Alternative Dispute Resolution
Bankruptcy
Commercial Law
Corporate Counsel
Corporation Law
Criminal Law
E-Discovery & Technology
Elder Law
Environmental Law
Estate & Trusts
Family Law
Government & Consumer Law
Health Law
Intellectual Property
International Law
Labor & Employment Law
LGBT
Litigation
Multicultural Judges & Lawyers
Real & Personal Property
Small Firms & Solo Practitioners
Social Security Disability
Taxation
Torts & Insurance
Women and the Law
Workers’ Compensation
Young Lawyers
Dear Ms. Myrick:

Please allow this letter to serve as the annual report of the ADR Section to the DSBA Executive Committee.

**Membership.** The ADR Section has 81 members.

**Leadership.** The ADR Section attempted to hold its annual meeting on April 12, 2017. No one came forward to nominate anyone for leadership positions, however. Therefore, the annual meeting has been rescheduled to the Section’s May 10, 2017, in order to allow more time for the Section to identify leadership candidates. The current Section chairs (Ian Liston and Suzanne Holly) have agreed to move forward as Section chairs for an additional year if there are no other candidates.

**Section Meetings.** The ADR Section generally holds its meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, alternating between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

During the 2016-2017 year, the Section held the following meetings: July 13, 2016; August 24, 2016; September 28, 2016; November 9, 2016 (guest speaker—Joann Personti); December 14, 2016 (ADR “Grand Rounds”—discussion of an actual mediation in order to review some difficult issues that arise during mediation conferences); February 8, 2017 (no meeting, but members encouraged to attend CLE); March 8, 2017 (ADR Grand Rounds); May 10, 2017 (to be held); June 14, 2017 (to be held).

**Continuing Legal Education.** The ADR Section assisted with the Arbitration Training, which was held on February 8, 2017.

**Additional Initiatives.** The ADR Section is presently exploring whether and how to sponsor a Global Pound Conference in Delaware. The Global Pound Conference series was initiated by the International Mediation Institute for the purpose of developing more modern commercial dispute resolution tools. The conferences attempt to convene relevant parties (e.g., commercial parties, chambers of commerce, lawyers, academics, judges, arbitrators, mediators, policy makers, government officials) in order to debate and discuss existing tools and techniques, as well as generate new ideas and data about what dispute resolution users actually need and want.

Sincerely,

Ian R. Liston
Suzanne H. Holly
Co-Chairs
REPORT OF THE SECTION OF COMMERCIAL LAW TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Dated as of May 1, 2017

PURPOSE

The general purpose of the Section of Commercial Law (the “Section”) is the promotion of the objectives of the Delaware State Bar Association (the “Association”) within the field of commercial law. In particular, the Section’s mission is to provide periodic reports to its membership with respect to matters relating to commercial law, to provide continuing legal education, to review, comment on and recommend, or not, proposed legislation relating to commercial law matters, and to expand and foster interdisciplinary relationships in the commercial area. The Section includes several standing committees which emphasize certain aspects of commercial law, including: the Statutory Trust Committee, the Uniform Commercial Code Committee and the Banking Committee.

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The Section conducts most of its business through its standing committees, which are generally active throughout the year.

The Statutory Trust Committee is chaired by Eric A. Mazie of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. The Statutory Trust Committee met during the year to discuss proposed amendments to the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, including amendments that would conform with the proposed amendments to other Delaware alternative entity statutes. However, because this year is an “off” year for amendments to the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, no such amendments were presented at the Section’s annual meeting.

The Uniform Commercial Code Committee (the “UCC Committee”) is chaired by William Yemec of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. The UCC Committee was active during the past twelve months and continued working with a joint subcommittee with the LLC and Partnership Committee to discuss possible statutory amendments to address issues with respect to security interests granted by “series” of limited liability companies and limited partnerships. Such amendments and certain other amendments to the Delaware Uniform Commercial Code may be proposed in the next fiscal year. The active membership of the UCC Committee spans private practice, in-house counsel and academia.

The Banking Committee is chaired by Mark Purpura of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. The Banking Committee does not meet regularly, as most banking legislation and recent developments in banking laws are addressed through the Delaware Bankers Association. The Banking Committee was largely dormant this year.

The current officers of the Section are: Chairperson, Stephen Lukes, Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.; Vice-Chairperson, R. Jason Russell, Morris, Nichols, Arsh & Tunnell LLP; and Secretary, Amelia Messa, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Professional
Corporation. The officers met during the course of the year to consider various issues that were presented to the Section by the Association, by members of the Section and by others. The annual meeting of the Section was held on April 13, 2017, at which the following Section officers were elected for the 2017-2018 year: Chairperson, R. Jason Russell, Morris, Nichols, Arsh & Tunnell LLP; Vice-Chairperson, Amelia R. Messa, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Professional Corporation; and Secretary, Mark A. Kurtz, Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. A copy of the minutes from the annual meeting is attached hereto. As of the date hereof, there are currently [164] members of the Section.

R. Jason Russell and Sara A. Gelsinger of Morris, Nichols, Arsh & Tunnell LLP submitted an article, “Recent Developments In Delaware Commercial Law: Important Decisions And Legislation For Contract Drafting” to the Delaware Law Review, which was published in Volume 16, Number 2 of such publication.
SECTION OF COMMERCIAL LAW
DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
April 13, 2017

The annual meeting of the Section of Commercial Law of the Delaware State Bar Association (the “Commercial Law Section”) was held on April 13, 2017 at the offices of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. at One Rodney Square, 920 N. King Street, in Wilmington.

Election of Officers

The first matter of business considered by the Commercial Law Section was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following slate of officers had previously been nominated for election:

Chairperson: R. Jason Russell

Vice-Chairperson: Amelia R. Messa

Secretary: Mark A. Kurtz

The chairperson asked if there were any other nominations. No additional names were submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the Commercial Law Section elected the aforementioned slate of officers.

Status Report from UCC Committee of Commercial Law Section

The next matter of business was a status report on the activities of the UCC Committee of the Commercial Law Section. William Yemc reported that the UCC Committee along with the previously formed joint committee involving the UCC Committee and the LLC and Partnership Committee of the Corporation Section met regularly this year to work on a resolution to certain issues with respect to “series” of limited liability companies and limited partnerships granting security interests.

William Yemc also discussed potential implications to the Delaware UCC relating to the proposed blockchain amendments to the Delaware General Corporation Law.

The UCC Committee will continue to meet regularly to work on these and other possible amendments to the Delaware UCC for next year.

Status Report from other Commercial Law Section Committees

There were no updates from the Banking Law Committee or the Statutory Trust Committee.
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Amelia R. Messa, Secretary
MEMORANDUM

May 1, 2017

To: Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committee

From: Matthew J. O’Toole, Chair
P. Clarkson Collins, Jr., Vice Chair
James Honaker, Secretary

Re: Annual Report of the Corporation Law Section

The following is the annual report to the Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committee on behalf of the Corporation Law Section:

• The Corporation Law Section currently has approximately 600 members.

• The Corporation Law Section Annual Meeting was held on March 27, 2017. The officers of the Section elected for the upcoming year were: P. Clarkson Collins, Jr., Chair; Henry E. Gallagher, Jr., Vice Chair; and James Honaker, Secretary.

• The other members elected to the Council of the Corporation Law Section at the Annual Meeting were: Frederick H. Alexander; Michael Barry; Ellisa O. Habbart; Lawrence A. Hamermesh; Richard D. Heins; Kurt M. Heyman; Roxanne L. Houtman; Bruce E. Jameson; David A. Jenkins; Andrew M. Johnston; Allison L. Land; Lewis H. Lazarus; David C. McBride; Norman M. Monhait; Mark A. Morton; Samuel A. Nolen; Elena Norman; Matthew J. O’Toole; Srinivas M. Raju; Edward P. Welch; Patricia O. Vella; and John Mark Zeberkiewicz. Kristopher Knight, Deputy Secretary of State, will continue to serve as an ex officio member of the Council.

• All members of the Corporation Law Section were invited in September to submit legislative proposals and to participate in the work of the Council. Members who indicated interest in participating were assigned to a committee.

