

# UpFront

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## SBM Task Force Committees Begin Work

The State Bar of Michigan 21st Century Practice Task Force committees have begun examining how the State Bar can support attorneys and better protect the public in the face of rapid change. The three committees are Affordability of Legal Services: New Tools for Breaking Through the Access Barrier, Building a 21st Century Practice—Developing & Maintaining Professional Excellence in a Dynamic Marketplace, and Modernizing the Regulatory Machinery: Building Economic Resilience & Capacity in the Delivery of Legal Service. You can watch the task force's work and research unfold on Twitter using the hashtag #sbmfuturelaw. ■



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The task force's Building a 21st Century Practice Committee began its work on June 25 at the SBM Michael Franck Building in Lansing.

## SBM Board of Canvassers Validates 2015 Election Results



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Mary Chartier-Mittendorf, Kiffi Y. Ford, and Michael F. Matheson served on the SBM Board of Canvassers and verified 2015 SBM election results on June 25 in Lansing. To view the election results, see page 14.

## Lawyers for the Creative Economy Helps Michigan's Creative People

Creative Many Michigan, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering the creative economy in the state, has launched Lawyers for the Creative Economy. LCE connects creative people with volunteer attorneys to help them handle contracts, intellectual property issues, lease agreements, bankruptcy, real estate and landlord/tenant matters, insurance, taxes, labor relations, and more. It also provides professional development seminars to help creative people learn about areas of the law that affect them. To learn more about LCE, visit [www.creativemany.org](http://www.creativemany.org). To be added to LCE's distribution list, send an e-mail to [lce@creativemany.org](mailto:lce@creativemany.org). ■