

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2012-2013 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 & 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.

**Chair(s) and Committee Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Daniel D. Quick	Dickinson Wright PLLC; 2600 W. Big Beaver Rd Ste 300; Troy, MI 48084-3323	248.433.7242	<a href="mailto:dquick@dickinsonwright.com">dquick@dickinsonwright.com</a>
Staff Liaison	Peter Cunningham	State Bar of Michigan; 306 Townsend St.; Lansing, MI 48933-2012	517.346.6325	<a href="mailto:pcunningham@mail.michbar.org">pcunningham@mail.michbar.org</a>

Member/Advisor/Other	Member/Advisor/Other
Thomas H. Bannigan, Member	Joey Scott Niskar, Advisor
Richard D. Bisio, Member	Daniel D. Quick, Chair
Hon. Rae Lee Chabot, Member	Gary R. Peterson, Member
Sean F. Crotty, Member	Karen H. Safran, Member
Pamela C. Dausman, Member	Alan R. Sullivan, Advisor
Robert J. Ehrenberg, Member	George M. Strander, Member
Lori J. Frank, Member	Matthew Arthur Tarrant, Member
Maureen Hannon Kinsella, Member	Victoria A. Valentine, Advisor
Hon. David M. Lawson, Member	Randy J. Wallace, Member
Sean P. McNally, Member	Peter H. Webster, Advisor
Martha D. Moore, Member	

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2012-2013 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Teleconference Meeting	May 23, 2012	Teleconference
Teleconference Meeting	July 12, 2012	Teleconference
In Person Meeting	October 13, 2012	Troy, MI
In Person Meeting	March 2, 2013	Troy, MI

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

The committee receives staff support from Peter Cunningham and Carrie Sharlow. The State Bar coordinates meeting times, invites to the members, prepares and circulates (via hard copy, email, and portal access) the agenda and related materials included in a meeting book, provides meeting refreshments, and prepares minutes for review. Arrangements are made by the Bar staff for conference call participation for those that cannot attend in person. Bar staff provides 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 discussed twenty-eight public policy items over four meetings and offered twenty recommendations to both the Board of Commissioners and the Representative Assembly. The committee coordinated efforts with other entities of the State Bar, including the Probate and Estate Planning Section, the Business Law Section, and SBM staff, including the executive director on developing positions on legislation and court rule amendments.

**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.