

LAW SCHOOLS COMMITTEE REPORT
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MAY 4, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

No Committee meetings are currently planned.

2. Council Approval

No matters require Council approval.

3. Membership

The Committee comprises student representatives from the Business Law Associations at most of the law schools in Michigan, their BLA 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 through student leaders in the Business Law Associations 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. 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. On March 7, 2012, the Business Law Society at Thomas M. Cooley Law School-Lansing hosted an event, "How Well Do You Interview?" In it, seven attorneys conducted mock interviews of a total of 42 students. Cooley student Tanya

Gibbs coordinated this. In addition, some of the students were given other opportunities to meet with the attorneys for networking. Overall, the event went well.

2. On March 24, 2012, the University of Detroit Mercy Law School held its second annual Business Law Association Conference. This year's theme was "Arbitration: The Alternative to Business Litigation."

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. 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 from Cooley Law School-Auburn Hills.

Respectfully submitted,

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