

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2016-2017

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, a monthly e-newsletter, and quarterly publication of a peer-reviewed 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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Dawn M. Patterson P#49041	2018	Michael A. Luberto (CLE) P#40842	

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	September 22, 2016	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	October 19, 2016	Butzel Long
Council Meeting	November 16, 2016	Butzel Long
Council Meeting	December 14, 2016	MEX, Bloomfield Hills
Council Meeting	January 18, 2017	Butzel Long
Council Meeting	February 15, 2017	Butzel Long
Council Meeting	April 20, 2017	Downtown Market, GR
Council Meeting	May 17, 2017	Butzel Long
Council Meeting	July 19, 2017	Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Traverse City

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 and more effective technology for continuing education and involvement of older members of the State Bar.

Events and/or Seminars:

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Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: Tax Aspects of Real Estate	October 20, 2016	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and	November 3, 2016	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth

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Webcast "Site Condominiums and Land Divisions: Current Topics and Case Law Update"		
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast "Negotiating the Shopping Center Lease – Economic Opportunities and Hidden Costs"	December 1, 2016	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables:	January 19, 2017	The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – "On-Demand" Webcast "Can I Build a Fence? Living In and Operating Member-Controlled Community Associations"	February, 2017	"On-Demand" Webcast
RPLS/ICSC	February 9, 2017	Suburban Collection Showcase, Novi
2017 Winter Conference	March 1-3, 2017	Don CeSar, St. Pete Beach, FL
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: Tax Aspects of Real Estate	April 20, 2017	Downtown Market, Grand Rapids
Homeward Bound: RPLS/ICLE – Live and Webcast "Zoning and Municipal Approvals – The Process"	May 4, 2017	St. John Conference Center, Plymouth
2017 Summer Conference "Mission Possible: Traversing Michigan's Real Estate Landscape"	July 19-22, 2017	Boyne Mountain Resort & Spa, Boyne Falls, MI
Other Programming: Meet & Greet Meet & Greet	October 27, 2016 May 18, 2017	Local Kitchen, Ferndale Local Kitchen, Ferndale

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,

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the Section has initiated a series of meeting 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: The next Council should continue developing programs that provide added value to the Section's membership. It should also continue pursuing outreach and educational programs for newer members of the State Bar, as well as active participation by more experienced practitioners, and expand participation in the Section by real estate lawyers located throughout the entire State of Michigan. Finally, the Section's Council should consider the Report of the Long Range Planning Committee and, if adopted, implement the recommendations contained therein.

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

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2016 to:

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