

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.

Justice Initiatives: Equal Access Initiative

Jurisdiction: Develops policies and programs to benefit underserved populations, including those with special needs, cognitive disabilities, and juveniles.

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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 EAI teleconference	11/3/2017	
Description	Meeting discussed calendar issues, successful Face of Justice Program, workgroups and possible other programs for the year.	
Meeting Type EAI teleconference	1/5/2017	
Description	Touched base with workgroups on next steps needed by them. Discussed committee setup and composition. Brainstormed other ideas for the year and discussed collaboration with CII for a program.	
Meeting Type EAI teleconference	3/2/2017	
Description	Discussed annual meeting program opportunities for the underrepresented groups workgroup. Update on Disability Newsletters. Reviewed all the workgroups for newer members.	
Meeting Type In person	5/11/17	SBM
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

Staff provides an annual budget and support for meetings and events. Resources and staff time are allocated for programs including the Face of Justice, and collaborations like the Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Convictions program. Members of the committee receive assistance with workgroup tasks, sharing and promoting relevant equal justice events and promoting the work of the Equal Access Initiative at other appropriate opportunities.

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Committee Activities:

The work of the EAI is done by workgroups.

The Disabilities workgroup is focused on issues that impact lawyers with disabilities and those representing people with disabilities. The work that has been done over several years on school to prison pipeline informed the program with CII on juvenile convictions that was held in Berrien county.

The Juvenile Outreach workgroup provided planning and developed content for the Face of Justice program that offered over 70 Lansing area high school students the opportunity to meet with lawyers, legal professional and law enforcement professionals at the Hall of Justice and tour the Learning Center, the court of appeals and experience mentoring.

The Underrepresented groups workgroup is currently working to develop programming focused on the issues surrounding jury pool diversity.

Future Goals and Activities:

The collaboration with CII is designed to be a "roadshow" so other opportunities to present the information across the state will be explored.

The Face of Justice program is also planned to be replicated in other areas of the state. Currently the group is exploring options including Flint and Detroit.

An Annual Meeting program is planned to address legal matters facing Middle Eastern communities and the EAI will collaborate with the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee to develop the event.

The Underrepresented Groups workgroup is hoping to have a program on the issues surrounding jury pool diversity will likely be in the Fall of 2017.

Other Information:

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