

**LAW SCHOOLS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
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Please describe your committee's activities during the 2022-2023 year toward achievement of the goals outlined in the Section's Strategic Plan. Each question below corresponds to a specific Section of the Plan to which reference may be made for further guidance in providing responses.

1. Sponsorship of programs for Continuing Legal Education via a means accessible to Section Members, including holding at least one program yearly (Article I, 3 of the Strategic Plan).

Although I have had various discussions with business society students at Wayne State University Law School and University of Detroit Mercy Law School regarding presentations, we were unable to get something scheduled. My goal this next fiscal year is to attempt to regenerate annual programs at those law schools with an interest..

2. Addressing substantive legal issues for committee members, including holding regular committee meetings (at least twice per year) and reporting on the meetings to the Council (Article I, 4 of the Strategic Plan).

- The Law Schools Committee generally does not address substantive legal issues.
- The Committee does not hold meetings of the entire committee. Meetings typically occur at the law school that is hosting a particular event.
- Reports of the programs are reflected in Item 1 above, and are included in the quarterly reports to the Council.

3. Committees chaired by one chair should add a co-chair or vice-chair. Committee leadership to report on growth in committee membership, and active involvement by existing and prospective members, in quarterly and annual reports to the Council. (Article I, 5 of the Strategic Plan).

I have not yet identified a co-chair or vice-chair for this Committee, but will attempt to .do so this year.

We promote the Law Schools Committee via the Section website, through e-mails to faculty representatives working with students of the law school business law societies (or similar organizations), the attorney liaisons and designated law student representatives, and via calendars at the individual participating law schools (as maintained by the student leaders). I have also met and discussed the Committee and its resources with various law school faculty representatives when the opportunity presented itself. As chair of the Committee, I serve as the contact person.

The Committee is comprised of student representatives from the business law societies at most of the law schools in Michigan, their faculty advisors, and members of the Business Law Section (including the Chair and attorney-liaisons who have volunteered and been appointed to each of the law schools represented). With the gap caused by COVID-19 and its restrictions, it will be necessary to reengage faculty advisors and member of the Business Law Section for purposes of securing attorney-liaisons.

4. (A) monitor and raise awareness of laws or developments in laws that affect Michigan businesses and, when appropriate, make recommendations for updates and improvements;

(B) provide assistance to appropriate government personnel with respect to business-related legislation and rule making;

(C) as appropriate, provide amicus curie briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts; and

(D) educate and seek input from Michigan businesses, their owners and employees, and Michigan attorneys about changes to Michigan's laws in order to maintain Michigan's ability to attract and retain new business enterprises and enable existing businesses to remain competitive. (Article II, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

- None of these are part of the focus of the Law Schools Committee.

5. Include social activities as an element of Section activities and educational programs. (Article IV, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

- See response to Item 1 above.

6. Transition active law students into active participants in the Section. (Article IV, 3, C of the Strategic Plan).

See response to Item 1 above. With the increased initiatives further detailed in Item 1 our objective is to increase the exposure to the Business Law Section and invite law students to join the Section at no cost as students.

7. Support at least one substantive presentation or panel discussion each academic year in each of the five law schools located in Michigan. (Article IV, 4 of the Strategic Plan).

See response to Item 1 above. The Committee with assistance of other Council members will attempt to reengage with the law schools and communicate our willingness to support substantive presentations or panel discussions at the

respective law school. In this regard, we do rely to some extent on the law students to request a presentation or event of interest and the Committee would contribute its resources to assist with any such event. I do expect to continue to engage in more active outreach to faculty and students of the various law schools in the State of Michigan.

Previously the Section and Law Schools Committee had organized panel discussions and presentations with Wayne State Law School and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School, with the intent that such activities would continue on an annual basis. Unfortunately, the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic cause a halt to such activities. The Committee will continue to pursue efforts to get such activities back on track with Wayne State, University of Detroit Mercy, and the other law schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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