

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

Bar Year: 2009 - 2010

Section Name: Health Care Law Section

Section Purposes:

Serve as an educational resource for members of the Section for the purpose of fostering professional development and understanding of health care laws and issues; and

Provide education to members of the State Bar, members of the health care community and the general public with regard to health care laws and related issues; and

Advocate, comment on or provide input with respect to state and federal legislation, regulations and public policy that affect the practice of health care law, consistent with the Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan; and

Establish and maintain working relationships with attorney organizations and organizations of health care professionals, providers, consumers and other members of the health care community in this State and other states for the purpose of fostering better communication and understanding of health care laws and related issues and advocating Section interests; and

Promote awareness of the purpose and work of the Section among State Bar members, the health care community and the general public and encourage their participation in Section activities.

Officers and Council Members:

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Council Members	Term Expires
Janice A. Anderson	2010*

John Anderson	2011
Amy Barkholz	2011*
Steven Bender	2012
Jennifer Benedict	2012
Richard L. Bouma	2010
Mary E. (Beth) Derwin	2011*
Marta J. Hoffman	2010
Ann T. Hollenbeck	2010*
Robert S. Iwrey	2011*
Joanne Lax	2011*
Joan L. Lowes	2011
Thomas McGraw	2012
Laura Napiewocki	2012
Monica Navarro	2012
Donna O'Connor	2012
Carol Tarnowsky	2011*
Monica Wilkinson	2012

An * indicates that the Council member is term limited and not eligible for re-election.

Council Meetings: Council meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of each month via teleconference.

General Budget Information: See attached unaudited interim financial reports and transaction history for the month ended April 30, 2010, as provided by Becky Hunter.

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Date:	Event:
September 24, 2009	Annual meeting educational sessions on RAC audits, fraud/abuse; governance, and HITTECH, Bloomfield Hills
October 8, 2009	Teleconference: Flu Preparedness
November 12, 2009	Teleconference: Negotiating & Drafting Information Technology Contracts
November 19, 2009	Teleconference: Effect of 2009 Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act (FERA) on Overpayment Liability and Whistleblower Retaliation Claims
December 17, 2009	Teleconference: Health Care Practitioner Licensing Investigations
January 21, 2010	Teleconference: Medicare Secondary payer (MSP) Law
February 25, 2010	Teleconference: Professional Liability Insurance
March 7, 2010	16 th Annual Health Law Institute, combined program with ICLE, Plymouth
March 18, 2010	Teleconference: The Audit Landscape for Michigan Providers & Suppliers
April 22, 2010	Legislative and Health Policy Update – Issues and Perspectives from Lansing, Lansing
April 26, 2010	Joint Teleconference: Health Care Reform – Impact on Employers and Employer-sponsored Welfare Plans
April 29, 2010	Teleconference: Introduction to Proposed Rules for Medicaid/Medicare EHR Incentive Programs
May 27, 2010	Teleconference: I Dream of GINA – What it Means for Employers and

	Health Plans
June 16, 2010	Teleconference: Health Care Reform for Hospitals – Tax and Program Integrity Issues
September 23, 2010	Annual Meeting Educational Session: “Highlights of Health Reform,” Detroit

Section Committees: The Health Care Law Section features a Substantive Law Committee with five subcommittees, consisting of the Medical Legal Subcommittee, Payors Subcommittee, Providers Subcommittee, Technology Subcommittee and the Legislative Update Subcommittee. These Substantive Law Subcommittees are responsible for organizing various educational programs, which are typically teleconferences, to benefit our membership. The Legislative Update subcommittee organizes our annual Legislative Update program, which provides our members with the “latest word” from the Michigan legislature and administrative agencies regarding health law issues. In addition, the Health Care Law Section has a Pro Bono Committee, a Technology and Access Committee, an Annual Meeting Committee, a Publications Committee, a Law Student Events Committee, and a Law Student Writing Competition Committee. There are currently three task force/work group efforts underway: Corporate Practice of Medicine Task Force, HIPAA/HITECH work group, and the Nightingale Task Force.

Legislative issues: The HCLS has opposed proposed legislation to modify the process of notarizing documents.

Recommendations for next Council: Continue to work to provide educational and networking resources to our membership, both via programs and written materials.

Other Information: Our Section once again hosted a luncheon event this year at several Michigan law schools for the purpose of providing a forum for students to meet Section members and learn about the various opportunities for lawyers within the health care industry. Our Section will again host a law student writing competition, the first and second place winners of which will be announced at our Annual Meeting in September. We organized a team and participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Detroit on May 22, 2010. Our Publications Committee updated several manuals and prepared a white paper on telemedicine. We updated an electronic membership Directory, re-designed our Web pages, and created a specialized search engine for locating Michigan-specific articles and information on health care topics. We have begun work on a “theme” edition of the SBM Bar Journal for July 2011.