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The Business Law Section and ICLE have in the past offered similar seminars at about the same time. For example, the ICLE's recent program concerning *Advising Clients in a Distressed Economy* held on October 16 was similar in content to the Business Law Section's program on *Rescuing Distressed Companies: Identifying and Assisting before Bankruptcy* held on October 2.

In order to avoid similar program overlap for the upcoming year, I contacted Jeff Kirkey of ICLE to see what ICLE has planned for 2008. ICLE has the following programs which are in the planning stages for next year:

- *2008 LLC & Business Entity Update* on February 8, 2008 in Grand Rapids and February 26, 2008 in Plymouth. This will be a half-day Partnership seminar in the morning.
 - *Advanced Practice Issues in U.S. Employment-Based Immigration* on February 19, 2008 in Ann Arbor. This will be a half-day Partnership seminar in the morning.
 - *Bankruptcy in a Down Economy* (or similar title) on April 22, 2008 in Plymouth. This will be a half-day Partnership seminar in the morning.
 - *Advising Nonprofits* (or similar title) on May 6, 2008 in Ann Arbor. This will be a two hour Partnership seminar in the morning.
 - *Representing the Celebrity* (with the ACES Section) on May 29, 2008 in Plymouth. This will be a half-day Partnership seminar in the afternoon.
 - *20th Annual Business Law Institute* (with the Section) on June 13 and 14, 2008 in Dearborn. A schedule is being drafted for this program.
 - ICLE plans to hold a seminar on the new Michigan business tax between now and June, but it hasn't fixed a date yet.
 - In Fall 2008, ICLE is planning to hold an event with Cy Moscow and Hugh Makens discussing the new Michigan Securities Act.
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- If there is enough demand, Business Bootcamp 1 will start again in September 2008.

ICLE was also interested in programs that the Section is planning. I told Jeff Kirkey about a marketing for professionals event that Cynthia Umphrey advised me that the Small Business Forum is planning.

When I spoke with Jeff, he let me know that ICLE is interested in receiving recommendations from the Section for speakers for the upcoming programs who are both knowledgeable and good presenters. He also indicated that ICLE struggles to recruit women and minorities in the business law area. Please pass on any contact information for suggested speakers at our December 1 meeting.

The ICLE's Business Law Advisory Board generally meets in October each year to discuss the status of business law seminars and publications. The Fall meeting has not yet occurred this year due to the recent resignation one of ICLE's employees.

Respectfully submitted,

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