

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2014-2015 PCLS SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

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ANNUAL REPORT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Michael J. Watza, Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook, Detroit

Chair

Michael is co-chair of the Governmental and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups at Kitch. Michael's areas of concentration include litigated, legislative, and administrative solutions on behalf of municipal, nonprofit, and private sector clients. Michael also serves as general counsel to PROTEC and the Mobile Technology Association of Michigan.

Kester K. So, member, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Lansing

Chair-Elect

Kester is a member of the firm's management group and focuses on municipal finance, where he has served as bond counsel or underwriter's counsel on a wide variety of bond issues, including bonds for health care, public power, higher education, transportation, unemployment insurance, tax increment financing, state revolving fund environmental, school bond loan fund, state and local building authorities, airports, water and sewer, solid waste disposal, and economic and industrial development bonds.

Mark E. Nettleton, member, Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC

Secretary/Treasurer

Mark is chair of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC's Local Government Practice Group in Grand Rapids. He practices in the areas of public finance, municipal law, land use and zoning law, and commercial transactions and assists Michigan counties, cities, villages, townships, and public authorities with their legal and financing needs. Mark is the 2013 recipient of the "Distinguished Municipal Attorney Award," and was nominated by clients and selected by fellow legal practitioners from across the state for his professional accomplishment in the representation of cities and villages.

Council members can be found here:

https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/b90a13a8-1250-48b1-830b-ccc519d81ece/UploadedImages/pdfs/section_council.pdf

SECTION MEMBERSHIP: 607

SECTION BYLAWS: The section updated its bylaws this term in order to comply with Bar requirements. They are available here:

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MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS: The section met once every month during this term except August 2014 and May 2015. The section held two Seminar meetings for its members, one in February and the other in June in conjunction with that month's regular meeting and annual meeting. These meetings were well attended by leading municipal attorneys from around the State. Descriptions are available on the Section Website. The Section also co-hosted luncheons with other sections including the Michigan Tax Tribunal in January 2015 and the May 2015 MPSC Luncheon. The next Seminar meeting is in St. Joe Michigan on June 19-21, 2015. Details are available on the Section website here: <http://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/MICHBAR/b90a13a8-1250-48b1-830b-ccc519d81ece/UploadedImages/pdfs/PCLSAnnualMeetingElection15.pdf>

SECTION LEGISLATURE AND POLICY: The Section is typically very active in Amicus filings and this year was no different. This term the Section participated in the following Policy and Amicus Issues: . Letter to the Supreme Court re the Voluntary Bar Supreme Court Task Force Subcommittee Report; Amicus participation in *Lockett v South Macomb* and in *New Covert Generating Company LLC v Covert Twp*; and the Section joined in a brief filed by various national municipal interests in the FCC MVPD NPRM Proceeding (Cable/internet law).

FINANCIAL REPORT: Section financials ending May 31, 2015 are attached.

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Bar Year: 2014-2015

Section Name: Public Corporation Law Section

Mission Statement: The Public Corporation Law 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 *Public Corporation Law Quarterly*. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the State Bar of Michigan and to law students.

Officers and Council Members:

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Treasurer	Mark Nettleton			

Council Members and Terms are available here:

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Member	Term	Member	Term

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regular and Annual and Summer Seminar	June	Boyne, MI
Special/Regular	July	Conf Call

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Regular	September 6	Grand Rapids, MI
Regular	October 11	Okemos, MI
Regular	November 1	Port Huron, MI
Regular	December 6	Conf Call
Regular	January 10, 2015	Conf Call
Regular and Winter Seminar	February 13	Novi, MI
Regular	March 7	Conf Call
Regular	April 18	MSU Law School
Regular	June 19	St. Joe

General Budget Information: See Financials ending May 31, 2015 attached

Events and/or Seminars:

See summary in additional information attached

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location

Legislative issues: None

Recommendations for next Council: Continue current efforts and mission

Other Information: See attached financials ending May 31, 2015

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Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2015 to:

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State Bar of Michigan
Public Corporation Law Section
For the Eight Months Ending May 31, 2015

	Current Activity May 2015	Year To Date May 2015	Year to Date May 2014
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Revenue:			
1-7-99-800-1050 Public Corp Section Dues	60.00	17,820.00	17,520.00
1-7-99-800-1055 Public Corp Student/Affil Dues	2.00	30.00	28.00
1-7-99-800-1240 Winter Seminar Income		5,900.00	6,625.00
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Revenue	<u>62.00</u>	<u>23,750.00</u>	<u>24,173.00</u>
Expenses:			
1-9-99-800-1139 Professional Fees-Amicus Brief		3,100.00	22,767.30
1-9-99-800-1145 ListServ		135.00	315.00
1-9-99-800-1276 Meetings	110.54	132.32	162.20
1-9-99-800-1283 Seminar Expenses	299.48	6,214.95	7,916.49
1-9-99-800-1297 Annual Meeting			233.06
1-9-99-800-1528 Telephone	50.97	50.97	77.31
1-9-99-800-1826 Copying			8.00
1-9-99-800-1868 Postage	151.62	370.49	22.32
1-9-99-800-1987 Miscellaneous			125.00
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Total Expenses	<u>612.61</u>	<u>10,003.73</u>	<u>31,626.68</u>
Net Income	(550.61)	13,746.27	(7,453.68)
Beginning Fund Balance:			
1-5-00-800-0001 Fund Bal-Public Corporation Sec		19,588.96	38,084.78
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Beginning Fund Balance		<u>19,588.96</u>	<u>38,084.78</u>
Ending Fund Balance		33,335.23	30,631.10

