

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Bar Year: 2010-2011

Section Name: Litigation Law Section

Mission Statement: The Litigation Section of the State Bar of Michigan provides education, information and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, this site, public service programs, and publication of a newsletter. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan. Statements made on behalf of the Section do not necessarily reflect the views of the State Bar of Michigan.

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Sherry D.O. Taylor	2	Gary K. Springstead	2
Marcy A. Tayler	2		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council	11/17/10	Conference Call
Council	1/9/11	Conference Call
Council	3/10/11	Lansing, MI

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Council	5/11/11	Conference Call
Annual Meeting	9/15/11	Dearborn

General Budget Information: See Addendum

Events and/or Seminars:

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Trial Evidence	3/24/11	Plymouth, MI
Impact of Technology: What are Jurors Thinking?	4/5/11	Plymouth, MI
Summer Conference	7/29–30/11	Glen Arbor, MI

Legislative issues: The Section submitted public policy positions opposing proposed amendments to MCR 2-203 and to MRPC 7.3

Recommendations for next Council: The next council should continue to actively review and take public policy positions on proposed court rule amendments and legislation. The current council, under the leadership of the Legislative/Rules Committee, chaired by Michael Donnelly and Daniel McGlynn, has done a fine job of bringing before the council proposals that deserve its attention, resulting in two well-reasoned positions. The next council should build on their success.

There is one nagging issue that the next council should address head on and resolve – developing a method for ensuring that the Section acquires articles for its Newsletter well in advance of the deadline. The Newsletter has been vastly improved in recent years under the leadership of Dari Bargy who is the chair of the Publications Committee and Secretary of the Section. She has acquired many fine articles for the publication. Obtaining those articles, however, has not been easy. Some Sections has addressed this problem by

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requiring council members to write or otherwise obtain an article each year. The Litigation Section has declined to talk that action, and needs to explore other ways of ensuring a steady stream of quality articles.

Other Information: The Section donated \$4,000 to the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament and is currently conducting a fundraiser for the Access to Justice Fund.

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2011 to:

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Litigation Section FY 2010-2011 Budget

REVENUES

Member Dues	\$53,400.00
Student/Affiliate Dues	\$300.00
Other	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$53,700.00
Cash Balance Forwarded	\$87,586.71

TOTAL INCOME

\$141,286.71

EXPENSES

Summer Program	\$23,000.00
Masters Program	\$18,500.00
(includes two \$1,000 receptions)	
DecisionQuest Program	\$2000.00
Annual Meeting	\$500.00
Newsletter	\$12,000.00
Mock Trial	\$3,500.00
Legal Aid Contribution	\$10,000.00
State Bar Leadership Conference	\$1,800.00
Postage/Copying	\$400.00
Listserv	\$420.00
Council Meetings	\$1000.00
Telephone	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$73,520.00

YEAR END BALANCE

\$67,766.71