• The Council and its committees met regularly from September through April to formulate proposed revisions to the Delaware General Corporation Law. These amendments were approved by the Council, the Section, and the Executive Committee, and have been submitted to the General Assembly.
• The LLC/Partnership Committee developed proposed amendments to the Delaware Revised Uniform Partnership Act, the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, and the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act as part of its ongoing review of those statutes. Those amendments have been approved by the Council, the Section, and the Executive Committee, and have been submitted to the General Assembly.

• The Section will sponsor a CLE program to be held on May 17, 2017.

• The Section liaison to the Delaware Law Review arranged for publication of articles on judicial decisions in Delaware corporate and alternative entity law, which appeared in Delaware Law Review, Vol. 16, Number 2.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
E-DISCOVERY AND TECHNOLOGY LAW SECTION
FOR 2016-2017

May 1, 2017

Officers

Officers of the Section elected for the 2017-2018 term will be:

Chair: James H.S. Levine
Vice-Chair: Sara Beth A.R. Kohut
Secretary/Treasurer: Bruce W. McCullough

Meetings

In 2016-17, the Section held quarterly meetings in November and February, and its annual meeting in April. At each meeting, the members discussed recent developments in e-discovery and technology law. Future quarterly meetings have been tentatively set for July 12 and October 11, 2017, and January 10 and April 11, 2018.

CLE

The Section sponsored two CLE programs during the year. On November 9, 2017, a three-hour CLE entitled “Panama Papers, Tom Brady, and The Good Wife, oh my! Recent Developments in Data Security and E-Discovery” was held at the DSBA’s offices. Three panels discussed topics including (1) recent developments in data security, (2) e-discovery developments, and (3) lessons on ethics, data security and technology competence from TV and movies. On March 21, 2017, a CLE entitled “Personal Privacy Protection 101: Data Security Tips for Individuals in the Professional World” was held, also at the DSBA’s offices. The CLE was a two-hour panel of four presenters discussed privacy tips for email use, mobile devices, social media, Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, travel tips, and transactions over the internet.

The Section has begun planning two CLEs for 2017-2018 – a three-hour seminar for fall 2017 and a seminar for spring 2018 (length TBD). Possible topics include international aspects of e-discovery, criminal e-discovery, personal privacy, and broader cybersecurity issues.

Communications and Publications

The Section continues to update its web page on the DSBA website with a current list of officers, a list of scheduled meetings, and recent meeting minutes. The web page includes links to the electronic discovery standards of the Court of Chancery, the Superior Court and the United States District Court. Other relevant links will be added, reviewed and updated as needed. The
Section sponsors a monthly column in The Journal entitled “Tips on Technology.” In addition, the Section anticipates submitting a Section profile for an upcoming issue of the *DSBA Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. S. Levine
Report of the Elder Law Section to the Delaware State Bar Association

May 1, 2017
Deirdre A. McCartney, Esquire, Chair

The following is the Annual Report of the Elder Law Section to the Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committee for the 2016-2017 term.

Section Members and Meetings

The Elder Law Section has 80 members.

The Section meets monthly on the third Thursday at 4pm. At each meeting, the various committees of the section offer their reports, viz.: Executive Committee, CLE Committee, Legal Handbook for Older Delawareans, Guardianship Committee, Mediation Committee, Pre-Agenda Presentations Committee, Supported Decision Making Act, and Government Benefits Committee. Updates to laws which impact the practice of elder law are routinely discussed.

Section Publications

The Section has continued to update and revise the Legal Handbook for Older Delawareans. Additionally, the Section has revised the DHSS Advance Health-Care Directive form which was approved.

CLE Programs Sponsored

On May 4, 2017 the Section will hold a CLE presentation, “Elder Law Basics”. Twenty-five persons are registered to attend the CLE presentation across the three counties of Delaware.

Officers for 2016-2017

On April 20, 2017, Jennifer Ellsworth-Aults was nominated to fill the Chairman’s office, and Tanya Sellers has been nominated to fill the Secretary office. The office of Vice-chair remains vacant. These positions are anticipated to be voted on at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Deirdre A. McCartney, Esquire
The Delaware State Bar Association Environmental Section has approximately 50 members. Its members come from all sectors of the Delaware legal community, distributed between private practice, the Delaware Department of Justice (largely the Deputies representing the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC")), in-house counsel and public interest/academia. The section is also comprised of members located throughout the State, with the greatest concentration being in Wilmington and Dover.

The Environmental Section strives to provide a collegial forum for the discussion of environmental topics amongst its members. Meetings are generally held every other month in Wilmington with a guest speaker on a chosen topic. We also hold an annual CLE.

**Section Officers**

Chair: Todd A. Coomes, RLF

Vice-Chair: Stephanie L. Hansen, YCST

Secretary: Devera Scott, DAG

Treasurer: Jameson Tweedie

The section meetings/events between August 2016 to April 2017, and the speakers for each meeting are listed below:

**Meetings Held and Speakers:**

- August 11, 2016 - Summer social at Sambo’s and officer election

- October 27, 2016 - Kimberly Mann, Vice President of Environmental Practice, Marsh

- December 19, 2016 - Tim Ratsep, DNREC-SIRS Administrator

- March 9, 2017 - Section and CLE planning

- May 1, 2017 - EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization; Kristeen Gaffney, Chief of the Region 3 branch, and Gianna Rosati, Delaware liaison.

This year, to encourage participation by all members, we circulated a call-in for all meetings, and on several occasions members called in to meetings.
CLE Programs:

April 26, 2016 - Environmental Law 2016 CLE at DSBA Office in Wilmington: We had approximately 35 attendees and listeners at our CLE this year. The panels presented were:

- **DNREC Public Hearing Process**
  - Robert P. Haynes, Esq., Senior Hearing Officer, DNREC Office of the Secretary
- **Clean Power Plant update**
  - Kenneth T. Kristl, Esq., Widener University - Delaware Law School
- **Sustainable Practice(s) for Delaware Attorneys?**
  - Sara Manzano Diaz, Regional Administrator of GSA Region 3
  - James May, Esq., Widener University - Delaware Law School
  - Judge William Carpenter, Delaware Superior Court
- **Rebuilding Nature’s Relationships at Home**
  - Douglas W. Tallamy, Ph. D., Professor, University of Delaware
- **Brownfields/ HSCA Update**
  - Stephanie L. Hansen, Esq., Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP
- **Clean Water: A Delaware and regional primer**
  - Gerald Kauffman, Ph. D., P.E., Project Director (Water Resources Agency) and State Water Coordinator, Assistant Professor, University of Delaware
  - Thomas H. Kovach, Esq., A.M. Sacullo Legal, LLC
  - Todd A. Coomes, Esq., Richards Layton & Finger, P.A.

June 15, 2017 - Planning still in progress

**Sustainability Sub-committee:**

The Section has discussed forming a sub-committee to review potential sustainability practices that could be recommended to Delaware law offices/practices. I attended a conference being organized by the NYSBA Environmental Law Section’s Global Climate Change Committee to discuss other bar efforts.

**2016-2017 Social Event:**

Not planned yet for summer 2017
DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Annual Report of Estates and Trusts Section – May 1, 2017

The Estates and Trusts Section is among the Association’s largest and most active sections, with over 200 members. In addition to the undersigned, the officers for the 2016-2017 legislative year are Mark E. Doyle, vice chair, and Elizabeth W. King, secretary.

The Section meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the offices of Connolly Gallagher LLP in Wilmington. Attendance, including those joining by telephone, averages between 20 and 30 members, and occasionally 1 or 2 guests. Attendance typically includes 2 to 3 members located in Kent County or Sussex County.

The Section has 10 committees:

A. Estate Administration Committee – Alex J. Mili, Chair
B. Trust Act Committee – Richard W. Nenno, Chair
C. CLE Committee – Scott E. Swenson, Chair
D. Notice Committee – Jocelyn Margolin Borowsky, Chair
E. Access to Digital Assets Committee – Trisha Williams Hall, Chair
F. Publications Committee – Daniel F. Hayward, Chair
G. Power of Attorney/Health Care Directive Committee – P. Kristen Bennett, Chair
H. Trust Accountings Committee – William H. Lunger, Chair
I. Register of Wills Constitutional Amendment Committee – P. Kristen Bennett, Chair
J. Guardianship Committee – Harold W.T. Purnell, Chair

The Estate Administration Committee meets regularly to discuss issues of estate administration and ways processes may be improved for the benefit of the public, practitioners, the Register of Wills, and others with an interest in such proceedings. The Committee generated one proposed bill this year, an act to amend the Delaware nonclaim statute, 12 Del. C. § 2102.

