# SECTION DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORSHIP REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING

### 1. 2008-2009 Budget Request and Anticipated Use of Funds.

\$10,500

Western Michigan event	\$1,500
Mid-Michigan event	\$1,500
Northern Michigan event	\$1,500
Detroit event	\$2,500
Business Boot Camp 1	\$3,500
(gifts and receptions)	

## 2. Use of Budgeted Funds During 2007-2008.

N/A

## 3. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee.

Upcoming meetings will be held as needed.

#### 4. Council Approval.

N/A.

#### 5. Membership.

Tim Damschroder (Bodman), Roger Mali (Honigman), Ed Lukas (Bodman), and Justin Peruski (Honigman).

## 6. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives.

See (7) below.

#### 7. Meetings and Programs.

A meeting of the Directorship was held on July 22, 2008 at Vincente's in Detroit. Timothy Damschroder; Roger Mali; Justin Peruski; and Ed Lukas were present at the meeting. Minutes of the meeting are attached to this Report.

Events are being planned in the following regions:

(A) <u>Western Michigan</u>. Ed Lukas and Tim Damschroder are working on planning an event in Western Michigan.

Potential locations for programs include Holland, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

- (B) <u>Mid-Michigan</u>. Justin Peruski is working to organize a Mid-Michigan event with the assistance of a local attorney in Lansing, Midland or Bay City..
- (C) Northern Michigan. Roger Mali is planning an outreach program which has been scheduled for February 18, 2009 in Traverse City.
- (D) <u>Detroit</u>. The Directorship is exploring hosting an event in the Downtown Detroit area.

<u>Business Boot Camp</u>. The Business Boot Camp I program is underway. The program began in both Grand Rapids and Plymouth in September and will end in May, 2009.

8. Publications.

N/A.

9. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments.

N/A.

10. Miscellaneous.

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## BUSINESS LAW SECTION SECTION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 22, 2008

- 1. A meeting of the Business Law Section, Section Development Committee (the "Committee"), was held on July 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Vincente's, located in Detroit, Michigan.
- 2. The following members were present at the meeting: Timothy Damschroder; Roger Mali; Justin Peruski; and Ed Lukas.
- 3. The Committee continued discussions on the importance of improving communication with both local attorneys and out-state attorneys. The Committee discussed making contact with both local and out-state bar associations to assist in planning and co-hosting outreach events. With respect to out-state outreach events, by working with other bar associations, we may be able to increase attendance.
- 4. There was discussion regarding possible outreach events for 2008 and 2009. The Committee agreed to pursue the following, subject to final approval by the BLS Executive Committee:
  - (A) <u>Western Michigan</u>. Ed Lukas and Tim Damschroder. Potential locations for programs include Holland, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.
  - (B) <u>Mid-Michigan</u>. Justin Peruski will follow-up with a local attorney in Lansing, Midland or Bay City, to organize an event with a proposed budget ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500.
  - (C) <u>Northern Michigan</u>. Roger Mali. Potential locations for programs include Traverse City.
  - (D) <u>Detroit Event</u>. There was continued discussion regarding the lack of programs and events hosted by the Business Law Section in the Downtown Detroit area. The Committee previously pursued hosting an event at the Detroit Athletic Club. It was agreed that it would be more economically to pursue other venues, including restaurants in the City of Detroit and Ford Field. The Committee will continue to follow-up. The event would likely be scheduled for late fall of 2008 or early spring 2007.
  - 5. The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.