

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2011-2012 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:** Civil Procedure and Courts Committee

**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.

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Committee Meeting	November 5, 2011	Dickinson Wright (Troy office)
Committee Meeting	February 18, 2012	Dickinson Wright (Troy office)

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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:** The committee received staff support from Elizabeth Lyon, Carrie Sharlow, and Janeice Morrow. The State Bar coordinated meeting times, invites to the members, prepared and circulated (via hard copy, email, and portal access) the agenda and related materials included in a meeting book, provided meeting refreshments, and prepared minutes for review. Arrangements were made by the Bar staff for conference call participation for those that could not attend in person. Bar staff provided information regarding actions by the Board of Commissioners and the Representative Assembly and the status of pending legislation and proposals before the Supreme Court.

**Committee Activities:** The Committee reviewed and discussed nine Supreme Court rule proposals and submitted public policy positions on six of them. These were considered by the Board of Commissioners or the Executive Committee.

Additionally, the Committee reviewed and discussed five Senate Bill proposals and four House Bill proposals and submitted public policy positions on three of the Senate Bill proposals and one House Bill proposal. In five of the cases, the governing bodies of the State Bar referenced the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee's position and comments in the official position letter to the Court.

The Committee withdrew from the Representative Assembly consideration of a proposal to change the dates of the Michigan Supreme Court terms.

**Future Goals and Activities:** The Committee expects to continue to review proposed court rule amendments and legislation and to both initiate and further develop its own proposals. The Committee has also discussed the formation of a subcommittee to assess the case evaluation study for Alternative Dispute Resolution and determine whether any rules changes should be recommended.