

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2013-2014

Section Name: Real Property Law Section

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

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

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Jeffrey D. Weisserman P#40470	2016	Monica Labe P#49097	2015

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

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

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

Events and/or Seminars:

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

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

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Legislative issues: In addition to monitoring new legislation and responding to requests from the Michigan Supreme Court and others to file amicus curie briefs on real estate issues of importance, the Section has initiated a series of meeting with particular legislators to inform them of the Section's mission and expertise so that the Section can get involved with legislative real estate initiatives before new legislation is entered. In all cases, the Section tries to limit its comments and recommendations without bias toward any particular constituency (the Section strives to be neither pro borrower, pro lender, pro developer or pro municipality).

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

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

Bankruptcy
Commercial Leasing
Commercial Development, Ownership and Finance
Condominiums PUDs and Cooperatives
Construction
Eminent Domain
Energy Law
Federal Tax Aspects of Real Estate Transactions
Residential Transactions and Finance
State and Local Taxation
Title and Conveyancing
Water Law
Zoning and Land Use

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:

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