The Trust Act Committee meets monthly to discuss issues that may affect trust law and trust administration in Delaware, and to consider whether legislation is in order. The Committee surveys tax and other laws, both federal and in other states, to analyze whether and how Delaware’s trust laws may be refined. The Committee generated one proposed bill this year, an omnibus act known as Trust Act 2017.
The Trustee Notice Committee develops, reviews and updates laws regarding a trustee's duty to notify a beneficiary of the beneficiary's interest in a trust.

The Access to Digital Assets Committee develops, reviews and updates legislation with respect to a fiduciary's ability to gain access to digital assets such as online, email and social network accounts of a decedent or disabled principal.

The Continuing Legal Education Committee presented a day-long program titled Fundamentals of Will Drafting and Estate Administration on April 18, 2017 as part of the DSBA’s “Fundamentals” program. The program was well attended.

The Publications Committee solicits and reviews submissions for consideration for The Delaware Law Review. Members of the Section contribute articles published by the Delaware Law Review, with the next scheduled to publish in the next volume of DLR.

The Power of Attorney/Health Care Directive Committee examines issues pertaining to lifetime directives that vest fiduciary authority.

The Trust Accountings Committee is intended to interface with the Court of Chancery with respect to procedures for trusts subject to accounting requirements with the Court.

The Register of Wills Constitutional Amendment Committee was formed in response to the proposal that the Office of the Register of Wills be consolidated into one, statewide office.

The Guardianship Committee investigates areas of concern relating to guardianship matters which are not ceded to other sections of the DSBA, and reports on the findings of its investigations. The reports of the Committee shall, when appropriate, include proposals, legislative or otherwise, to ameliorate identified areas of concern.

The Section recognizes that it considers issues affecting clients of all financial and personal circumstances, and therefore conducts its proceedings inclusively, to hear and address the concerns of all members of the Section, and when necessary, all members of the bar.

For the 2017-2018 legislative year, Mark E. Doyle will serve as Section chair, Elizabeth W. King will serve as Section vice chair, and James J. Gallagher will serve as Section secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott E. Swenson

Chair, Estates and Trusts Section
The following is the 2016-2017 Annual Report of the Family Law Section to the Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committee.

SECTION MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

At the time of this report, the Section has 150 members.

The Section continues to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month. The meetings are regularly held at the offices of Bayard, P.A., although the April meeting was held in Kent County at the offices of Curley, Dodge & Funk, LLC as part of the initiative to reach out to downstate members.

Each meeting consists of reports of good and welfare, issues for the Family Court liaison to address with the Court, as well as an open forum for discussion of case law/statutory issues. Because most case law in family law is unpublished and distributed only to the parties and/or counsel, the Section has continued efforts this year to circulate new case law via the listserv.

The Section devoted a significant amount of time to pending legislation including HB 65, the proposed amendment to the Child Support Statute regarding the duty of prevailing parties in litigation to satisfy child support obligations and HB 20, the proposed amendment expanding the role of the Child Interview to include Protection from Abuse Proceedings.

Following comment from the Trial Lawyers Section and the Family Law Section at a Committee meeting at Legislative Hall, the proposed Child Support lien collection statute was tabled for further discussion and to consider the concerns of the DSBA while maintaining the purpose of the proposed legislation.

Following discussion and input form the Section, the legislative sponsor of the Child Interview bill agreed to amend the bill to adapt the Section’s proposed changes. The Section helped draft a proposed bill!

REVIVAL OF LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

Julie Yeager, Leslie B. Spoltore, Achille C. Scache, and George R. Tsakataras sit on the Legislative subcommittee. The work of the subcommittee was invaluable given the unusually high activity of proposed bills impacting Family Law.

OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

Chair: George R. Tsakataras, Esquire; Vice Chair: Julie Yeager, Esquire; and Secretary: Staci J. Pesin, Esquire
NEW PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, and COMMITTEES

The Family Law Section initiated new programs, activities and committees that we hope will become self-sustaining and ongoing.

1. **First Annual Emanuel Dining Room Day of Service**

   The Section, through private sponsorship of members Kara Swasey, Shawn Dougherty, David Gagne, Achille C. Scache, and Curtis Bounds sponsored a day of service at Emanuel Dining Room East by splitting the cost of the food order from PK Foods.

   On May 9th, Shawn Dougherty, Megan McGovern, Kara Swasey, Kathy Killian, Megan Rush Walstrom, Keith Horner and George R. Tsakataras served a hot meal to over one hundred (100) of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The hope is that the E.D.R. service program will continue going forward and become an annual day of service for the Section.

2. **First Annual Kent County Happy Hour**

   On April 27th, following the monthly meeting of the Section, all were invited to attend the First Annual Kent County Happy Hour at the offices of Curley, Dodge & Funk, LLC. Both the meeting and the happy hour were well attended and well enjoyed. The Section is hopeful of continuing the tradition next year. Erin Fitzgerald organized the successful event.

3. **First Annual Sussex County Happy Hour**

   On May 12th, all were invited to attend the First Annual Sussex County Happy Hour at Conch Island in Rehoboth Beach. By all accounts the happy hour was well attended and well enjoyed. Rebecca L. Trifillis and Theresa M. Hayes organized the successful event.

4. **Happy Hour Sponsorship by Relevant Vendors**

   In 2016-2017, the Section began the process of having happy hours sponsored by vendors relevant to the Section including Arc Laboratories, provider of genetic testing, drug testing and other relevant services. Such sponsorship allows the Section to stretch its budget to allow for maximum utility and flexibility.

**CLE PROGRAM**

The Family Law Section once again sponsored the Family Law Update, held on December 16, 2016 at the Christiana Hilton. This year’s program featured presentations on Parental Alienation, Elder Law Issues in Family Court, the State of the Court, Best Practices for School Choice Cases and FERPA, Identifying and Handling Conflict Issues in Family Law Matters, and concluding with the annual Case Law Update presented by Curtis P. Bounds, Esquire. The presenters included a wide array of practitioners, judges, and experts in various fields related to Family Law.
The Section enjoyed two points of pride related to the 2016 CLE Program: the presentation on Parental Alienation was so well received that we had requests from practicing psychologists to attend and audit that portion of the CLE program and the Section received feedback that the 2016 CLE Program was among the best of recent memory. We were again at capacity and enjoyed a day of learning and fellowship together.
GOVERNMENT & CONSUMER LAW SECTION
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DELAWARE STATE BAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
May 5, 2017
Marlaine A. White – Chair

Please consider this the annual report for the Delaware State Bar Association’s Government & Consumer Law Section for the 201-2017 term.

• The current officers are:
  Chair – Marlaine White
  Vice-Chair – Jaclyn Quinn
  Secretary – Mary Higgins

• The 2017-2018 officers are:
  Chair – Marlaine White
  Vice-Chair – Jaclyn Quinn
  Secretary – Richard Emge

• The Section has 51 members. Section meetings are generally lunch meetings held monthly at Connolly Gallagher LLP’s Wilmington office and DECRAC’s S. Harrison Street office. Attendance ranges from 4-12 members, with some call-ins.

• The Section is holding its second full-day CLE at the DSBA Office on May 25, 2017–Selected Topics in Government and Consumer Law (with 1.5 Ethics credit).

• The Section has no legislation pending, and so far has not had any comments on proposed legislation circulated by other sections.

We are pleased to report the Section has continued well since reviving last year, as outlined above and discussed at the March 2017 DSBA Executive Committee meeting. Our meetings have been very productive, informative, and fun. Upon approval by the Executive Committee our Section has increased its annual dues to $15.00 in order to fund additional social gatherings. To maintain the Section’s momentum and encourage greater member participation, we are holding a Section Happy Hour following our CLE. We also will be looking to do more website improvements.
June 26, 2017

Delaware State Bar Association
Attn: Mark S. Vavala, Esq.
405 North King Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, DE 19801
Via email only to mvavala@dsba.org

RE: 2016-17 Health Law Section Annual Report

Dear Mr. Vavala:

Please accept this belated letter as the annual report for 2016-2017 of the Health Law Section of the Delaware State Bar Association. Please accept my apology for the tardiness of the report.

