

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

Bar Year: 2011 - 2012

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:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail
Chair	Marta J. Hoffman	Botsford General Hospital 28050 Grand River Ave. Farmington Hills, MI 48336	248-471-8687	mhoffman@botsford.org
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Council Members	Term Expires
Marta Hoffman	2013*
Steven Bender	2012
John Anderson	2014*
Thomas McGraw	2012
Abby Pendleton	2014
John Hazewinkel	2014
Trish Schabath	2014
Patrick Haddad	2014
Josh Moore	2014
Deb Williamson	2013
Jennifer Benedict	2012
Richard Bouma	2013*
Mark Kopson	2013
Laura Napiewocki	2012
Monica Navarro	2012
Donna O'Connor	2012
Monica Wilkinson	2012*

* Council member is term limited and not eligible for re-election.

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

General Budget Information: See attached unaudited interim financial reports and transaction history for the month ended April 30, 2012, as provided by Becky Hunter.

Events and/or Seminars:

Date:	Event:
September 21, 2011	Annual Meeting Educational Session: "Changing Healthcare Landscape in Michigan", Rochester
October 18, 2011	Teleconference: Mental Health Parity Requirements
November 29, 2011	Teleconference: Making Sense of Meaningful Use
January 25, 2012	Teleconference: Part I-Basics of Information Technology Contracting in Health Care
January 31, 2012	Teleconference: Part II-Basics of Information Technology Contracting in Health Care
February 23, 2012	Teleconference: Employer Social Media Policies
March 8-9, 2012	18 th Annual Health Law Institute, jointly sponsored with ICLE, Plymouth
April 17, 2012	Teleconference: Retention of Overpayments: New Rules and Responsibilities
May 15, 2012	Teleconference: The Pitfalls of Progress: Tricks and Traps of EMRs
September 10, 2012	Teleconference: POLST (Being Planned)
September 19, 2012	Annual Meeting Educational Session at Detroit Athletic Club

Section Committees: The Health Care Law Section features a Substantive Law Committee with four subcommittees consisting of the Medical Legal Subcommittee, Payors Subcommittee, Providers Subcommittee, and Technology Subcommittee. These Substantive Law Subcommittees are responsible for organizing various educational programs, which are typically teleconferences, to benefit the Section's membership. In addition, the Health Care Law Section Council has a Publications Committee, a New Lawyers and Law Student Committee, a Legislative Committee, a Technology Committee, a Pro Bono Committee, an Annual Meeting Committee, a Nominating Committee, and the Fellows Committee.

Legislative issues: None of note for the Section this year except that the Section has continued to monitor ongoing developments with health care reform.

Recommendations for next Council: Continue to work to provide educational and networking resources to our membership, both via programs and written materials. Continue to pursue the Section's support of the Michigan Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion. Continue efforts with the New Lawyers outreach. Continue to work on jointly sponsoring educational programs with other sections to reach members with cross over practices. Continue to support the Fellows Program established last year.

Other Information: The Section once again hosted luncheon events 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. The Section again hosted a law student writing competition, the winners of which will be announced at the Annual Meeting in September. The Section's team "Counselors for the Cure" participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Detroit on May 26, 2012. The team consisted of 51 registrants. The Publications Committee authored and posted an article "Status of Health Insurance Exchanges in Michigan" to the Section website. The Publications Committee has also authored and will be posting a white paper on ACO's and a Licensing Field Manual to the Section website by mid summer. The Section has begun collaborating with other sections to provide educational programs for members with cross over practices. In pursuit of its Diversity pledge, the Section contributed to a program through Cooley Law School which introduces low income, minority, or otherwise disadvantaged students to potential careers in law and helps prepare them for and to overcome entry barriers to the profession.