

## 2017/2018 At the Capitol

The results of all Board and Assembly votes on proposals to support or oppose legislation will be posted on the State Bar website as soon as possible after the vote and published in the next *Michigan Bar Journal*. A comprehensive list of all State Bar positions can be found on the website at [www.michbar.org/publicpolicy/home](http://www.michbar.org/publicpolicy/home).

The vote by which the position on a bill was adopted will be listed, if not unanimous. Any member who would like more information concerning the rationale for positions taken can refer to the website at [www.michbar.org/publicpolicy/home](http://www.michbar.org/publicpolicy/home) or contact Peter Cunningham at the State Bar of Michigan, 306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933-2012, (800) 968-1442. For the most current status information, visit [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org).

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**HB 4666** (Runestad) Civil procedure: service of process. Civil procedure; service of process; provisions relating to service of process; amend. Amends sec. 1910 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.1910).

POSITION: Oppose

**SB 0385** (Stamas) Occupations: collection practices; Occupations: attorneys; Consumer credit: collection practices. Occupations; collection practices; engagement of staff attorneys by licensed debt collection agencies; allow. Amends sec. 915a of 1980 PA 299 (339.915a).

POSITION: Oppose

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## In the Hall of Justice

**Proposed Amendment of Rules 8.110 and 8.111 of the Michigan Court Rules (ADM File No. 2015-20)**—Chief Judge Rule; Assignment of Cases (See *Michigan Bar Journal* August 2017, p 71.)

**STATUS: Comment Period Expired 10/1/17;**

**Public Hearing to Be Scheduled**

POSITION: Oppose

**Proposed Amendment of Canon 4(E)(4(a) and (c) of the Code of Judicial Conduct (ADM File No. 2017-04)**—A Judge May Engage in Extrajudicial Activities (See *Michigan Bar Journal* August 2017, p 70.)

**STATUS: Comment Period Expired 10/1/17;**

**Public Hearing to Be Scheduled**

POSITION: Support

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## Model Criminal Jury Instructions

**M Crim JI 5.14**—Support Persons or Animals (See *Michigan Bar Journal* June 2017, p 84.)

**STATUS: Comment Period Expired 10/1/17**

POSITION: Support

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## Michigan Indigent Defense Commission

**Proposed Standards 5.** Independence from the Judiciary

**STATUS: Comment Period Expires 10/6/17**

POSITION: Support the standard with amendment to make it clear that the court has the obligation and responsibility to rule on the defense's request on the use of investigators and/or experts in accordance with Michigan law.

**Proposed Standards 6.** Indigent Defense Workloads (<http://michiganidc.gov/standards/>)

**STATUS: Comment Period Expires 10/6/17**

POSITION: Support the standard with the proviso that the interim standard is presumptive not absolute.

**Proposed Standards 7.** Qualification and Review (<http://michiganidc.gov/standards/>)

**STATUS: Comment Period Expires 10/6/17**

POSITION: Support the standard with an amendment that "equivalent experience and ability to demonstrate similar skills" be extended to high-severity felony cases and life offense cases.