Ranges:		From:	To:	Subtotal By:	No Subtotals	Include:	Posting
Date:		10/1/2014	5/31/2015	Sorted By:	Segment1		
Account:		-9- -800-	-9- -800-				

Account:	1-9-99-800-1139	Description:	Professional Fees-Amicus Brief	Beginning Balance:	\$0.00	
Trx Date	Jrnl No.	Description	Document #	Vendor	Debit	Credit
12/10/2014	106,395	PCLS Expenditure	11187	Michigan Municipal League	\$3,100.00	
			Net Change	Ending Balance		
Account:	1-9-99-800-1139	Totals:	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	\$0.00

Account:	1-9-99-800-1145	Description:	ListServ	Beginning Balance:	\$0.00	
Trx Date	Jrnl No.	Description	Document #	Vendor	Debit	Credit
11/21/2014	105,996	Nov 2014 Modern Firm	15286	Chase Manhattan Bank US/Chas	\$45.00	
12/17/2014	106,638	Modern Firm Dec 2014	15786	Chase Manhattan Bank US/Chas	\$45.00	
1/16/2015	107,188	Dec 2014 Modern Firm	DEC 2014	Chase Manhattan Bank US/Chas	\$45.00	
			Net Change	Ending Balance		
Account:	1-9-99-800-1145	Totals:	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$0.00

Account:	1-9-99-800-1276	Description:	Meetings	Beginning Balance:	\$0.00	
Trx Date	Jrnl No.	Description	Document #	Vendor	Debit	Credit
3/16/2015	108,148	Feb 2015 C Crowley	FEB 2015 C CROWLEY	Chase Manhattan Bank US/Chas	\$21.78	
5/20/2015	109,246	11/1/14 Public Corp Meeting	11/4/14 MEETING	Stremers,Gregory	\$110.54	
			Net Change	Ending Balance		
Account:	1-9-99-800-1276	Totals:	\$132.32	\$132.32	\$132.32	\$0.00

Account:	1-9-99-800-1283	Description:	Seminar Expenses	Beginning Balance:	\$0.00	
Trx Date	Jrnl No.	Description	Document #	Vendor	Debit	Credit
12/31/2014	106,678	Dec 2014 E Blast Expense			\$75.00	
12/31/2014	106,681	Dec 2014 Permit Postage Exp			\$359.69	
12/31/2014	106,741	12/14 Ptg/Typesetting Exp			\$68.61	
1/31/2015	107,283	January 2015 E Blast Expense			\$75.00	
1/31/2015	107,285	Jan 2015 Permit Postage Exp			\$275.19	
1/31/2015	107,332	1/15 Printing/Typesetting Exp			\$127.36	
2/13/2015	107,838	SBM Staff Asst/Badges			\$180.00	
2/18/2015	107,594	2/12/15 Public Corp Travel	2/12/15 PCL TRAVEL	Fountain,Gwendolyn	\$72.18	
2/23/2015	107,784	MI Municipal League OP Refund				\$200.00
4/8/2015	108,524	Publi Corp meeting 3/24/15	ACCT CP 280	Hotel Baronette/Baronette Renais	\$4,882.44	
5/31/2015	109,341	5/15 Permit Postage Expense			\$209.92	
5/31/2015	109,344	5/15 Printing & Typesetting			\$89.56	
			Net Change	Ending Balance		
Account:	1-9-99-800-1283	Totals:	\$6,214.95	\$6,214.95	\$6,414.95	\$200.00

Account:	1-9-99-800-1528	Description:	Telephone	Beginning Balance:	\$0.00	
Trx Date	Jrnl No.	Description	Document #	Vendor	Debit	Credit
5/20/2015	109,246	11/1/14 Public Corp Meeting	11/4/14 MEETING	Stremers,Gregory	\$50.97	
			Net Change	Ending Balance		
Account:	1-9-99-800-1528	Totals:	\$50.97	\$50.97	\$50.97	\$0.00

Account:	1-9-99-800-1868	Description:	Postage	Beginning Balance:	\$0.00	
Trx Date	Jrnl No.	Description	Document #	Vendor	Debit	Credit
1/29/2015	107,262	Public Corp Mailing Service	117803011	BRD Printing, Inc.	\$195.83	
1/31/2015	107,284	January 2015 Postage Expense			\$12.92	
2/28/2015	107,817	Feb 2015 Postage Expense			\$10.12	
5/28/2015	109,297	Public Corp Summer postcards	120020011	BRD Printing, Inc.	\$151.62	
			Net Change	Ending Balance		
Account:	1-9-99-800-1868	Totals:	\$370.49	\$370.49	\$370.49	\$0.00

	Accounts	Beginning Balance	Net Change	Ending Balance	Debit	Credit
Grand Totals:	6	\$0.00	\$10,003.73	\$10,003.73	\$10,203.73	\$200.00