

State Bar of Michigan | 2016-2017 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Article VI § 6, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

No later than May 1 of each year, the chair of each committee and sub entity of the Bar, with the assistance of the staff liaison, shall report to the Executive Director on a form provided by the State Bar on the activities and accomplishments of the committee or sub entity.

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:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding Committee meetings as an addendum.

**Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	5/14/16	Troy, Michigan
Description		
Meeting Type Specially scheduled meeting to discuss item in advance of Board	10/25/16	Teleconference
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Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	1/21/17	Troy, Michigan
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The Civil Procedure & Courts Committee receives the following support from State Bar of Michigan (SBM):

- Financial support is provided in the SBM budget under Governmental Relations. SBM provides the teleconference details, as well as meeting refreshments for in-person meetings.
- Governmental Relations staff provides administrative support for the Committee, including polling for meeting dates and times and scheduling meetings, drafting agendas and meeting minutes, compiling a printed agenda book for the meetings, and circulating materials.
- Staff refer relevant legislation and proposed court rule amendments to the Committee for its review and consideration. The agenda book for meetings includes staff research on the items, along with background materials and information to assist in the Committee's discuss.
- Staff assist in drafting the Committee's public policy position statements for consideration by the SBM Board of Commissioners.

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Committee Activities:

Civil Procedure and Courts Committee is comprised of dedicated leaders of the law in diverse practice settings and areas. These members meet on Saturdays for two hours in Troy, and most travel the distance to be there in person. Committees members come prepared and with additional materials.

Over the course of three meetings, the Committee discussed eleven proposed court rule amendments and one piece of legislation.

The Committee regularly offers recommendations on proposed court rule amendments published by the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Committee's recommendations are frequently adopted by the SBM Board of Commissioners.

For example, the Committee recommended two specific amendments to ADM File No. 2015-02, both of which were expressly mentioned in the State Bar's letter to the Court.

After discussing ADM File No. 2016-40 at its January meeting, the Committee formed a subcommittee to discuss the amendments to MCR 2.625 and 3.101 in great detail and provided a five page memo for consideration by the Board of Commissioners. This detailed recommendation was adopted by the Board as the official position of the State Bar.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee will continue reviewing proposed court rule amendments and legislation that fall under its jurisdiction. As the need and opportunity arises, the Committee may proposed new court rule amendments for presentation before the Representative Assembly.

Other Information:

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair		
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		
Other		

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