Chair's Letter from Edwin J. Lukas

Welcome
As the recently elected chair of the Business Law Section, it is my privilege to welcome you to a new year. The Section has existed and flourished since 1965. With over 3,200 members statewide, it is the second largest elective section of the State Bar of Michigan. Being elected chair requires the confidence and respect of the membership, and I look forward to leading our efforts this year.

Immediate Past Chair Robert T. (Bob) Wilson
I'd like to acknowledge the contributions of our immediate past chair, Robert T. (Bob) Wilson. Bob was a thoughtful and dedicated leader. In addition to handling all of the tasks that are required of the chair, Bob led an ad hoc committee's efforts at amending and restating the Section's bylaws. The restated bylaws will provide value to the Section for years to come. On behalf of the entire Section, I thank Bob for his extraordinary service.

Schulman Award Recipient James R. Cambridge
At the Annual Meeting on September 13, the Section presented its highest honor, the Steven H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award, to James R. Cambridge, a member of Kerr, Russell, and Weber, PLC, in Detroit. We established the award in 2006 in order to honor Michigan business lawyers who consistently exemplify the characteristics the Section seeks to promote: the highest quality of professionalism, the highest quality of practice, and an unwavering dedication to service, ethical conduct, and collegiality within the practice of law. Jim has been a long-time member of the Section, a former Section chair, and a tireless contributor to Michigan's business law community. Congratulations, Jim, on a well deserved honor.

Get Involved!
Now is a great time to get involved in the Section's activities. A complete list of the Section's Committee's may be found by clicking on the "Get Involved" button in the left column. Join a Committee and contribute to our efforts. Also, we meet regularly and sponsor a variety of forums, seminars, and programs that provide continuing legal
education to our members. The Section's next quarterly Council meeting will be held on December 3, at Butzel Long's office in Bloomfield Hills. Finally, consider writing an article for the *Michigan Business Law Journal*, the Section's signature publication that sets the standard for other sections of the State Bar of Michigan. Although we welcome articles concerning any business law related topic for any issue, the primary theme of upcoming issues of the *Michigan Business Law Journal* and the related deadlines for submitting articles are as follows:

- Spring 2012 (Commercial Litigation Committee): November 30, 2011
- Summer 2012 (Nonprofit Corporations Committee): March 31, 2012
- Fall 2012 (Uniform Commercial Code Committee): July 31, 2012
- Spring 2013 (Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee): November 30, 2012