During the 2016-2017 year, we had two events. On August 12, we had a lunchtime section meeting at the Bar Association. And on September 16th, we had a happy hour at Catherine Rooney’s in Trolley Square. Both events were relatively lightly attended. We did not conduct an annual meeting with elections of officers at the end of the 2016-2017 year.

As of May 5, 2017, the Section had the sum of $604.65 in its coffers. As of that date, the section had sixty-three members. Membership numbers have been consistent over a five year period, with membership as low as 58 members in 2012-2013 and as high as 67 in 2013-2014.

Thank you for reviewing this report. I am available to answer any questions the Executive Committee may have.

Very truly yours,

BENJAMIN A. SCHWARTZ

cc: Janice Myrick via email
April 19, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL (jmyrick@dsba.org)
Ms. Janice L. Myrick
Delaware State Bar Association
Director of Bar Services & Membership
Renaissance Center
405 North King Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: Labor & Employment Section Annual Report, 2016-17 Fiscal Year

Dear Ms. Myrick:

Please accept this letter as the Annual Report to the Executive Committee on behalf of the Labor & Employment Section (the “Section”) for the membership year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Monthly lunch meetings began in September. Topics were as follows:

- September 27, 2016: Section members Kevin Fasic and Tim Holly discussed recent developments in Delaware law affecting labor and employment practitioners.
- October 25, 2016: DSBA lobbyist, Mary Davis, gave a presentation on the Delaware legislative process and the role of a lobbyist.
- November 29, 2016: Young Choe, Assistant District Director and Elizabeth Zimmer, Community Outreach and Resource Planning Specialist of the Wage and Hour Division’s Philadelphia, PA District Office, discussed recent trends in the enforcement of labor and employment laws, such as independent contractor misclassifications.
- January 31, 2017: Mary Tiernan, program analyst, from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Philadelphia
District Office, spoke about current developments and recent litigation at the EEOC.

- February 28, 2017: Andrew Morrison, Chief Appeals Referee in the Division of Unemployment Insurance for the State of Delaware, discussed the appeals process and current developments at the Division of Unemployment Insurance.
- April 24, 2017: Section members had an informal “meet and greet” luncheon with the Senate and House Labor Committee of the Delaware General Assembly.
- May 30, 2017: Section members Lauren E.M. Russell and Lauren DeLuca will provide a presentation on pregnancy discrimination.

In addition to our regular monthly meetings, Section Secretary Dan Herr conducted the Section’s annual CLE on March 28, 2017. Dan did a fantastic job coordinating this year’s event.

Finally, our Legislative Action Subcommittee continues its efforts to keep Section members abreast of developments in Delaware law. The Subcommittee circulates notices of proposed and recently enacted legislation to ensure that our members are well informed in this rapidly developing area of the law.

Our Section Officers for 2016-2017 were as follows:
- Chair: Mary Akhimien
- Vice Chair: Matthew Donelson
- Secretary: Dan Herr

Section Officers for 2017-2018 are as follows:
- Chair: Matthew Donelson
- Vice Chair: Dan Herr
- Secretary: Lauren DeLuca

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information about the Section’s activities. It has been an honor to serve over the last three years.
Ms. Janice L. Myrick
April 19, 2017
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Sincerely,

Mary Akhimien

cc: Matthew Donelson, Esq. (via electronic mail)
    Dan Herr, Esq. (via electronic mail)
May 4, 2017

Delaware State Bar Association  
Attn: Janice Myrick  
405 North King Street, Suite 100  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801  
302-658-5279

Dear Ms. Myrick,

The below information updates the LGBT Section's oral status report given to the Executive Committee of the DSBA on January 26, 2017. Please feel free to forward this correspondence to all interested persons; and feel free to contact me with any questions.

I. Membership Size

The size of the Section's membership is 57 members.

II. Section Meetings

The Section holds meetings at 11:00 a.m. on the second Friday of each month.

III. CLE Programs

The officers of the Section have determined that the small size of the Section is not conducive to a stand-alone CLE program, and will instead attempt to join with other sections’ CLEs to incorporate our programs.

IV. Other Programs

The LGBT Section will be hosting its fourth annual Summer Reception on Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the offices of Young Conoway Stargatt & Taylor. All members of the bench and bar, law students, clerks, etc. are welcome to attend.

V. Legislation

The Section is currently supporting Senate Bill 65, which will be in committee this month. We are working with Mark Vavala to have the bill discussed at the May 18, 2017 Executive Committee meeting, and we hope to have the full support of the DSBA in the passage of this critical piece of legislation.
VI. 2017-2018 Section Officers

The following individuals were duly elected as the officers of the Section effective as of July 1, 2018:

Chair: Jason D. Angelo, Esquire
        Stevens & Lee, P.C.
        jda@stevenslee.com

Vice-Chair: Thomas P. Carney, Esquire
            Morris James LLP
            tcarney@morrisjames.com

Secretary: Evangelos Kostoulas, Esquire
           Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited
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Sincerely,

        Ryan J. Maerz, Esq.
        LGBT Section Chairman
April 28, 2017

By Email
Delaware State Bar Association
Attention: Ms. Janice Myrick
405 N. King Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Re: DSBA Litigation Section – Year End Report

Dear Ms. Myrick:

Please accept this letter as the Annual Report to the Executive Committee on behalf of the Delaware State Bar Association’s Litigation Section (the “Section”) for the 2016-2017 membership year.

A. Membership

The Section currently has 530 Members. The current leadership of the Section is as follows:

Chair: Adam V. Orlacchio
Vice-Chair: Patricia A. Winston
Secretary: Kathleen Murphy
Immediate Past Chair: Douglas J. Cummings, Jr.
Executive Council Members: Mary Dugan, Travis Hunter, Onofrio de Gennaro, Patrick Costello, Angeline M. Kogut
On May 22, 2017, the Section will elect its leadership for the 2017-2018 membership year. All candidates are running unopposed for the following positions:

Chair: Patricia A. Winston
Vice-Chair: Kathleen Murphy
Secretary: Mary Dugan
Immediate Past Chair: Adam V. Orlacchio
Executive Council Members: Onofrio de Gennaro, Patrick Costello, David Soldo, Ashley R. Altschuler, Loren R. Barron

B. Section Meetings

The Section held monthly meetings this Membership year. The Section continued its Luncheon Speaker Series, designed to provide Members with an opportunity to listen to, learn from and interact with professionals from the legal community. Thus far, we have had the honor of being joined by Vice Chancellor Slights, Justice Seitz, and Judge LeGrow as part of our Speaker Series, and Luke W. Mette, City Solicitor for Wilmington, will be featured at our May 22, 2017 meeting. The Section provides a dial in conference line for all meetings in order to allow members who can’t attend in person to participate. Finally, we plan on hosting a year-end social meeting in June.

C. CLE Programs Sponsored

On June 1, 2017 the Section will sponsor the Fundamentals of Civil Litigation CLE. We expect the DSBA will open the CLE for registrations very soon. This is an all-day program that provides attendees with information and insight regarding civil litigation, including practice pitfalls and Court updates, from members of the Bench and seasoned practitioners. This year’s panel of Judicial Officers represents the following Courts: U.S. District Court; Court of Common Pleas; Court of Chancery; U.S. Bankruptcy Court; Delaware Supreme Court; Delaware Superior Court; Justice of the Peace Court; Family Court.

D. Section Comments on Past or Anticipated Legislation

Although the Section solicited comments from Members on a number of pieces of legislation, the Section did not provide any official comments this Membership year.
E. **Additional Areas of Interest**

The Section continued its tradition of holding its Annual Cocktail Reception with the Superior Court Judges, Commissioners and Law Clerks. This event took place on March 9, 2017 at the Wilmington Club. We again worked with Resident Judge of New Castle County, Richard Cooch to coordinate this event with the Judges’ Statewide Meeting in Wilmington. Approximately 100 members of the Bench and Bar attended, including all Section Members that expressed an interest in attending (i.e. - not a single Member was denied access due to overcapacity at the venue). Once again, we received extremely positive feedback from the Superior Court Bench, as well as Section Members. This event was made possible by the Section’s fundraising efforts and contributions received from Delaware law firms. The Section looks forward to continuing this great tradition in 2018.

