Chair's Letter from Edwin J. Lukas

Join other Section members at the Section Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 20, at the Sheraton Novi. Information regarding the Annual Meeting is available on the Section’s web page. The Section will hold its business meeting and election of council members and officers, followed by presentation of the Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award. This year’s recipient is Jeffrey S. Ammon of Miller Johnson. For numerous years, Jeff has been a leader in the Section, in his practice, and in the Grand Rapids community. He is a terrific lawyer and trusted colleague with a sharp sense of humor. We look forward to seeing you there. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to share with others your ideas for improving the Section and the practice of business law in Michigan. We all know the challenges businesses and business lawyers continue to face today. Our Section is committed to helping members find ways to meet those challenges and support each other in the process.

I'd like to thank the many members who have made the last year such a pleasure and unique opportunity for me. I am grateful for the dedication and creativity of the lawyers in our Section who contribute to the improvement of the practice of business law, frequently without receiving any recognition for their efforts. Our dedicated members engage in committee work, offer educational sessions, address legislation and case law developments, and contribute in a host of different ways. As Section chair, I have worked directly with many of you and numerous different initiatives. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Section in this capacity over the past year.

Hot Topics in Business Law

Many of you who have attended a recent seminar or CLE program may have left with a practice insight that the presenter didn’t expect—an unexpected learning. Or the presentation may have reinforced one of your practice habits. Whether you have been practicing 40 years or 4 years, you have insights and strategies that other lawyers might not have, and we would like you to share those practice tidbits. In the e-Newsletter during the next few months we want to feature some of these insights and give you appropriate recognition. Please e-mail your practice insight, new learning, or other tidbit you want to share to bls.enewsletter@yahoo.com with your name and contact information. Before publishing any information, we will contact you to confirm your approval. Thanks for your help.

Section Events

- August 15—Celebrate the In-House Counsel Champions (6–8 p.m., Masco Corporation, Taylor)
- September 20—Annual Meeting, Council Meeting, Schulman Award Presentation, and Cocktail Reception (4–7 p.m., Sheraton Detroit Novi)

Other Events

- October 25—ICLE—HIPAA for Non-Health Care Lawyers Webcast (1–3 p.m.)