

**SECTION DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORSHIP REPORT
PREPARED FOR THE MAY 6, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee.

No further meetings are scheduled at this time.

2. Council Approval.

N/A.

3. Membership.

Tim Damschroder (Bodman), Mark High (Dickinson), Ed Lukas (Bodman), Roger Mali (Honigman), Justin Peruski (Honigman), and Kevin Block (Kerr Russell).

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives.

The Section has hired Mike Scott to work on PR initiatives for the Section. Mike has developed a Section Facebook page and LinkedIn site which he regularly updates, and has worked on promotion for Small Business Forum events, the Business Law Institute, and the Schulman Award.

5 Meetings and Programs.

A. A panel discussion entitled *The Business of Being a Business Lawyer* was presented at the Skyline Club in Southfield on April 12 from 6-8:30 p.m. Members of the Business Law Section listserv and the Young Lawyers Section listserv were invited. The panel consisted of Tim Damschroder of Bodman, Dee Dee Fuller of Fuller Law & Counseling, Denise Lewis of Honigman, Frank Vecchio of Butzel and Justin Peruski of Honigman (moderator). Thirty-one people attended and the Directorship received positive feedback on the event.

B. Justin Peruski is working with the Young Lawyers Section with respect to their Annual Summit on May 21 in Grand Rapids. They have asked us to provide a three or four person panel for the Summit to discuss the business of being a business lawyer. Last year, the summit was held in Traverse City and they had 50-60 attendees (largely first and second year lawyers). During the business break-out session, Jeff Ammon presented on choice of entity to 15-20 attendees. They are expecting more people to attend the Summit this year since it will be in a more central location.

C. Mark High has contacted Dan McGlinn and Kreis Enderle to begin plans for an event in Kalamazoo in 2011.

D. Roger Mali is planning *Acquiring Distressed Assets* with the Grand Traverse Bar Association at the Hagerty Center in Traverse City on June 3. Panel members are Roger Mali, Scott Wolfson, and Pat O'Keefe.

E. Mark High will plan and coordinate an event in the Grand Rapids area in 2011. Locations being considered are Belmar and Grand Haven.

F. Tim Damschroder will plan and coordinate an event in the Bay City/Saginaw area.

G. Plans are underway for Business Boot Camp II which will be held in the Fall/Winter of 2011/2012.

6. Publications.

N/A.

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

N/A.

8. Miscellaneous.

N/A.

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