

State Bar of Michigan | 2017–2018

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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
Council Meeting	9/28/17	Cobo
Council Meeting	10/18/17	WNJ
Council Meeting	11/15/17	WNJ
Council Meeting	1/17/18	MEX
Council Meeting	2/14/18	WNJ
Council Meeting	4/19/18	Downtown Market, GR
Council Meeting	5/16/18	WNJ
Council Meeting	7/20/18	Crystal Mt.
Council Meeting		

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Events and/or Seminars:

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Real Property Law Academy I	10/11/17 & 11/12/17	J.W. Marriott
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: Tax Aspects of Real Estate	10/19/17	Townsend
Homeward Bound Webcast-Register of Deeds	12/7/17	ICLE
Groundbreaker Breakfast Roundtables: Construction	1/18/18	Townsend
Homeward Bound Webcast -Agriculture	2/3/18	ICLE
Winter Conference	3/118-3/3/18	Encore, Las Vegas
Homeward Bound - In-Person & Webcast "Quiet Title"	3/9/18	St. Johns, Plymouth
Groundbreaker Roundtables: Construction	4/19/18	Downtown Market, Grand Rapids
Homeward Bound - In-Person & Webcast "Marijuana"	5/3/18	St. Johns, Plymouth
Real Property Law Academy I	5/9/18 & 5/10/18	Michigan State University MEC, Troy
ICSC	2/8/18	Showplace Novi
"Meet & Greet"	10/24/17	Big Rock, Birmingham
"Meet & Greet"	5/17/18	Red Dunn Kitchen, 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 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 to execute upon the Section's 2017 Strategic Plan. The successes or failures of the initiatives implemented by the 2017-2018 Council, such as offering new continuing education opportunities through co-sponsorships, providing pro bono service opportunities and centralizing the legislative review process into a committee structure, will provide the next Council with guidance on which strategies to build upon and which ones to change. Attention in the next year might also be spent on how the membership best digests communications and scholarly articles in the eNewsletter and Real Property Review. The next Council may wish to consider how technology continues to impact how the Council and the membership connect, particularly when members and potential members are located long distances from where in-person meetings of the Section or the Council are held. In the years to come, attracting future leaders of the Section will likely become a more important factor in achieving the 2017 Strategic Plan.

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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