

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014-2015

Dear Section Members:

The Section is in the middle of another 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;

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;

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;

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
Steven B. Bender	2015*
Timothy C. Gutwald	2015
Cara L. Jansma	2015
Thomas J. McGraw	2015*
Laura M. Napiewocki	2015*
Monica P. Navarro	2015*
Donna A. O'Connor	2015*
Jennifer L. Benedict	2016*
Mercedes V. Dordeski	2016
Matthew R. Keuten	2016
Mark S. Kopson	2016*
Deborah J. Williamson	2016*
Martha R. Boonstra	2017
Patrick J. Haddad	2017
John W. Hazewinkel	2017
Joshua J. Moore	2017
Patricia C. Schabath	2017

* 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: The Section received approximately \$35,000 in member dues during Fiscal Year 2015. The funds are used for the following purposes: (1) educational opportunities via teleconferences and an in-person Annual Meeting; (2) in support of the annual ICLE Health Law Institute; (3) scholarships for law students interested in a health law career; and (4) in support of the Section's commitment to diversity by providing support to various Michigan pipeline programs. See attached unaudited interim financial report for the month ended March 31, 2015.

Events and/or Seminars:

Date:	Event:
December 10, 2015	Webinar: Medicare Payment Principles: Quick Hits On What Every Health Attorney Should Know
January 21, 2015	Webinar: Physician and Patient Appeal Rights in the Face of Commercial and Medicaid Managed Care Adverse Actions
February 3, 2015	Webinar: Private Use: A Practical Guide for Real World Problems
March 23, 2015	Webinar: EHR Incentive Program: Tips, Traps and Emerging Issues for Meaningful Use
April 14, 2015	Webinar: The PHO Regulatory Environment
April 22, 2015	Webinar: Veterans Law Clinic

May 19, 2015	Webinar: Demystifying the 340B Drug Program
May 28, 2015	Webinar: Krusac vs. Covenant: What's Old is New Again
June 4, 2015	Webinar: The Heroin Epidemic: Why it Happened, What We're Doing About It and How Law & Government Policy Can Effect Change
June 22, 2015	Webinar: NPDB Guidebook
June 30, 2015	Webinar: HIPAA 101: Compliance Basics
September 24, 2015	HCLS Annual Meeting and 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 typically are given as teleconferences and 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 Pro Bono Committee, an Annual Meeting Committee, a Nominating Committee, and a Fellows Committee. This year the Section formed a new Membership Committee to focus on developing an on-boarding process for new members and engaging existing members through social events and otherwise.

Publications Committee: The Committee is preparing a whitepaper entitled "Troubleshooting the ACA: War Stories and Lessons from the Trenches Following ACA Implementation." Publication is expected during summer 2015.

New Lawyers and Law Student Committee: The Committee offered "lunch and learns" regarding the practice of health law at all Michigan law schools. These programs were well attended. Each year, the Section provides scholarship awards for the best health law student at qualifying Michigan law school programs. These awards are presented during the Annual Meeting. A "meet and greet" for young lawyers is planned as part of the Annual Meeting.

Legislative Committee: The Committee monitored Michigan health care legislative and regulatory developments on an as needed basis, reporting on such matters to the Section Council. The Committee's activities included reporting on the Public Health Code Review Project, Senate Bill 68 of 2015 (regarding advanced practice registered nurses), and the Michigan Department of Community Health's project to develop and implement a standard release form for behavioral health information per Michigan Public Act 129 of 2014.

Fellows Committee: The Section established a Fellows Program in 2011 to honor former Health Care Law Section leaders who have made sustained, outstanding contributions to the Section and the practice of health care law in Michigan. Fellows are recognized each year at the Section's Annual Meeting. The 2014-2015 class of fellows will be selected this summer.

Recommendations for 2015-2016 Council:

- Continue to provide educational and networking opportunities to the Section's membership, via programs and written materials and in-person events.
- Continue to focus on engaging Section Members through the Membership Committee.
- Continue efforts to attract new lawyers and further enhance affiliations with Michigan law schools.
- Continue to support the Fellows Program

Closing Remarks:

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Section this year. The Health Care Law Section is a dynamic, active section of the State Bar of Michigan. Its size, programs, and success are due to the countless hours of hard work by section members. In particular, I'm proud of the establishment of the Membership Committee this year which will focus on engaging new and existing Section Members.

I thank my fellow Council members, officers, committee members and chairs, our dedicated Section Administrative Assistant, Susan Stokes, and the many volunteers who have contributed so much of their time and talent to the Section. I especially want to thank Tom McGraw, Steve Bender and Laura Napiewocki for their leadership and contributions to the Section. I know our Section will be in good hands with Mark Kopson as our next Chair.

Jennifer Benedict
Chair, Health Care Law Section
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