

## State Bar of Michigan | 2017–2018

### 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.*

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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 Business Meeting	6/19/17	SBM, Lansing
Council Business Meeting	7/17/17	SBM, Lansing
Council Business Meeting	8/22/17	Phone Meeting
Council Business Meeting/Annual Meeting	9/29/2017	SBM Conference, Detroit
Council Business Meeting	10/19/17	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	11/30/17	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	1/11/18	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	2/15/18	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	3/22/18	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	4/26/18	C&N, East Lansing
Council Business Meeting	5/17/18	C&N, East Lansing

**Addendum Information:** Please list any addendums attached.

Please see 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
New Horizons for Legalized Marijuana - The Facilities Licensing Act and Beyond	9/7-9/9/17	Detroit
Emergency Rules Seminar	1/19/18	East Lansing
Marijuana Law Criminal Bootcamp	4/6/18	Ann Arbor

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**Legislative issues:**

**Recommendations for next Council:**

**Other Information:**

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2018 to:**

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**Marijuana Law Section  
Annual Report 2018  
Addendum**

**Purposes of the Marijuana Law Section**

The purposes of this Section shall be to foster and advance the profession of Michigan Marijuana law; study the principles, regulations, statutes and legal developments that affect Michigan Marijuana law; to encourage and promote reforms in the law; to cultivate the science of jurisprudence; to secure the more efficient administration of justice; to serve as a forum and vehicle for the dissemination of specialized knowledge to practitioners engaged in the practice of Marijuana law in this area by fostering networking and communication among members; to coordinate its activities with those of other sections of the State Bar of Michigan whose activities and practice areas are complimentary to those of this Section; to encourage and advocate effective and thorough legal education; to encourage the continued education of the practicing lawyer; and to afford a means of social intercourse among the lawyers of the State Bar of Michigan. To accomplish its goals, the Marijuana Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan may sponsor meetings and conferences of educational value and support the publication of articles that relate to the purposes of this Section.

**Legislative Issues**

The MLS will be taking positions on a number of issues related to marijuana and the implementation of the Facilities Licensing Act.

**Recommendations for Next Council:**

The year went by so quickly, and there are still so many opportunities for the Council to engage in. In the upcoming years, the Council will continue to have the privilege of educating and leading attorneys and the public in this emerging area of the law. The Council should never forget the strides that have been made in this area of the law, and the role that attorneys have played. We should continue to honor the work done by attorneys by pushing for decisions to be made based on science and facts and not rhetoric. The Council sincerely appreciates the efforts of SBM staff members in guiding the MLS, including Candace Crowley, Peter Cunningham, and Jennifer Grieco, as well as many other staff members who have contributed their time and talents.

**Other Information:**

Membership in the MLS is higher than anticipated at well over 700 members, and the numbers continue to grow. The MLS is excited about the prospects for the section. The MLS listserv is up and running and participants are active. Out listserv moderator posts opinions related to marijuana law as they come out and members

post questions and discuss issues related to marijuana law. The MLS also has a Facebook page that links to marijuana law blogs, and the MLS is exploring other social media options.

The following are just a few items that show the wide range of activities of the Section:

- Marijuana law is again the topic for the August 2018 Bar Journal, and the MLS is providing the articles for the edition showing the wide range of areas that marijuana law impacts;
- Our first two webinars are scheduled and more are planned;
- The next edition of the Marijuana Law Section Journal is being distributed electronically in June;
- A tour of a marijuana processor in Illinois occurred and more will be planned;
- Upcoming seminars related to a number of topics, including real property, banking, cannabusiness, and criminal defense, are scheduled, including a day-long seminar on Mackinac Island and our annual conference at the Grand Traverse Resort in the fall;
- The MLS is reaching out and working with other sections and groups around the state to offer educational materials and seminars;
- Our annual coat and warm clothing drive to help veterans keeps getting bigger;
- A mentorship program for young lawyers and law students is being planned; and
- A speaker's bureau to provide educational programs around the state for attorneys and the public is in the works.

Thank you State Bar of Michigan for being so supportive of our new section!