

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2013-2014

Section Name: General Practice – Solo & Small Firm Section

Mission Statement:

The General Practice—Solo and Small Firm 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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Member	Term	Member	Term
Michael Gunderson	9/30/2014		
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Lori Williams	9/30/2014		
Mary Ericson	9/30/2015		
Marty Fried	9/30/2015		
Maury Klein	9/30/2015		
John Holmquist	9/30/2016		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	10/17/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	11/21/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	1/16/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	2/27/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	3/20/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	4/17/2014	Sweet Lorraine's
Council Meeting	5/15/2014	Sweet Lorraine's Restaurant

General Budget Information:

The Section began the fiscal year with a budget of approximately \$32,988.64. The Section's ending balance as of \$25,453.91.

Events and/or Seminars:

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
'Ask The Lawyer'	9/15/2014	Birmingham Community House
Driver License Restoration Seminar	3/26/2014	Andiamo's
Attorney/Judge Crossfire	4/30/2014	Andiamo's
Marketing Webinar	5/13/2014	audio

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Legislative issues: The Council discussed the recent legislation, SB 743 but has not taken a position on the issue due to further clarification needed. As the Task Force Report has recently been issued, the Section will review those findings and determine whether what action, if any, is needed.

Recommendations for next Council: More seminars to educate membership on hot topics; consider a summer one-day retreat to prepare a joint agenda for the year; establish an agenda early; prepare for more educational and social events jointly with other 'like' sections; a stronger presence in legal education programs for schools, including but not limited to Law Day, Constitution Day, as well as mentoring options. The Section should concentrate new membership attention on law students and recent bar takers.

Other Information:

The Section publishes a quarterly newsletter with the assistance of Editor Maury Klein, and Bill Cataldo who assists as Associate Editor.

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2014 to:

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