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MEMORANDUM

To: State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners

From: John S. Gilbreath, JR., State Bar Commissioner

Date: May 10, 2005

Subject: Lawyers and Judges Assistance Committee

Annual Report

Officers of the Committee: Chair: John S. Gilbreath, Jr., Ypsilanti

Co-Chair: LeRoy C. Gough, Brighton

Committee Name: Standing special committee on Lawyers and Judges Assistance

<u>Jurisdictional Statement</u>: To deal with the issues associated with the lawyers assistance program, most specifically substance abuse and quality of life issues.

<u>Meeting Schedule</u>. The Committee meets every other month at the State Bar Building on the first Thursday of the month.

<u>Committee Activities</u>: Principally the committee is involved in outreach to make sure attorneys throughout the state of Michigan know about the services provided by the State Bar Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program. To this end we have 5 subcommittees dealing with various issues. They are: governmental liaison; staffing subcommittee; financing/funding sub-committee; judiciary liaison; public relations/mediaeducation sub-committee.

Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan in Support of Committee Work: The rooms available for our meetings, as well as a meal.

<u>Future Goals and Activities.</u> Future goals and activities include the continued expansion of our program with education. It is the purpose of the Committee to reassert itself as volunteers ready, willing, and able to work for the benefit of the state bar in toto.

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