

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2015-2016 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:

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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, November 21, 2015, Michael Franck Bldg., Lansing

Virtual Meeting, February 27, 2016

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

Use of meeting room for the November 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. Articles written in the past year include:

May 2015: Jan Bissett & Margi Heinen, “The Shoulders on Which We Stand”

June 2015: Kim Breitmeyer, “Removing “Bureaucratse” from Government Agency Documents and Orders”

July 2015: Kincaid C. Brown, “Michigan Craft Beer Legislation”

August 2015: Heather J. E. Simmons, “Practical Magic: How the Ancient Art of Storytelling Can Make Us Better Lawyers”

September 2015: No article

October 2015: Janice Selberg, “The 1972 No-Fault Act: Revisiting the Literature”

November 2015: Jan Bissett & Margi Heinen, “Accurately Instructed in the Law”

December 2015: Ryan Painter, “The Drones Have Arrived: Now What?”

January 2016: Randy E. Davidson, “Michigan Appellate Practice Resources”

February 2016: No article

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 Veterans’ Law.

This year, the Committee completed gathering information and discussing the lack of availability of ICLE e-books to libraries and wrote a letter to ICLE requesting discussion on this issue. The Committee also continued our discussion of UELMA (Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act).

Future Goals and Activities:

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 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.

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Other Information:

None.