

LAW SCHOOLS COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

The next planning meeting of the Committee will occur on or about September 30, 2010.

2. Council Approval

No matters require Council approval.

3. Membership

The Committee comprises student representatives from the business law societies at each 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 through its webpage 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 to them the benefits associated with Section membership, both now and following graduation.

5. Meetings and Programs

During fall 2010, we expect to offer lunch or late-afternoon programs at law schools in the Detroit area, Lansing, and perhaps Grand Rapids. These programs will probably address topics such as "Preparing for a Career in Business Law" or "How to Become a Successful Business Lawyer." The greatest concern of the students continues to be locating employment after graduation. In that regard, we have only limited advice to give.

That said, the SBM has just established a Master Lawyers Section; the Macomb County Bar Association is considering doing the same. We have reached out to officers of both groups, in the hope that experienced business attorneys may be willing to mentor newly-minted law graduates interested in becoming business lawyers. 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 new business attorney, please contact Doug Toering.

6. Publications

N/A

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

N/A

8. Succession Planning

Doug Toering will chair the Law Schools Committee effective at the conclusion of the BLS's annual meeting.

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