

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Bar Year: 2010-2011

Section Name: Appellate Practice Section

Mission Statement: To promote the skillful, effective and efficient practice of appellate law by providing education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, website, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter.

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Elizabeth L. Sokol	2011	Noel D. Massie	2013
Jill M. Wheaton	2011	Gerald F. Posner	2013
Anthony F. Caffrey III	2012	Beth A. Wittmann	2013
Judith A. Curtis	2012	Christina A. Ginter*	2011
Nancy Vayda Dembinski	2012		
Ronald S. Lederman	2012		

*Past Chair

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	September 30, 2010	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	October 22, 2010	Farmington Hills, MI
Council Meeting	November 19, 2010	Farmington Hills, MI
Council Meeting	December 17, 2010	Telephone Conference
Council Meeting	January 21, 2011	Farmington Hills, MI
Council Meeting	February 18, 2011	Lansing, MI
Council Meeting	March 18, 2011	Farmington Hills, MI
Council Meeting	April 15, 2011	Grand Rapids, MI
Council Meeting	May 20, 2011	Livonia, MI
Council Meeting – Dinner Meeting	June 23, 2011	Brighton, MI

General Budget Information: See attached unaudited interim financial report and transaction history for the month ending April 30, 2011 as provided by Becky Hunter.

Events and/or Seminars:

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Economics of Appellate Practice	May 20, 2011	Embassy Suites, Livonia MI
Annual Meeting – Post Judgment Procedures and Pitfalls for the Appellate Lawyer	September 30, 2011	DeVos Center, Grand Rapids, MI

Legislative issues: None of note

Recommendations for next Council:

Other Information:

The Section offered a comment on ADM 2008-10 (amendment of MCR 6.425 and MCR 7.10), ADM 2008-28 (amendment of MCR 6.005), and ADM 2010-05 (amendment of MCR 2.112, MCR 7.206 and MCR 7.213).

The Court Liaison and Rules Committee is preparing a proposed amendment to MCR 7.205 to allow for the filing of a reply brief in support of an application for leave to appeal.

The Section published one issue of its newsletter, and anticipates publishing another issue prior to the end of the Bar year.

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The Section sponsored a seminar on the Economics of Appellate Practice on May 20, 2011 which included a presentation on the State Bar of Michigan's 2010 Economics of Practice Survey and a panel discussion among appellate practitioners.

As part of its Annual Meeting program, the Section sponsored a seminar on Post Judgment Procedures and Pitfalls for the Appellate Practitioner.

The Section made a contribution to the Michigan Youth in Government as well as a contribution to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in honor of Judge Hilda Gage.

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2011 to:

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