) at the following meetings:

ABA YLD Fall Conference – Charleston, South Carolina – October 25-27, 2018

ABA YLD Midyear Meeting –Las Vegas, Nevada – January 24-27, 2019

ABA YLD Spring Conference – Washington, D.C. – May 2-4, 2019

YLD Events at the ABA Annual Meeting – San Francisco, California – August 8-13, 2019