
**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012-2013**

Dear Section Members:

I am pleased to report that the Section has had a very busy and successful year. This report summarizes Section activities over the past year.

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		
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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		
Joshua Moore		2014		
Patricia Schabath		2014		
Timothy Gutwald		2015		
Cara Jansma		2015		

* 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 August 31, 2013, as provided by Becky Hunter.

Events and/or Seminars:

Date:	Event:
January 23, 2013	Teleconference: Electronic Medical Record Adoption: Pitfalls for the Unwary
February 13, 2013	Teleconference: Hot Labor Topics for Health Care Lawyers
February 28, 2013	Teleconference: Pros and Cons: Certificate of Need in Michigan
March 7-8, 2013	19th Annual Health Law Institute, jointly sponsored with ICLE, Plymouth
March 27, 2013	Teleconference: Health Care Related Reporting Obligations: “Who ya gonna call” (Part II)
April 9, 2013	Teleconference: Health Care Related Reporting Obligations: “Who ya gonna call” (Part II)
May 7, 2013	Teleconference: Medicare Fundamentals From Part A to Part D (Part II)
May 21, 2013	Teleconference: Medicare Fundamentals From Part A to Part D (Part II)
June 25, 2013	Teleconference: Practicing Telemedicine in Michigan
September 4, 2013	HCLS Annual Meeting and Educational Session at Detroit Athletic Club
September 25 2013	Teleconference: The Sunshine Act Final Rule

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, which benefit the Section’s membership. In addition, the Health Care Law Section Council has a Publications Committee, a Students and New Lawyers Committee, a Law School Achievement Award 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 provide educational and networking resources to our membership, 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 and continue to enhance affiliations with law schools. Continue to work on jointly sponsoring educational programs with other sections to reach members with cross over practices. Continue to support the Fellows Program.

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. This year, for the first time, the Section endowed a scholarship for each eligible Law School and will grant the award to a student enrolled at the school who exhibits high achievement in healthcare law courses or other upper level health-law-related courses approved by the Section and as

determined by the Dean of the school. The winners of the award will be announced at the Annual Meeting in September. The Section's efforts to enhance its affiliation with law schools is beginning to take hold, with Cooley Law School, Michigan State University College of Law, the University of Detroit Law School and the University of Michigan Law School reaching out to the section for speakers to speak to the student body on the myriad of opportunities within healthcare law.

The Publications Committee authored and posted updated articles on: the "Status of Health Insurance Exchanges in Michigan" to the Section website; a White Paper on ACOs and Michigan law titled "Affordable Care Organizations in Michigan"; Timeline for Key Provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for 2013-2014; Licensure & Certification: Process & Investigations; and Telemedicine, all of which have been posted to the section website.

In pursuit of its Diversity pledge, the Section contributed \$1250 to the ABA Council of Legal Education Opportunity College Prelaw Summer Institute and \$500 to the Just the Beginning Foundation High School Summer Legal Institute.

Closing Remarks:

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Section this year. The Health Care Law Section is one of the largest sections of the State Bar of Michigan and its size and success is due to the selfless efforts of many. In particular, I would like to thank the Council members, officers, Substantive Law Committee and subcommittee members, other committee members, our dedicated Section Administrative Assistant, Adrienne Nutter, and last but not least, the many volunteers who have contributed so much of their time and energy to the Section.

Steven B. Bender
Chair, Health Care Law Section
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