

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2009-2010 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
Civil Procedure and Courts Committee

Committee Name: Civil Procedure and Courts

Jurisdiction: Review proposed court rules and statutes related to civil practice in the courts and make recommendations concerning improvements in the administration, organization, and operation of Michigan state courts

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
In Person Meeting	Saturday, February 27, 2010	Bloomfield Hills, MI
In Person Meeting	Saturday, April 17, 2010	Bloomfield Hills, MI

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A meeting by telephone conference call is also planned for late June 2010. And after the 2008-2009 annual report was submitted, the Committee conducted a meeting by telephone conference call on June 25, 2009.

Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work: The committee receives staff support from Elizabeth Lyon and Carrie Sharlow. The State Bar covers meeting refreshments. Bar staff provided information regarding actions by the Board of Commissioners and Representative Assembly and the status of pending legislation; circulated meeting materials and notices (both in hard copy and by email) and arranged for conference call participation for members who could not attend meetings in person.

Committee Activities: The Committee reviewed and discussed 6 legislative proposals (some involving multiple bills); a proposed Supreme Court Administrative order; and two proposals by other State Bar groups that may ultimately result in legislative or court rule proposals. The Committee worked on three court rule proposals suggested by its members, though proposed amendments have not been finalized.

On February 16, 2010, the Supreme Court adopted amendments to MCR 2.112 and 2.118 based on a proposal developed by the Committee in response to an earlier publication for comment of proposed rule amendments by the Court. The Committee position had been adopted by the Board of Commissioners and transmitted to the Supreme Court by the State Bar.

Future Goals and Activities: The Committee expects to continue to review proposed rule amendments and legislation and to both initiate and further develop its own proposals.