Patrick Costello is actively working with the DSBA to have a law journal article published this summer concerning the expanding law surrounding social media/technology, particularly as it relates to litigation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you so much.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam V. Orlacchio, Esq.
May 11, 2017

Delaware State Bar Association
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2016-17 MJL Section Report

I write this Report as the Chair of the Multicultural Judges & Lawyers ("MJL") Section of the Delaware State Bar Association ("DSBA"). The MJL Section has approximately one-hundred and twenty members, including the Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board include myself, Christopher C. Johnson, Executive Vice-Chair, Kiadii S. Harmon; Vice-Chair of Legislative & Community Relations, LaKresha Roberts; Vice-Chair of Public Relations, Loren Holland; Vice-Chair of Law School Outreach, Wilson Gualpa, and Secretary, Gerard M. Clodimir. The MJL Section is also pleased to have an Advisory Board, the members of which include: The Honorable Aida Waserstein, The Honorable Joshua Martin, III, the Honorable Danielle S. Blount, Tabatha Castro, Esq., and our immediate past Chair, Tamika Crawl-Bey.

Primary purposes of the MJL Section include furthering the objectives of the DSBA and the interests of attorneys, judges and members of the legal community of diverse ethnic backgrounds. To this end, the MJL Section seeks to (i) foster communication and understanding among groups within the legal and non-legal communities; (ii) increase diversity within the Delaware legal community; (iii) encourage public service rendered by its members, and (iv) promote the professional development and interests of its Members. In so doing, the following activities and programs were held or will be held by the MJL Section during the 2016-2017 year:

Meetings & Events:

During the 2016-17 DSBA year, the MJL Section held Board meetings, including both the Executive and Advisory Boards, on the first Wednesday of each month. The MJL Section also held four General Body meetings, and sponsored or co-sponsored the following meetings and events:

1. General Body Meeting & Fall Kick-Off Event

On September 29, 2017, the MJL Section held a Kick-Off General Body Meeting. The event was held at the Merchant Bar Restaurant. During the meeting, we introduced the 2016-17 Executive & Advisory Board members, reviewed the Section's goals for the year, and provided a brief overview of the events and meetings scheduled for the year.
2. **Golf Clinic**

On **October 29, 2016**, the MJL Section sponsored a Golf Clinic at the Rock Manor Golf Club. The clinic was a fun and relaxed introduction to golf and provided an opportunity to network. Golfers received close instruction and individual attention from Rock Manor's accomplished Pro, Mike Cole, and his staff.

3. **Bar Toast & General Body Meeting**

On **October 20, 2016**, MJL Section members gathered at the University Whist Club, Wilmington, Delaware, to recognize passing applicants of the 2016 Delaware Bar Examination. Each applicant in attendance was given a gift to recognize their accomplishment. We also conducted a General Body Meeting.

4. **Holiday Networking Event**

On **December 15, 2016**, the MJL Section and the Delaware Barristers jointly sponsored an annual Holiday Event & Gift Card Drive. Each attendee was asked to bring at least one gift card and/or cash to purchase gift cards, which were then given to families caring for seriously sick and injured children at A.I. DuPont Children’s Hospital via the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. Raffles of gift cards were also extended to those who participated. This event also allowed participants to exchange business cards and speak about their legal work in Delaware.

5. **Wills CLE**

On **January 9, 2017**, the MJL Section and Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (DVLS) co-sponsored a free Wills & Trusts CLE for attorneys who do not normally prepare wills, durable powers of attorney, and advance healthcare directives.

6. **Wills for Seniors Drafting Event**

On **January 16, 2017**, in collaboration with the Delaware State Bar Association's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, the MJL Section provided assistance for Wills for Seniors, an event providing free estate planning services to eligible senior citizens.

7. **MLK Day- Know Your Rights Seminar**

On January 12, 2017, in collaboration with the Barristers Association of Delaware and One Village Alliance, the MJL Section participated in the Raising Kings- Know Your Rights seminar held at Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP. The seminar was an opportunity for MJL Section attorneys to engage with the community and teach citizens how to legally protect themselves and their family at home, school, and in the community. The program also helped citizens create successful plans for navigating the legal system.
8. **Spring General Body Meeting**

On **April 27, 2017**, the MJL Section held a Spring General Body/Annual Meeting. The event was held at the new shared innovation space, The Mill. During the meeting we discussed upcoming events, community service ideas, and how our Section members can become more involved in the innovation and technology industry. Additionally, nominations for the 2017-18 Executive Board were also discussed. Lastly, the upcoming Millennial Summit was discussed at length as well. At the meeting, Section members were able to also socialize and sample international cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere.

9. **The Judge Haile L. Alford Memorial Breakfast**

On **May 11, 2017**, the MJL Section hosted its annual Judge Haile L. Alford memorial Breakfast at the DuPont Country Club. During the breakfast, the Section honored Lydia S. Cox with the MJL Excellence in Leadership Award and Laura C. Graham with the MJL Excellence in Community Service Award. The Section awarded the Alford Excellence Award to two applicants who will sit for the 2017 Delaware Bar Examination. Each Alford Excellence Award provided a scholarship of $3,000 to cover expenses related to taking the 2017 Delaware Bar Examination.

During the Breakfast, after a duly noticed election, the following MJL members announced to be members of the 2017-18 Executive Board were: Chair, myself; Executive Vice-Chair: Kiadii Harmon; Vice-Chair, Legislative Affairs and Community Relations: LaKresha Roberts; Vice-Chair, Public Relations: Loren Holland; Vice-Chair, Law School Outreach: Wilson Gualpa; and Secretary: Gerard Clodomir.

10. **Networking Event**

The MJL Section expects to co-sponsor a Networking Event in June 2017 with SABA Delaware, DHBA and the Delaware Barristers’ Association. The June Networking Event has become a very popular annual event in which members of the MJL Section and the Bench are able to socialize and engage in a casual and relaxed atmosphere.

**Donations on behalf of Judge Alford**

The Executive Board is considering making charitable donations in honor of Judge Alford and her legacy. So far we have received interest from the Delaware Law School, regarding its Jurist Academy. The Jurist Academy is a two-week long summer-camp intended to offer promising minority undergraduate students information about the law and encourage them to pursue a legal education.

The Executive Board intends to review these requests and finalize donations made in honor of Judge Alford before June 2017.
2017 MJL Supplemental Bar Review

The MJL Section will again offer a Supplemental Bar Review Program, the primary purposes of which are to enhance the success of multicultural applicants who take the Delaware Bar Examination and increase diversity among the Delaware Bar. The 2017 Program will be led by the Wilson Gualpa and myself.

Respectfully submitted,

Christofer C. Johnson, Esq.

2016-17 Chair, Multicultural Judges & Lawyers Section
May 16, 2017

Miranda D. Clifton, Esq.
President, Delaware State Bar Association
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RE: Real and Personal Property Section Report

Dear Ms. Clifton:

Please let this letter serve as the Report of the Real and Personal Property Section of the Delaware State Bar Association (“the Section”) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

**Purpose**

The Section is composed of members interested in the fields of real estate law, personalty matters and land use. Its purpose is to promote the professional development of its members and the provision of quality services in these practice areas for the benefit of our clients and the community.

**2016-2017 Section Officers**

Chair: Peter Kirsh

Vice Chair: Stephen A. Spence

Secretary: Brian K. Funk

At Large Council Members: Roger L. Truemper, William P. Brady and Valerie Carr

The following slate of officers will be submitted for election for the 2017-2018 term at our June meeting:

Chair: Peter Kirsh
Vice Chair: Stephen A. Spence
Secretary: Brian Funk
At Large Council Members: Roger L. Truemper, William P. Brady and Valerie Carr

**Section Membership**

The Section is currently comprised of approximately 205 members.

**Section Meetings**

The Section holds monthly meetings from September through June, typically on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 4:00 p.m. To date, the Section has held monthly meetings for the months of September, October, November and December of 2016 and January, February, March, April and May of 2017. The Section also hosted a holiday party following the December monthly meeting.

