

# Public Law Section

## 2013-14 Annual Report

### Section Membership

As of June 3, 2014, the Section has 478 members.

### Financial Status

The Section had an account balance of \$8,391.82 as of April 30, 2014.

### Continuing Legal Education Programs

The Section hosted 6 CLE programs in fiscal year 2013-14.

Program Title	Date	Event Code	CLE Credits	Number of Attendees
Major Trends in Public Health Law and Practice	1/31/14	186956	1.0 Standard	28
Understanding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	3/28/14	188782	1.0 Standard	17
Primer on MN Emergency Law	4/25/14	190152	1.0 Standard	17
So There is Trauma, What Now? How Courts Address Child and Parent Trauma	4/30/14	190566	1.0 Standard	20
Cultural Competency: Working Effectively with Muslim clients, Colleagues and Customers	5/16/14	191144	2.5 Elimination of Bias	29
Data Practices and Open Meeting Law 2014 Legislative Wrap Up	6/20/14	192379	1.0 Standard	84

### Annual Meeting and Election Results

The Section's Annual Meeting was held on May 16, 2014 and 78 people attended.

The following council members were re-elected to serve on the Section's Governing Council from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016:

Lisa Godon  
Margaret Westin

The following new council members were elected to serve on the Section's Governing Council from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016:

Patricia Beety

The following new council members were elected to serve on the Section's Governing Council from July 1, 2014 to June 30,

2015:

Tori Stewart  
Melissa Manderschied

The following officers were elected to serve on the Section's Governing Council from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Juan Hoyos – Co-Chair  
Lynn Belgea- Co-Chair  
Lisa Veith- Secretary  
Hon. Diane R. Alshouse- Treasurer

### **Other Section Accomplishments**

#### *Loaves & Fishes*

The PLS continued with its ongoing Loaves and Fishes meal preparation on the first Wednesday of even-numbered months. The meals are served at Holy Rosary Church in South Minneapolis. The traditional tater tot hot dish is prepared by PLS staff with a new menu (tacos) added this year for the June and August meals. Enough food is made to feed 250-300 people, many mothers and children. The cost is borne by the PLS and individual donors. Each meal is a collaborative effort between PLS members, friends of PLS, and the University of Wisconsin – Madison alumni. The PLS members and friends cook the meal and set up. The UW alumni serve the meal and clean up. Volunteers are always welcome!

#### *Habitat for Humanity Landscaping Project*

Members of the PLS met on Saturday, October 5 to do gardening and lawn work for a family in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. People who participated were Margaret Westin, Nancy Norman, Alexandra McWhorter, Whitney Brooke, and Jim Alexander. The cool and damp weather was perfect for planting, moving perennials, spreading mulch, and preparing a vegetable garden for spring planting. As a bonus, the volunteers were treated to a wonderful lunch prepared by the host family!

#### *Sponsor a Family*

The PLS participation in Sponsor a Family was a little different this year. Previously, PLS worked through Catholic Charities to find families to sponsor for the holidays through the purchase of gifts and gift cards. This year a separate non-profit was organized specifically for the purpose – Sponsor a Family MN. All of the sign up and communication was done electronically this year so the exact number of PLS members involved is not known. We do know that at least four families were sponsored by PLS members and that individual financial contributions were made.

#### *Donations*

The Section donated \$250 to the Andrew Fisher Memorial Foundation of the Pittsburgh Foundation to commemorate the memory of Mary Miller's son (Dr. Andrew Fisher) who died while trying to save the lives of others in the Pennsylvania Turnpike pile-up in December 2013.

**Submitted By:**  
**Margaret Westin & Lynn Belgea, Section Co-Chairs**