

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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Bar Year: 2017-2018

Section Name: Business Law Section

Mission Statement: The mission of the Business Law Section is to foster the highest quality of professionalism and practice in business law and to enhance the legislative and regulatory environment for conducting business in Michigan. To fulfill this mission, the Section shall: (1) expand the resources of business lawyers by providing educational, networking and mentoring opportunities; (2) review and promote improvements to Michigan's business legislation and regulations; and (3) provide a forum to facilitate service and commitment and to promote ethical conduct and collegiality within the practice.

Officers and Council Members:

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Member	Term	Member	Term
Julia A. Dale P63904 – Lansing	2018	Hon. Christopher P. Yates P41017 – Grand Rapids	2019
Mark W. Peters P48917 – Troy	2018	Eric A. Zacks P64883 – Detroit	2019
John Thomas Schuring P69996 – Grand Rapids	2018	Brendan J. Cahill P51938 – Bloomfield Hills	2020
Aaron M. Silver P65481 – Warren	2018	Jennifer E. Consiglio P68496 – Bloomfield Hills	2020
James Robert Waggoner P70033 - Birmingham	2018	Bruce W. Haffey P33374 – Troy	2020
Kevin T. Block P56136 – Detroit	2019	Shane B. Hansen P34523 – Grand Rapids	2020
Mark Kellogg P38306 – Lansing	2019	J. Scott Timmer P31855 – Norton Shores	2020
Ian M. Williamson P65056 – Troy	2019		

Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting	10/6/17	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	10/6/17	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	10/7/17	Grand Rapids
Council Meeting	12/2/17	Troy
Council Meeting	3/1/18	Lansing
Council Meeting	6/5/18	Bloomfield Hills

General Budget Information: See attached Budget which was approved at the 10/7/17 Council meeting.

Events and/or Seminars:

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

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Business Law Institute	10/6/17	Grand Rapids
Business Boot Camp II	11/6-7/17	Grand Rapids
Model Chapter 13 Plan for Eastern District of Michigan and the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy	11/8/17	Bloomfield Hills
Proposed Changes to the Discovery Rules of the Michigan Court Rules	11/28/17	Troy
Business Boot Camp II	1/29-30/18	Plymouth
Panel Discussion at WSU Law	2/21/18	Detroit

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School regarding Business Law Careers and Business Law Section membership		
The New Fraudulent Transfer Statute in Michigan and Other Important Developments in Fraudulent Transfer Law	3/14/18	Detroit
Business Succession Planning	5/15/18	Troy
Michigan's "New" Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act	5/23/18	Southfield
Business Succession Planning	5/22/18	Grand Rapids

Legislative issues:

Uniform Assignment of Rents Act – A subcommittee of the Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee has worked with the Real Property Section to prepare proposed amendments to the Uniform Assignment of Rents Act. The Committee is currently advocating with the State of Michigan to adopt those amendments.

Amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act – Public Act 85 of 2018, amending certain provisions of the Michigan Business Corporation Act was approved by the Governor on March 26, 2018 and will be effective June 24, 2018. These amendments were prepared by the Corporate Law Committee of the Business Law Section.

Securities Rules – The Rules Review Subcommittee of the Regulation of Securities Committee continues to work with the Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau of LARA to finalize securities rules related to the Michigan Uniform Securities Act. This collaboration has been ongoing since 2016.

Other Information:

AWARDS: Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award

The Section established the Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award in 2006, to be presented annually. The award honors Michigan business lawyers who consistently exemplify the characteristics the Business Law Section seeks to foster and facilitate: the highest quality of professionalism, the highest quality of practice, an unwavering dedication to service, ethical conduct, and collegiality within the practice of law. The Section honored John R. Trentacosta at its Annual Meeting on October 6, 2017, at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The Award for 2018 will be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 5, 2018 in Grand Rapids.

COMMITTEES: Complete contact information for committee chairpersons is available on the Section's website.

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Business Courts

The Committee's objectives are to serve as a liaison between the Business Court Judges and the Business Law Section, to serve as a resource for the Business Court Judges, and to assist the Business Court Judges in whatever ways they and the Business Law Section deem appropriate.

Commercial Litigation Committee

The Commercial Litigation Committee assists litigators as well as business and corporate counsel in addressing issues that may lead to or arise in business-related litigation. The Committee sponsors seminars and other programs that address such issues and that are designed to enhance the practice of those involved in commercial litigation.

Corporate Laws Committee

The Corporate Laws Committee monitors and reviews matters relating to corporate law statutes and developments in the law of corporate governance. The committee also works with the Business Corporation Act Revision Subcommittee, which reviews the Michigan Business Corporation Act for the purpose of keeping it current with developments in corporate law and which assists from time to time in drafting and advocating proposed changes to the Act.

Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee

The Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee focuses on issues of insolvency, such as bankruptcy, state law alternatives to bankruptcy, secured lending (Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code), and state law exemptions.

Financial Institutions Committee

The Financial Institutions Committee focuses on legislative, regulatory and judicial developments and issues of interest to financial institutions (primarily banks) and their affiliates.

In-House Counsel Committee

The In-House Counsel Committee is committed to addressing the professional interests of in-house counsel by sponsoring continuing legal education programs, informing members about issues of particular interest to them, and offering social and professional networking opportunities.

Law Schools Committee

The Law Schools Committee is designed to promote an interest in business law among students at each of the law schools located in Michigan. The Committee represents a collaborative effort between the Section and the business law societies at the University of Michigan Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Wayne State University Law School and Thomas M. Cooley Law School. The Committee supports programs initiated by the business law societies within the law schools and provides a forum for networking among law students and members of the Section.

LLC and Partnerships Committee

The Committee remains active in conducting seminars regarding unincorporated enterprises, focusing principally on limited liability companies. The Committee has also assisted in informing members of the bar from other sections as to legislation affecting unincorporated enterprises.

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Nonprofit Corporations Committee

The Nonprofit Corporations Committee's principal responsibility is to review and update laws relating to the organization of nonprofit corporations in Michigan. The principal focus has been on the Nonprofit Corporation Act, but it also reviews other legislation, such as bills regulating the solicitation of contributions by charities. The committee also assists with sponsoring continuing legal education programs directed at nonprofit organization issues.

Regulation of Securities Committee

The Regulation of Securities Committee is concerned with federal and state laws and regulations relating to the offer, sale and trading of securities. The Committee also supplies a liaison to the Securities Law Advisory Committee of the Michigan Corporations, Securities and Commercial Licensing Bureau. Activities are designed to inform members of current developments and issues and provide input to appropriate administrative and legislative bodies.

Small Business Forum

The Small Business Forum specifically caters to business owners, attorneys, accountants, and other professionals who work with closely held businesses. The Forum hosts two to three highly productive, time efficient and fun educational events throughout the year. Every event includes a networking portion to mingle with other business professionals.

Uniform Commercial Code Committee

The Uniform Commercial Code Committee monitors developments and issues under all Articles of the UCC and related commercial statutes. In October of each year, the Committee presents a seminar on recent developments in commercial law. Additionally, the Committee prepares an annual survey of case law involving the UCC and commercial law.

PUBLICATIONS:

The *Michigan Business Law Journal* is published three times per year and is sent to members via U.S. mail and electronically. The *Journal* is posted on the Section's website.

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2018 to:

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