**CLE Programs**

The Section sponsored the Real Estate Fundamentals seminar on February 15, 2017, at the DSBA Center. The program was an all day seminar providing 6.0 hours CLE credit including 0.5 hour Enhanced Ethics. The seminar was well attended, with a total of approximately 92 attendees plus 10 speakers. I was privileged to serve as moderator for the seminar and the topics covered and presenting speakers were as follows:

- Real Estate Settlements
  Deborah J. Galonsky, Esquire

- Title Searches
  George J. Danneman, Esquire

- Land Use Regulations
  James A. Landon, Esquire

- The Relationship between Attorneys and Title Companies
  James F. Harker, Esquire

- Protecting your Escrow Accounts
  Brian Frederick Funk, Esquire
  Thomas Mammarella, Esquire

- Agreements of Sale
  Andrew P. Taylor, Esquire

- Ethics and Real Estate Law
The Section also sponsored its annual Short Topics in Real Estate Seminar, on April 19, 2017, at the DSBA Center. The program this year consisted of an afternoon seminar, with lunch included, providing 3.8 hours of CLE credit, including 0.5 hours in enhanced ethics. The seminar was well attended, with a total of approximately 41 attendees plus 5 speakers. I was privileged to serve as moderator for the seminar and the topics covered and presenting speakers were as follows:

Delaware Case Law Update  
Stephen A. Spence, Esquire

Environmental Law Update  
Todd A. Coomes, Esquire

Current Trends in Ethics  
Patricia Bartley Schwartz, Esquire

Delaware Property Rights Case Law Update  
Richard A. Forsten, Esquire

Current Trends in Title Insurance Claims  
Shawn F. McKernan, Esquire

Following the Short Topics CLE program, the Section sponsored a social at the Cocina Lolo on King Street.

Other Section Matters/Activities

As has been done in previous years, the Section often invites one or more guest speakers to attend regularly scheduled Section meetings to discuss topics of practical interest to our members. Delaware Common Interest Community Ombudsman Chris Curtain was present at our January 2017 meeting to discuss a proposed revision of 10 Del. C. § 348 regarding mandatory mediation for HOAs to specifically include both condominiums and cooperatives.

The Section also endeavors to keep its members abreast of developments relevant to the Section membership and their practice areas. This includes changes or proposed changes to existing statutes related to real and personal property, recent court opinions from Delaware and around the county that affect real and personal property, as well as policies or procedures at various offices and agencies with whom many Section members frequently interact, including
the county Recorder of Deeds, banks, and government entities. Recent updates included proposed revisions to Section 2120 of Title 25 to allow retired attorney to satisfy mortgages the attorney paid off while in active practice; proposed changes to the Delaware Code to require secured lenders to record change of address notices; and proposed changes to the Delaware Code to invalidate deed restrictions that prohibit solar panels. In addition, the Section also keeps its members informed of developments and requirements in the areas of safekeeping of client property, the Delaware Lawyers’ Rules of Professional Conduct, and the role of Delaware lawyers in real estate transactions.

I have greatly enjoyed being Chair of the Section and it has been a privilege to work with this esteemed group of attorneys. I truly appreciate the opportunity.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Peter S. Kirsh
Chair, Real and Personal Property Section
MEMORANDUM

To: Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committee
From: Denise D. Nordheimer, Chair
Date: April 28, 2016
Re: 2016-2017 Annual Section Report to the DSBA on behalf of the Small Firms andSolo Practitioners Section

The following is the annual report for the 2016-2017 year for the Small Firms andSolo Practitioners Section:

The officers for this year are:

Chair: Denise D. Nordheimer
Vice Chair: Robert Kleiner
Secretary: Angela Kogut (resigned mid-term)/Colleen Durkin

Our Section currently has 121 members, which is up a little under 10% from last year. Our members continue to be active and engaged with the Section and each another. Regularly scheduled meetings have been held every month with the exception of March where our CLE took the place of a meeting and April where our meeting was cancelled due to the Passover holiday. Attendance has been very good, both in person and via telephone. We experimented this year by having half of the meetings at our usual 12PM start for the first half of the year, and then switching to a 4PM start for the second half of the year in order to determine which time would result in better attendance. The result was that the meetings that started at 12PM had much better attendance.

At every Section meeting this year we have continued our tradition of guest speakers addressing us immediately following our meetings on topics that are of interest to the membership. This year we had speakers on disability insurance, human resources management for the Small Firm, and accounting for Lawyers, among others. These presentations are well-received and I hope will continue as part of our regular schedule in the coming years as they put our members in touch with professionals who can support their businesses.

The addition of Alison Macindoe as Director of the Law Office Management Assistance Program this last year was truly a gift to our Section. All throughout the year, Alison worked tirelessly to answer questions, gather resources and promote the Section whenever possible. She has also attended all of our Section meetings and along with everyone at the DSBA, made our all day CLE at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth a wonderful and really worthwhile event for all those in attendance.

The Section hosted a (now annual) social event following our CLE in Rehoboth at Salt Air, a bar/restaurant near the hotel where the CLE was held. It was very well attended and is a great way to conclude the day and make contacts with colleagues from the conference. The Section will likely plan another social event at Iron Hill Brewery following our last meeting of the year on June 13th.
We continue to keep a directory of our members who wish to have their businesses posted on the DSBA website so that the public may have an additional resource when looking for a Delaware attorney. It is divided by practice area in order to make searching easy for the public.

Next year’s officers will be elected at the Section’s May 9th meeting.
May 1, 2017

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President, Delaware State Bar Association
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RE: Social Security Disability Section – 2017 Annual Report

Dear Ms. Clifton:

The Social Security Disability Section of the Delaware State Bar Association has ten members. Of the ten members, three are attorneys with my firm. Stephen Butler is now an Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration.

Based upon the response from the section, I will continue to chair this section with Vanessa Kassab, Esquire assisting.

Our section is working on scheduling a meeting in the summer with the Chief Administrative Law Judge and the new Hearing Director of the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR). The purpose of our annual meeting with ODAR is to facilitate communications between the Court and the attorneys practicing before it and to encourage best practices. This meeting is quite important given (1) recent changes in Social Security Rules and Regulations that went into effect on March 27, 2017 and (2) recent hirings in ALJ staffing at the hearing office.

Mr. Linarducci, a section member, and I met in March to discuss having David Cherbol, Esquire, a Philadelphia Social Security attorney and former assistant U.S. attorney general, speak to our group regarding effective cross-examination of vocational experts.

The Social Security Disability Section is a small, but dedicated group of attorneys committed to representing those that are disabled and disadvantaged. We wish to thank the Delaware State Bar Association for their continuing help and counsel. Please let me know if the Association needs any additional information.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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ANNUAL REPORT

To: Executive Committee of the Delaware State Bar Association

From: Jennifer E. Smith, Chair of the Taxation Section

Date: April 29, 2017

RE: DSBA Taxation Section Annual Report 2016-2017

Please accept this memorandum as the 2016-2017 annual report of the Taxation Section (“Section”) of the Delaware State Bar Association (“DSBA”).

Membership Size

The Section currently had eighty-two (82) members for the 2016-2017 year. The officers for the Section for 2016-2017 year were as follows: Jennifer E. Smith, Chair; Andrew O’Neill, Vice-Chair; and Mark Dalle Pazze, Secretary.

The duly elected officers of the Section for the 2017-2018 year are as follows: Andrew O’Neill, Chair; Mark Dalle Pazze, Vice-Chair; and Adam Gerber, Secretary.

Section Meetings

The Section generally holds Meetings on the 4th Monday of the Month at 4:00PM. The following Section meetings have been held or are scheduled to be held for the 2016 – 2017 year:

- September 26, 2016
- October 24, 2016
- December 19, 2016 (3rd Monday)
- January 23, 2017
- February 27, 2017
- March 27, 2017
- April 24, 2017
- May 22, 2017
- June 26, 2017

We have held 7 regular meetings of the Section as of the date of this report and have 2 remaining meetings of the Section (denoted in italics above) scheduled through June.

