# SECTION DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT PREPARED FOR MARCH 22, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING

## 1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

N/A

## 2. Council Approval

N/A

## 3. Membership

N/A

## 4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

Member Database. The member database continues to be updated annually. The database includes information regarding all members, such as name, contact information, type of practice (from surveys sent to the Section), and certain administrative data. The database provides a wealth of information regarding the Section's members and all Committees and Directors are encouraged to make full use of it in connection with future projects.

## 5. Meetings and Programs

<u>Business Boot Camp II.</u> The 9-session Business Boot Camp II program is underway. The program runs from September to May in both Grand Rapids and Plymouth.

<u>Scholarship Award</u>. Notice of the Section's Fourth Annual Scholarship Award program is posted on the Section's website and was distributed to Michigan law schools by Goldie Adele in early October. All entries must be received by April 15, 2007. The Award's \$2,500 prize will be presented at the Section's Mid-Year Meeting on June 1-2, 2007 at Boyne Resort.

### 6. Publications

N/A

## 7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments

N/A

#### 8. Miscellaneous

N/A

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## BUSINESS LAW SECTION SECTION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2006**

- 1. A meeting of the Business Law Section, Section Development Committee (the "Committee"), was held on January 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at Fiamma Grille, located in Plymouth, Michigan.
- 2. The following members were present at the meeting: Timothy Damschroder, Roger Mali, Justin Peruski, Ed Lukas and Michael Kennedy.
  - 3. Michael Kennedy was introduced as a new member of the Committee.
- 4. There was discussion regarding the various Committee events held during the prior year. The Committee agreed that, with the exception of the Bay City event, the various events of 2006 were successful and met the Committee's expectations. The Committee reflected on the importance of improving communication with local attorneys and bar associations to improve out state events.
- 5. The Committee agreed that a minimum of 10 to 15 participants should be the "break point" for participation in out state events.
- 6. There was discussion regarding upcoming events for 2007. The Committee agreed to pursue both local and out state events, as follows:
  - (A) <u>Western Michigan</u>. Ed Lukas and Justin Peruski agreed to coordinate a program to be held in Western Michigan. We discussed potential locations for such program, including Holland, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.
  - (B) <u>Northern Michigan</u>. We discussed inviting members of various bar associations from Northern Michigan to the Business Law Section Mid Year Meeting at Boyne Mountain. Roger Mali agreed to contact the Northern Michigan regional bar associations.
  - (C) <u>Windsor, Ontario</u>. Michael Kennedy presented the possibility of holding a section development event in Windsor, Ontario. The Committee agreed that an event in Downtown Detroit would provide greater benefit. Please see discussion below.
  - (D) <u>Detroit Event</u>. There was discussion regarding the lack of programs and events hosted by the Business Law Section in the Downtown Detroit area. The Committee agreed to plan a networking/social event in Downtown Detroit. The Detroit Athletic Club was suggested as a potential location for hosting such event. Roger Mali, Justin Peruski, Ed Lukas and Michael Kennedy agreed to work

jointly on planning the event. The event will be scheduled for late spring or late fall of 2007.

7. The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.