

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT
SECTIONS**

Introduction

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

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

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

Additional Materials

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

Templates

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

Submission

All annual reports should be submitted by May 31, 2010. They should be submitted to:

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ANNUAL REPORT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Bar Year: 2009-2010

Section Name: Real Property Law Section

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

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

Officers and Council Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Jerome P. Pesick P#29039	380 N. Woodward Ave. Ste. 120 Birmingham, MI 48009	248-646-0888	jpesick@splaw.com
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Member	Term	Member	Term
William B. Acker P#25231	2010	Melissa N. Collar P# 51781	2012

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Howard A. Lax P#35128	2010	Ronn S. Nadis P# 35638	2012
David E. Nykanen P#47763	2010	Gregg A. Nathanson P# 39029	2012
Jerome P. Pesick P#29039	2010	Glen M. Zatz P# 37115	2012
Nicholas P. Scavone P# 47138	2010	Ronald Reynolds P#	2012
Brian P. Henry P#33876	2011		
Mark P. Krynsinski P#35630	2011	Richard D. Rattner P# 19249/Greg Gamalski P#36034 (CLE)	
Patricia Paruch P#48028	2011	Catharine B. LaMont P# 32231 (Land Titles)	
David E. Pierson P#31047	2011		
C. Kim Shierk P#37694	2011		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	October 7, 2009	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	November 4, 2009	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	December 2, 2009	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	January 13, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	February 10, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	April 14, 2010	Warner Norcross Offices, Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	May 12, 2010	Jaffe Offices, Southfield
Council Meeting	July 16, 2010	Crystal Mountain Resort
Council Meeting	September 29, 2010	Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids

General Budget Information: While the Section’s finances remain strong, income and expenses are being closely monitored.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Foreclosure and Beyond”	October 8, 2009	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Prescription for	November 5, 2009	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth

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Success: Developing a Medical Office Building on a Health Care Campus”		
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “B2B - From Brownfields to Boontown.	December 3, 2009	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Sustainable Development and Other Emerging Issues in Construction Risk Management”	January 14, 2010	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
ICSC/RPLS “Michigan: The Land Of Opportunity”	January 28, 2010	Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
RPLS Millennial Reception for New Attorneys	February 2, 2010	Rosie O’Gradys, Ferndale
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Demystifying Insurance Provisions and Coverages”	February 3, 2010	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
2010 Winter Conference “Being An Agent of Change”	March 11-13, 2010	The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona
RPLS Millennial Reception for New Attorneys	April 14, 2010	The B.O.B, Grand Rapids
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “When Advertisement Isn’t Enough- The Court Process and Foreclosures/Workouts or Ask the Judges”	April 22, 2010	Detroit Athletic Club (DAC)
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast “Only Fools Rush In: The Fundamentals of Real Estate Due Diligence ”	May 13, 2010	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: RPLS – “Current Issues in Multi-Family Housing Law and Financing ”	Jun 3, 21010	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
2010 Summer Conference “ The New Normal- Working with Today’s Realities”	July 14-17, 2010	Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa, Thompsonville, Michigan

Section Membership: Notwithstanding some attrition believed to be attributable to economic conditions, in FY 2009-2010 the Section continued to have in excess of 3,000 members.

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Section Bylaws: The most recent version of the Section's By-laws may be viewed on the Section's website – www.michbar.org/real_property/general_info.cfm.

Publications: The Section publishes the Real Property Review on a quarterly basis, an e-newsletter on a monthly basis.

Legislative and Policy issues: During the 2009-2010 legislative session, the Section opposed five house bills and four senate bills. In addition, the Section at the request of the Michigan Supreme Court submitted Amicus Briefs in *Hendee v Putnam* (SC: 137446), and *Florence Beach v Township of Lima* (SC: 139394). The positions taken by the Section are set forth in its Public Policy Reports which can be reviewed at www.michbar.org/real_property/publicpolicy.cfm.

Awards: At the Section's 2010 Summer Conference, the Section's Robert Wartell Award for outstanding service will be presented. The Section will also present \$500.00 Book Award Scholarships to the outstanding student in an advance real estate course at each of Michigan's five law schools. These scholarships will be presented at the State Bar September 2010 Annual Meeting.

Recommendations for Next Council: The recommendations for the next RPLS Council are in large part identified in the RPLS Long Range Plan dated July 23, 2005. In addition, substantial efforts were undertaken during 2009-2010 to grow the Section by promoting membership to young lawyers, and to enhance participation by Section members from the west side of the State. Various successful initiatives and programs were undertaken in pursuit of these goals, and the new Council is encouraged to continue to build on them.

Administration: Arlene Rubinstein continues to serve as the Section's Administrator, and her contributions are an integral part of the Section's success.

Special Committees: The Section has 15 special committees that cover virtually every area of specialization within the practice of real estate law. Most committees are co-chaired by a member of the Section from the east side of the state and a member from the west side of the state. The names of the Section's special committees and their chairs can be found at the Section's website at www.michbar.org/realproperty/committees.cfm.

Continuing Legal Education: The Section's Continuing Legal Education Program was very successful during 2009-2010 under the leadership of CLE Co-chairs Richard Rattner and Gregory Gamalski. The Section presented 4 Homeward Bound Seminars in conjunction with ICLE. In addition, the Section conducted a series of 5 Breakfast Groundbreaker Seminars which provide opportunities to learn about a number of topics in a more informal, networking setting.

Conferences: The Section held another successful winter conference, this year in Scottsdale, Arizona, thanks to the efforts of Co-chairs Melissa Papke and Laura Lynch. The Section also has an

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excellent summer conference planned at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Michigan by
Co-chairs Laurie King and Clay Thomas.

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