



Business Law Section e-Newsletter

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From the Desk of Chair James L. Carey

Welcome to a new State Bar and Business Law Section year! As I said at our Annual Meeting, some of the best lawyers, and the best people, that I know are active in the Business Law Section. And I mean it. We have some of the most talented, smart, hard-working, dedicated, compassionate, and just plain GREAT people around. Don't believe me—come on out and see for yourself!

We honored Diane Akers as the Outstanding Business Lawyer in Michigan and she has certainly earned it. [Check out just some of the things she has done](#). The Biz Law Section in general, and Diane in particular, were instrumental in pushing for and shaping the new Business Courts here in Michigan. We have a lot to be proud of and a lot to thank Diane for. She joins an outstanding list of Michigan business lawyers who have been presented the Stephen H. Schulman Award.



Jeff Van Winkle finished a fantastic year as chair. We all thank him for his service. I personally enjoyed working with Jeff over the last few years as fellow officers and am humbled to follow him as chair. I hope that I can live up to his example.

Now is a GREAT time to get involved in YOUR section. The committees are active—check them out [here](#) OR get involved in a committee, directorship, or publication by [clicking here](#).

Our Grand Rapids Session of the Business Boot Camp is coming up November 3 and 4. Great materiel for new lawyers or nice refresher course for those of us in practice for a while. [Check it out](#).

The State Bar's NEW expanded online member directory listing is now available! You can add information about your practice areas, foreign language proficiency, a brief bio, and even a photo. [Check out my profile](#) if you want an idea of how you can update yours.

We will be rolling out a new and improved Biz Law Section website late in October. And the State Bar will be updating and improving its website in November. Lots of new communication tools and features to help make your membership even more valuable. More information to come.

Let me know what you think about the Biz Law Section. I am looking forward to a fast-paced and busy year as your chair. Thank you for being part of the Business Law Section and I look forward to seeing you soon!

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Section Events

We are planning a social event with a special Biz Law Section price for the THE BIG CONCERT!!! More cheap thrills from A (Habeas) Chorus Line—singing lawyers and satire! More information will be coming, including snacks and drinks beforehand—but mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8, 2014. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Berkley High School (2325 Catalpa Dr, Berkley, MI 48072) and we will meet a bit earlier at a location to be announced before going to the show.

Midwest Securities Law Institute

A one-day course for practicing attorneys, corporate counsel, arbitrators, and financial industry professionals. Join your colleagues in examining current issues in securities regulation and more.

October 10, 2014; 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Michigan State University, Law College Building
[Register](#)

Business Boot Camp II

Grand Rapids Session

November 3-4, 2014; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids
[Register](#)

Plymouth Session

January 22-23, 2015; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Rd, Plymouth
[Register](#)

Section Meetings

Regulation of Securities Committee Meeting

Presentations on Crowdfunding, Municipal Securities and SEC Disclosure Rules, the Supreme Court's Halliburton Decision, Insider Trading, Local Stock Exchanges, M&A Brokers, and Law Firm Liability for Fraud by Their Clients.

Tuesday, October 7, 2014; 4-5:30 p.m.
Miller Canfield, 840 West Long Lake Rd., Ste 200, Troy

Debtor/Creditor Rights Committee Meeting

Dinner will be served. The Committee will discuss the newly adopted Uniform Avoidable Transfer Act and changes to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Members can contact Judy Calton, jcalton@honigman.com or (313) 465-7344 for information or to reserve.

November 5, 2014; 6:00 p.m.
Honigman, 39400 Woodward Ave., Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Other Events

Franchise Law Update 2014, Friday, October 24, 2014, 8:30 a.m.–noon at Jaffe Raitt (27777 Franklin Rd, Suite 2500, Southfield, MI 48034). This is a complimentary educational session discussing recent labor and employment developments on franchise systems, franchisors, and franchisees. Subjects include: franchisor vicarious liability (including possible "joint employer" status with franchisees), recent court decisions, minimum wage, and overtime issues. RSVP

and other information available on the [Antitrust Section website](#).

Transactional Law Competition at Wayne State University Law School, Detroit—Friday, November 7, 2014. This competition is a co-curricular course offering, for credit, that focuses on teaching students the "art of the deal." Attorneys with experience in transactional business law are needed to judge the live negotiation rounds from 3:00pm to 7:30pm. Food will be provided about 5:00pm. Contact Justin Hanna at [\(248\) 672-8869](tel:248-672-8869) or jhannalaw@gmail.com if you can help.