

Special Committee on Modernizing the Regulatory Machinery (220000S3)

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Jurisdiction: Building Economic Resilience and Capacity in the Delivery of Legal Services

- Examine the current and future capacity of Michigan's attorney regulatory agencies to assess, advance, and enforce professional standards in light of the virtual marketplace for legal services.
- Make recommendations concerning legal preparation, law school admissions, education, standards, testing of candidates for admission to the bar, and successful entry to the practice of law in Michigan.
- Identify action needed to advance existing Michigan strategies and innovations
- Advance discussion and make recommendations on selected topics that have been raised nationally but not resolved in Michigan, such as:
 - o expanding certification programs for specialty practice areas
 - o licensing of foreign (non-U.S.) attorneys and specialty non-J.D. legal service delivery providers (e.g., project management, paraprofessional services)
 - o alternative business structures for law firms
- Identify what existing SBM or other entities might be asked to address a particular topic or partner in examination of issues during the work of the Task Force or in the future.

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