

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2014-2015 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 subentity 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 subentity.

Committee Name:

Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications

Jurisdiction:

Assist in improving the legal resources at libraries, legal publications, and methods of conducting legal research.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Kincaid C. Brown	801 Monroe St Ofc S-110E Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1210	(734) 647-1529	kcb@umich.edu
State Bar Liaison	Lynn P. Ingram	306 Townsend St Lansing, MI 48933-2012	(517) 346-6347	lingram@mail.michbar.org

Member/Advisor/Other	Member/Advisor/Other
Nancy Loukus Ballast	Joseph Anthony Novak
Bernadette Bartlett	Ryan C. Painter
Jan Bissett	Marilyn Friedman Preston
Kimberly A. Breitmeyer	Janice K. Selberg
Geraldine Anne Brown	Heather J E Simmons
Kincaid C. Brown	Ruth S. Stevens
Marlene W. Coir	Virginia C. Thomas
Randy E. Davidson	George E. Ward
Barbara H. Garavaglia	Thomas H. Weiss
Barbara H. Goldman	Lance M. Werner
Laura Mancini	Erica Lynne Zimny
Audra Rose McClure	

Committee Meeting Schedule:

Please describe the meeting type and purpose, including the date, time and location. Any additional information required should be attached as an addendum.

Regular Meeting, October 18, 2014, Michael Franck Bldg., Lansing
Virtual Meeting, February 14, 2015

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2014-2015 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Regular Meeting, June 6, 2015, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor

Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

Use of meeting room for the October meeting for the year, provision of continental breakfast for the onsite meeting, provision of IT support for the onsite meeting, staff assistance with arrangements, staff assistance with updating the Committee web page and the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center.

Committee Activities:

Members and Committee advisors write a monthly column in the MBJ supporting legal research based on the theme of the monthly issue. Article written in the past year include:

May 2014: Marlene Coir, "The John F. Dodge Estate: A Chapter in Probate History"

June 2014: No article

July 2014: Ruth S. Stevens, "Using Google for Legal Research"

August 2014: Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, "Fishing with the Crowd: Catch and Release?"

September 2014: Virginia C. Thomas and William W. LeFevre, "Researching Environmental Justice: A Conversation"

October 2014: Marlene Coir and Virginia C. Thomas, "UELMA: The Uniform Electronic Material Act"

November 2014: Janice Selberg, "The Passage of the Elder Justice Act"

December 2014: Heather J. E. Simmons and Steven J. Cernak, "A Conversation About Antitrust: What Michigan Practitioners Must Know"

January 2015: Ryan K. Seale, "Resources in Social Security Cases"

February 2015: Marlene W. Coir and Laura Mancini, "Assisting Veterans and Active Military Personnel with Benefit Claims and Other Legal Matters"

March 2015: No article

April 2015: Bernadette Bartlett, Directory Issue

The Committee updated and made revisions to the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center and added a section on Employment Law. A section on Veterans' Law is in process.

This year, the Committee has been gathering information and discussing the lack of availability of ICLE e-books to libraries as well as continuing our discussion of UELMA (Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act).

Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee is concerned with the lack of access to ICLE e-books to libraries. The Committee believes that these are important works that should be more available to solo practitioners than they currently are and we will continue discuss how the Committee might be involved in helping to increase access.

The Committee is concerned with the transition of primary legal documents and information to electronic-only formats. We will continue to discuss UELMA and possible steps the Committee might be involved with that can help to maintain the availability of

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2014-2015 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

legal information.

The Committee will continue to update the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center.

The Committee will continue to write a monthly column for the Michigan Bar Journal.

Other Information:

None.