

LAW SCHOOLS COMMITTEE REPORT
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 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 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 held during academic year 2010-2011, we have enjoyed a high level of participation of minority and women law students.

That said, some law schools last 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 event.

5. Meetings and Programs

No programs meetings or programs have occurred since the last Council meeting.

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

On July 19, 2011, Bob Wilson spoke to the summer business planning students at Cooley Law School-Auburn Hills. He provided excellent advice on becoming a successful business lawyer. Likewise, on October 17, 2011, Ed Lukas will provide his thoughts on that same subject to the fall business planning students. Thank you, Bob and Ed!

Also, the Macomb County Bar Association has recently established a "Masters Section", under which accomplished attorneys will mentor new lawyers. So far, at least twenty-three attorneys have volunteered as mentors for the "Macomb Project". The kickoff will occur at noon on September 22, 2011 at Cooley Law School-Auburn Hills.

Respectfully submitted,

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