

LAW SCHOOLS COMMITTEE REPORT
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 8, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

No Committee meetings are currently planned. On March 7, 2012, the Business Law Society at Thomas M. Cooley Law School-Lansing will host an event, "How Well Do You Interview?" In it, attorneys and a human resources professional will conduct mock interviews with interested students. Cooley student Tanya Gibbs is coordinating this.

2. Council Approval

No matters require Council approval.

3. Membership

The Committee comprises student representatives from the Business Law Societies at most of the law schools in Michigan, their faculty advisers, and members of the Business Law Section (including the Chair and attorney-liaisons who have been appointed to each of the law schools).

The Committee communicates with members via e-mail and conference calls and through student leaders in the Business Law Societies at the law schools.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

The Committee is achieving its goals. We are increasing awareness of the Section among law students and promoting the benefits of Section membership, both now and following graduation. For at least some of the events during academic year 2011-2012, we have enjoyed a high level of participation of minority and women law students.

That said, two law schools this year did not express an interest in hosting an event with BLS speakers. In that regard, the attorney liaisons on the Committee have decided that the law students should drive the events. In other words, the Committee has apprised the students that we have excellent business attorneys available to present on various business-related issues. It then is up to the law students to contact the attorney liaisons for their respective schools to arrange the events.

5. Meetings and Programs

1. January 25, 2012, Cooley Law School-Auburn Hills. I had the privilege of presenting to third-year students on the "Twelve Pillars of Success as an Attorney."
2. January 31, 2012, Wayne State University Law School. IP attorney Christopher Darrow and I presented to WSU law students on "Becoming a Successful Attorney." About 40 students attended. WSU student Kaushi Muthukuda organized the event.
3. February 8, 2012, Cooley Law School-Lansing. LSC attorney liason Jim Mauro, Donna Hasenauer, and I presented on "Securing Your First Job." Approximately 50 students attended. The ethnic diversity of those students is an example of what the bar is striving to achieve in its membership. This event was the first of a series of three presentations at Cooley-Lansing. Future events will include "Starting Your First Job (What Every New Attorney Should Know)" and "How to Get from Associate to Partner." These will occur about June and September 2012, respectively.
4. February 15, 2012, Cooley-Grand Rapids. Dee Dee Fuller moderated a successful panel discussion, "Helping Clients Succeed in a Changing Economy." The panelists included Marguerite Donahue, Kenyatta Brame, Monica Sekulich, and Jason Shinn. Cooley student Tanya Gibbs organized this event.

6. Publications

We have published no articles.

7. Methods of Monitoring Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments and Recommended Action

We do not regularly monitor court decisions or activities in the Michigan legislature or the U.S. Congress.

8. Miscellaneous

Law students need attorney mentors. A few members of the Committee do mentor individual students, but at present we do not have sufficient attorneys to do more than that. If any Council member would like to mentor a law student or a new business attorney, please contact me. Speaking of mentoring, members of the Macomb County Bar Association are available to mentor second- and third-year students at Cooley Law School-Auburn Hills.

Respectfully submitted,

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