The Section is focused on contributing to the improvement and enhanced public understanding of the tax laws and their administration. In furtherance of this objective, the Section addressed
relevant tax topics during the meetings. In addition to regular agenda items, the Section invited several guest speakers to address the membership including:

- James DeChene, Delaware State Chamber of Commerce – legislative update and status of unclaimed property in Delaware
- Charles Durante, Esq. – 2016 federal income tax case law update
- DE DOR Director David Gregor and Tax Conferee Chip McDaniel
- Christine Allie, Tax professor, Widener University School of Law – tax impact of divorce
- Richard Forsten, Esq. – Delaware Supreme Court’s recent decision in Commerce Associates and impact on valuation methodology
- Patrick Carter, Director – Department of Finance for the City of Wilmington (May meeting)

A detailed account of the meeting topics and presentations are documented in the Section’s approved meeting minutes. Section Meetings were held at the Greenville office of Cooch and Taylor, P.A. and members were provided a call-in number to participate remotely.

**CLE Programs sponsored**

The Section’s program “Tax Considerations for Small Businesses” was held on February 9, 2017, and presented by Harry Papaleo, CPA.

**Section comments on past or anticipated Legislation**

The Section did not have occasion to provide comment on or endorsement of legislation this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer E. Smith
Chair, Taxation Section of the DSBA
I. Introduction

Samuel D. Pratcher, III, is the Section Chair. Erin Radulski is the Vice Chair.

The purpose of the Section is as follows:

The general purpose of the Section shall be the promotion of the objectives of the Delaware State Bar Association within the field of Tort law. To that end, it shall be the purpose of this Section to provide periodic reports to its membership with respect to matters relating to tort law, to provide continuing legal education, to review, comment on and recommend or not, proposed legislation relating to tort law matters, and to expand and foster relationships on both the plaintiff and defense side of litigation.
II. **Section Membership**

The Section Membership primarily communicates via the DSBA listserv. The Section has been able to retain the majority of its members over the past several years. We have also recruited new members through happy hour events.

III. **Meetings**

The Section holds meetings every other month at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The meetings are held at the office of the Chair. As a result of some members being unable to attend the meetings in person, we have provided a conference call for members to still be able to participate.

At the meetings, members discuss what they would like to see from the Section including: CLEs and volunteer efforts. We also discuss events of other sections of DSBA to help support their efforts.

Our latest Section meeting, we discussed whether the Section would take a position on HB 65 (Child Support Recover), which relates to persons that have made a claim whether from a work injury or personal injury that owes child support. The proposed bill requires any attorney or insurer to contact the Division of Child support Enforcement before releasing any funds to a prevailing party to verify that no child support arrears is owed. The Section discussed first talking to other sections that may be impacted by the proposed bill. After that was done, the Section agreed to oppose the legislation.

We are working on creating a LinkedIn Group for members to connect.

IV. **Current Officers and Newly Elected Officers**

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V. CASE LAW UPDATES

Members are encouraged to share recent decisions with members at our meetings. We anticipate having a semi-annual case law update to provide to our membership.

VI. CLE

The Section participated in the Law Office Management Assistance Program and provided forms to be used at the Drafting Engagement Letters Seminar that was held on February 16, 2016.

The Section’s CLE seminar was held on December 16, 2016. This was a 6 hour CLE and included 1 hour of enhanced ethics credit. The areas covered included: drafting pleadings, effective discovery, reviewing medical records, case value, AD, and trial preparation.

VII. Happy Hour

The Section’s held two happy hours this past year that were well attended. We are working on our next happy hour event to take place in July or August of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel D. Pratcher III, Esq.
Chair
May 25, 2017

Via Email

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Re: Women and the Law Section Annual Report

Dear Executive Committee:

This is the Women and the Law Section’s annual report.

We have a large, active section. We hold monthly meetings at the DSBA office and 15-20 members typically participate in person or by phone.

In October we held a welcome back networking event for our members at Merchant Bar, at which we had approximately 40 members attend. On November 29, 2016, we held an event at World Café Live with Governor Jack Markell, who appointed/reappointed over 40 female judicial officers during his term and appointed females to key positions in his Cabinet and on his Staff. We the Governor and his appointees were our guests. We had approximately 90 in attendance at the event.

In March we held our annual retreat in Rehoboth Beach. It was the 25th Annual Retreat and the 40 Anniversary of the Section. We institute two awards in honor of the founders of our Section – Aida Wasserstein and Mimi Bourdart, who were the recipients of the first award. The Section also bestowed Honorary Lifetime Membership on Justice Holland, who has supported the Section for many years. We had a record number of attendees at the retreat (approximately 150) and over 100 for dinner. The entire event was well-received.

Also in March, the programming committee organized an event at the Columbus Inn – GoRed, at which medical providers made presentations on heart health issues for women.

The Section also supports several charitable events. At the Retreat we raised $2,200 for Roxana Arsht Fund.

On April 27th, the Section hosted a distinguished panel in Dover to discuss the many issues surrounding efforts to pass an Equal Rights Amendment nationally and in Delaware. The panel featured Jessica Neuwirth (President, ERA Coalition), former Sen. Karen Peterson, Widener Professor of Law Erin Daly, and Suzanne Moore (President, Delaware ERANow). In additional to Section members, legislators and legislative staffers attended the luncheon. The annual
legislative luncheon is intended to educate legislators on issues of importance to the Section and to provide an opportunity for dialogue between legislators and Section members.

In May we held elections for the officer positions for the 2017-2019 term. The following officers were elected:

Co-chairs  Kyle Gay and Kathleen Murphy
Vice Chair  Kelley Huff
Secretary  Kate Harmon

A final networking event is planned for late June.

/s/Kathy

Kathy Miller
Natalie Woloshin
Co-Chairs
May 5, 2017

Mark S. Vavala, Esquire
Executive Director
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RE: Workers’ Compensation Section Annual Report

Dear Mr. Vavala:

Please accept this letter as the annual report of the Delaware State Bar Association’s Workers’ Compensation Section for the 2016-2017 term.

The current officers of our section are:

- Stephen T. Morrow - Chair
- Kerri L. Morris-Johnston - Vice Chair
- Tara Bustard - Secretary

The Section currently has approximately 125 members. Our section meetings for the present term took place at Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, 1007 N. Orange Street, Suite 600. Our meetings were held on the following dates:

- Friday, September 23, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 18, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 20, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 17, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
With the exception of the last meeting, lunch was served at each meeting, which helped promote attendance. In addition to those attending live, several members attended by teleconference from throughout the State. The Section’s traditional happy hour following the last meeting of the year was canceled and in lieu of the Section spending money at the happy hour, the Section donated $500.00 to the memorial service of our beloved colleague and friend, Michael Sensor, Esquire, who unfortunately suddenly passed away.

The Section has conducted two continuing legal education seminars in this term. The first seminar was held on January 18, 2017 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront. This seminar was a half day seminar and was well attended by Section members, as well as insurance adjusters, employer representatives and members of the Industrial Accident Board. The second seminar took place on May 2, 2017 and was also held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront. This was a full day seminar with approximate attendance of 140. Our featured keynote speaker for this seminar was The Honorable James T. Vaughn, Jr.

The Section’s workers’ compensation searchable database continues to remain fully operational and is available to members only as part of the section dues. There are well over 4,000 Industrial Accident Board decisions available to search. Furthermore, the database is updated in batches when decisions are issued. Currently, the Section is exploring whether it would be feasible to switch databases from the current database operated by Parcels to a database, which would be a part of Fastcase, which I understand will be offered by the DSBA. Obviously, if Fastcase presents a free option, which would still allow our members to search the same decisions currently held in the Parcels database and future decisions, this could be a wonderful opportunity for the Section.

The Section currently has the following committees:

- Case Law Update
- Continuing Legal Education
- Industrial Accident Board Rules
- Legislative Committee
- Technology Committee
- Social Committee

Elections occurred on April 27, 2017. The officers for the next term are:

- Kerri L. Morris-Johnston - Chair
- Tara Bustard - Vice Chair
- Andrew Carmine - Secretary
On behalf of the Section, I would like to thank the DSBA for its continuing support of our Section. It has been a pleasure serving as chair of this Section and I welcome any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen T. Morrow
May 1, 2017

VIA EMAIL
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Re: DSBA Young Lawyers Section 2016-17 Annual Report

Dear Janice:

Please accept this letter as the Annual Report of the Young Lawyers Section (the "Section") of the Delaware State Bar Association (DSBA) to the Executive Committee. The Section is nearing completion of another busy and successful year. Below is a summary of our activities.

