

## MINUTES

**Meeting:** State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council

**Date:** October 2, 2025

**Chair:** Eric Klein

**Members Present:**

Gerald Aben	P	Matthew Keuten	P
Jeremy Belanger	P	Eric Klein	P
Reesa Benkoff	E	Lisa Lucido	P
Michael Bossenbroek	P	Jenna McLane	E
Liza Brooks	P	Aaron Sohaski	P
Elizabeth Callahan	E	Matthew Turchyn	P
Jovan Dragovic	P	Emma Trivax	E
Becky Glitman	P	Ashley Weiner	E
Timothy Gutwald	P		
		Angelica Lu-Essinger (HCLS Administrator)	P

P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Eric Klein)	Eric Klein called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
Roll Call (Eric Klein)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Eric Klein)	None
Review and Approval of Minutes (Eric Klein)	September 4 <sup>th</sup> Minutes and September 18 <sup>th</sup> Minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Reesa Benkoff)	The August Treasurer report was reviewed and accepted at the Annual Meeting on September 18 <sup>th</sup> at Andiamo. There have been no updates since that time.

### Committee Reports

Legislative Committee Report (Ashley Weiner)	No report.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Michael Bossenbroek)	The Committee will be meeting for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time on October 14 <sup>th</sup> to discuss topics/speakers for the 2025-26 year. Eric Klein asked Mike Bossenbroek to stay in contact with him if changes need to be made to the committee e.g., whether subcommittees should be consolidated or if additional members are needed on the subcommittees.
Publications Committee Report (Emma Trivax)	The Committee is continuing to work on the HIPAA Matrix. There are just a few sections left that need to be cite-checked. The Committee has been following up with the attorneys who volunteered to cite-check the sections. Once cite-checking is complete the project will move to the next phase.  The Committee is also preparing a "call for authors" email and finalizing 2-3 topics for potential papers. Once the topics are finalized the Committee will ask Angelica Lu-Essinger to coordinate an email blast.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Gerald Aben)	Per Aaron Beresh, the Bottomless Toy Chest Drive at the Annual meeting was successful. An email was received from Ava Pritchard, the Program Coordinator at Bottomless Toy Chest, thanking the Section for participating in and doing a drive to collect toys.  The Committee will meet soon and begin working on ideas for the 2025-26 year.
Fellow Committee Report (Mathew Keuten)	No report. The work that the Committee does normally does not start until January 2026.

New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Jeremy Belanger)	No report. The Committee will be meeting for the first time in 2 weeks.
Membership Committee Report (Aaron Sohaski)	<p>The Committee is working on 3 projects for the 2025-26 year as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. November 13, 2025 (Thursday) - Social Event – Axe throwing at Detroit Axe, 344, W. Nine Mile Road., Ferndale, MI 48220.</li> <li>2. February 2026 – Panel Discussion with Law Schools – possible topic Artificial Intelligence. Working with Michael Serra to collaborate on this event with IT Section of SBM.</li> <li>3. June 2026 – Tiger's Game</li> </ol> <p>Aaron Sohaski reported that for the next social/sports event, a Tigers game would be the best value. The Committee looked into Pistons, DCHC, and Red Wings games and found that they would cost about four times as much money. If anyone knows of a law firm that would allow the Section to use their suite at Comerica Park, please let Aaron Sohaski know.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the upcoming November social event at Detroit Axe in Ferndale. The cost is about \$40 per person plus food and beverages. There will be an Axe master to assist, and this makes the event very engaging. The Council members that have been to the venue commented that it is a fun event and a controlled environment. There is a waiver that each participant must sign.</p> <p><b>Motion: To host a social event at Detroit Axe in Ferndale on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for up to 20 people with the event cost not exceeding \$2,000. Motion: Unanimously approved.</b></p>
<b>Old Business (Eric Klein)</b>	
Annual Meeting 2025 Recap	Eric Klein shared that the Annual Meeting was well attended and well run by Becky Glitman and Angelica Lu-Essinger. The reviews were super positive regarding venue location, food, speaker and topic. As suggestions for next year, a few attendees asked for the event to be held later in the day, asked for 2 speakers to be present back to back or a panel discussion. Overall, there was wide support for the schedule and venue.
Zoom Update & Recording	Eric Klein report that the Section was able to get the SBM to let the Section use the SBM credit card so that the Section can start using the Zoom platform.
<b>New Business (Eric Klein)</b>	
Bar Journal	The Section is allowed to advertise in the monthly Bar journal at no charge. If any committee members have something they would like to highlight let Eric Klein or Angelica Lu-Essinger know.
Annual Meeting Venue for 2026	The Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2026 and Eric Klein shared that the date was checked and it does not fall on a religious holiday. Also, given that the majority of the members liked the format for the day and venue, it seems reasonable to keep the program the same as this past year. <b>Motion: To approve the Annual Meeting at Andiamo on Thursday, September 17, 2026, and the Section to pay a deposit up to \$500 to secure the venue. Motion: Unanimously approved.</b>
ICLE Health Law Institute (HLI) Date/Location Announcement	<p>ICLE contacted Eric Klein and asked the Section to increase its sponsorship of the HLI from \$1,500 to \$5,000. Discussion took place regarding the change to a lower cost venue and the Section has always sponsored \$1,500. It is not clear as to why ICLE is requesting a higher sponsorship amount. <b>Action Item: Eric Klein will contact ICLE to further discuss its request for additional sponsorship contribution from the Section.</b></p> <p>For the Appreciation Dinner following HLI on Sept 17, 2026, the following local venues were considered: Flemings Steakhouse (expensive) or Andiamo (\$50 per person without bar) It was suggested that the Section possibly rent a room and have the culinary students prepare the meal at Vistatech Center at Schoolcraft College. <b>Action Item:</b></p>

	<b>Angelica Lu-Essinger will contact the venue to see if there is a room available for dinner for 30 people and get a proposed menu and cost.</b>
Increasing Annual Dues	<p>A discussion took place that Section annual dues were lowered in 2021 because the Annual Meetings were held online. Now that the Annual Meetings are back in-person, the question was posed - should the dues be increased? Annual dues are the primary revenue stream for the Section. Other SBM section dues range from \$20 - \$100. For comparison purposes, the Business Law Section has programs and events similar to our Section and their dues are \$50. Currently, our Section annual dues are \$35.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that if the dues are increased, the increase should be modest because many members are working for non-profit health care organizations and fees are not always covered by a member's employer.</p> <p>The dues for 2026 are already set because bar renewals and section dues are currently being processed. Therefore, more research can be conducted and this issue can be revisited in early 2026 for 2027 dues.</p>
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Eric Klein)	The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on November 6, 2025 @ Noon