

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
May 2008**

**Committee Name:** Standing Committee on Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications

**Jurisdictional Statement:**

Shall assist members of the Bar and the public in improving the legal resources at libraries, legal publications, and methods of conducting legal research.

**Officers and Membership:**

Randy Foreman, Chair

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**Commissioner Liaison:**

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**Staff Liaison:**

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**2006-07 Meeting Schedule:**

May 12, 2007, Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones, Grand Rapids

August 11, 2007, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing

November 10, 2007, Ave Maria School of Law, Ann Arbor

February 9, 2008, Michael Francks Building, Lansing

### **Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan in Support of Committee Work:**

The State Bar reimbursed committee members for refreshments for our meetings. Sandra Barger, Sharon Barnes, Kristine Kowalski, Elizabeth Lyon, Heather Anderson, and Linda Novak have been extremely helpful in processing reimbursement for meeting refreshments; keeping us informed of public policy developments; updating the Committee roster; maintaining our web page project online (including tracking web hits); and assisting with editing and publication of Committee member articles in the *Michigan Bar Journal*.

### **Committee Activities:**

Committee members wrote a number of *Michigan Bar Journal* articles to help practitioners with research:

- Sources of Presidential Papers and Documents on the Web*, by Barb Garavaglia (June 2007)
- Research Resources for Michigan Paralegals*, by Barbara Goldman (July 2007)
- A "Top Ten" List of Online Tax Law Resources*, by Marjorie Gell (August 2007)
- ACES Internet Resources*, by TeLisa Owens (September 2007)
- Selected Online Sources for Valuing Estate Assets*, by Jane Edwards (October 2007)
- Print and Online Resources for Factual Investigation in connection with Real-Estate Transactions*, by Ruth Stevens (Nov 2007)
- Online Michigan Criminal Law Resources*, by Randy Davidson (Dec. 2007)
- Continuing Legal Education in Michigan*, by Randy Foreman (Jan. 2008)
- Research Resources for Michigan Appellate Practice*, by Barbara Bonge (Feb 2008)
- A Guide to Searching Cyberspace Law Online*, by Jennifer L. Selby (Mar 2008)
- Reading Guide to Issues in Lawyer Assistance Programs*, by Janice Selberg (May 2008)
- Practical Family Law Research Resources*, by Lance M. Werner (June 2008)

Committee members updated our Michigan Online Legal Self-Help Center web page project, designed to help Michigan citizens find legal resources and work better with their attorneys. Two new pages were added, one on Immigration and the other on Debt Relief. The web pages are online at:

<http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/selfhelp.cfm>

Under the direction of former Chair Randy Davidson the Committee worked on and submitted to the Board of Commissioners a proposed rule for electronic evidence.

### **Future Goals and Activities:**

At a minimum, Committee members plan to continue providing quality articles for publication in each theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*, relating to electronic legal research for the featured theme. We also plan to promote and update our Michigan Online Legal Self-Help Center web page; and monitor legislation and technology relating to the availability of legal resources to members of the Bar and the public.

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