Membership. The Section has 258 members, a 10% year-over-year increase in membership compared to this time in 2016. The current Officers are:

Chair: Kyle Evans Gay
Vice Chair (New Castle): Jenny Kasen
Vice Chair (Kent/Sussex): Allison McCowan
Secretary: Jason Warren
Treasurer: Stacey Newman
Past Chair: Alessandra Glorioso

Section Meetings. The Section Officers typically meet in late summer for the purpose of planning activities for the upcoming year, and from time to time throughout the year. This year, the Section Officers met on September 15, 2016. We held a general membership meeting on October 26, 2016, and our annual meeting on April 25, 2017, where the Section elected officers for the 2017-18 year. In addition to our more formal meetings, the Section hosts a happy hour on the second Thursday of each month. We make sure at least one of our events is "downstate", i.e., not hosted in New Castle County. This year our downstate happy hour will be held in June.

CLE Programs. Traditionally, the Section-sponsored CLE focuses on lawyer-client relations; it is intended to provide young lawyers with practical advice for dealing with clients. The presentation, entitled "Fundamentals of Lawyer-Client Relations," satisfies requirements for the newly-reenacted Fundamentals that new lawyers are required to fulfill within their first two years of practice. The CLE was last held on February 24, 2016, and because the CLE is held
every other year, we did not put it on in this 2016-17 year. The next “Fundamentals of Lawyer-Client Relations” is planned for September 14, 2017, and we will begin shortly to line up speakers for the day-long CLE. The program will focus on a variety of issues, including ethical considerations for retaining new clients, working with difficult clients, handling fee disputes, and alternative dispute resolution. Last year, the program included a new topic, “Internet, Social Media, and Acceptable Communications With/About Your Client.” Nineteen attorneys and non-attorneys participated on the panels. The CLE provided 6.5 hours of credit, including enhanced ethics, and was attended by attorneys both in-person at the DSBA offices, and via simulcast in Georgetown.

This year the Section also sponsored a luncheon series of CLEs collectively titled “What I Wish I Learned In Law School About....” We sponsored a total of four brown bag lunches where speakers shared their views on practical topics that are often overlooked as part of the traditional law school curriculum. This included depositions, annual reviews, oral arguments, and jury selection (upcoming on May 16, 2017). The series has been well-attended and well-received, and we hope to continue it in the coming year.

Website. With assistance from DSBA personnel, the Section kept its webpage on the DSBA’s website updated with its events throughout the year. Stacey Newman, Jenny Kasen, and I managed this process.

While we do not traditionally maintain a Facebook page for the Section, Allison McCowan created an event page on Facebook for the Race Judicata (described below). It was effective in helping us spread the word about the race.

Activities. The Section organizes and engages in several events that help raise money for law-related charities and that foster networking among young attorneys.

New Lawyers’ Survival Guide and Pre-Admission Conference. In its second year of producing the New Lawyers’ Survival Guide, the Section updated the version originally created in November 2015. The Section disseminated the updated version to the December 2016 Delaware State Bar admits at the November Pre-Admission Conference, where I had the pleasure of welcoming the new admits in person. The Guide is intended to aid new attorneys in their transition to practice by serving as a go-to reference material. It contains tips, how-to information, references, and other guidance for a broad variety of practices, provided from some of the state’s best practitioners and members of our renowned judiciary. The Section plans to continue to update the Guide yearly, and we have made the guide available on our website: http://media.dsba.org/sections/YS/2016_Survival_Guide.pdf. Stacey Newman and member Selena Molina we instrumental in organizing volunteers to create the 2016 version.

Toys for Tots. For the ninth straight year, the Section spearheaded a toy drive to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program in December. The collection party on December 1, 2016 had an excellent turnout from DSBA members and even better turnout of toys. The Section welcomed members of the National Guard, which sponsors the Toys for Tots program nationwide. This year’s program was organized by Jenny Kasen. We plan to continue to organize and host this event next year.

Happy Hours. The Section sponsors happy hours for our members throughout the year on the second Thursday of each month. Jenny Kasen organizes these events. Unfortunately, attendance at these events had fallen off somewhat, so we are considering ways to re-engage our members and to provide them excellent networking opportunities.
Race Judicata. On April 1, 2017, the Section hosted the 12th annual Art Connolly Race Judicata 5K run/walk to raise money for the Delaware Law Related Education Center. This has traditionally been a very popular event, and this year attracted over 200 runners. The race took place on a new course this year in Trolley Square. This year's program was organized by Allison McCowan, with assistance from Jenny Kasen, Alessandra Glorioso, and me. Allison McCowan was particularly successful in obtaining sponsors and donations, and the event netted over $18K for DELREC programming. We plan to continue to organize and host this event next year.

Programs With Other Sections. The Section frequently joins with other DSBA sections or organizations to host joint happy hours or other events that foster networking between sections. The Section hosted a joint happy hour in September with the LGBT section, and the two sections will be co-hosting again in May. I have been in touch with the International Law section, and we have discussed co-hosting a movie night.

Upcoming Events

YLS At The Beach Happy Hour. As in past years, we will be hosting a happy hour in either Kent or Sussex county to reach our constituents there. This year, the happy hour will be in June.

End of Year Member Appreciation. We are looking into hosting a member-appreciation and recruitment event at Constitution Yards. The purpose of the event is to bring together members of our Section and to encourage non-members to join. We would like to reach non-members by advertising the event through the bar email list.

Summer Associate Judiciary Panel. In June of each year, the Section presents the Summer Associate Judiciary Panel. The annual event features a panel of judges – often representing judges from each one of the state and federal courts in Delaware – who offer their perspectives on the practice of law in Delaware, what the Court expects of young lawyers, and other importance practice tips for fledgling attorneys. After the panel, the judges and summer associates are invited to engage in discussion in a post-presentation gathering. Our feedback consistently shows that this program is well-received, informative, and often one of the highlights for the summer associates. In years past, we've consistently had anywhere from six to twelve judges present before more than 100 summer associates. We are working to set a date for this year's panel and reception.

Combined Campaign Cup. The Cup will be held at the DuPont Country Club on Monday, July 17, 2017. It will feature a scramble golf tournament, a tennis tournament, lawn games, a BBQ lunch, a silent auction, and a dinner. Jason Warren is acting as the Section's representative to the Combined Campaign Cup's planning committee. The Section has considered sponsoring members for the lawn games portion of the program.

Coordination with the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

Representative. Member Selena Molina serves as the Young Lawyers Division ("YLD") District 7 Representative covering Delaware and Washington, D.C. In this role, Selena has coordinated opportunities for young attorneys in Delaware to attend YLD conferences and serve as delegates from Delaware. She also keeps the board updated on YLD programs and events.
Affiliate Showcase. Selena Molina will be presenting our CLE series as part of the Affiliate Showcase at the YLD May 2017 meeting in Montreal, Canada. The Affiliate Showcase is a compilation of projects from international, state, and local young lawyer organizations affiliated with the YLD. The Showcase provides affiliates with the opportunity to share their exceptional projects by providing attendees with information, materials, tools, and insight for implementation.

Awards of Achievement. The Section plans to submit one or more of its annual programs to be recognized by the YLD with an Award of Achievement. The program is an opportunity for state and local young lawyer organizations such as the Section to submit their best projects for evaluation and recognition by a jury of their peers.

Regional Summit Subgrant. The Section is in the planning stages to seek an ABA YLD Subgrant to be used to hold a regional summit in Wilmington, Delaware in 2018. The Summit would be the result of a collaboration with other local YLD affiliates (such as county bar associations from Pennsylvania and/or New Jersey) and would be designed to foster information-sharing and to encourage education, leadership, and collaborative service among local Affiliates, the YLD, young lawyer groups, and law students.

2017-2018 Officers

On April 25, 2017, the Section elected the following officers for the 2017-2018 year:

Chair: Allison McCowan
Vice-Chair (New Castle): Travis Ferguson
Vice-Chair (Kent/Sussex): Shannon Humiston
Treasurer: Aman Sharma
Secretary: David Holloway
Past Chair: Kyle Evans Gay

I appreciate having the opportunity to share with you the activities in which the Section has been involved and it has been my pleasure to serve as the Chair of the Section. Should you or the Executive Committee have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kyle Evans Gay, Esq.

cc: executive committee