

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2008-2009 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:** Standing/Special Committee on Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program

**Jurisdiction:**

Recommend and support programs that provide assistance to lawyers and judges faced with personal and professional problems related to substance use, mental health, and stress.

Review and make recommendations concerning proposed statutes and court rules affecting assistance to lawyers and judges faced with personal and professional problems related to substance use, mental health, and stress.

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

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Nancy A. Werner	Member		
Richard Steinberg	Member (Deceased)		

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
	October 2, 2008	State Bar Hudson Room
	December 4, 2008	State Bar Hudson Room
	February 5, 2009	State Bar Hudson Room
	April 2, 2009	State Bar Hudson Room
	June 4, 2009	State Bar Hudson Room
	December 3, 2009	State Bar Hudson Room

**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:** Staff time, meals, meeting facilities, technological support.

**Committee Activities:** Supporting program Administrator, LJAP staff, and volunteers in outreach and educational efforts to Lawyers, Judges, and Law Students, with regard to substance use, mental health, and general wellness, statewide. Supporting/advising Program Administrator and LJAP staff in oversight and facilitation of LJAP daily program functions as well as budgetary concerns.

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**Future Goals and Activities:**

- 1.) Continue to act in a supportive/advisory capacity with regard to aforementioned educational and outreach activities. (e.g. monthly submissions for “Practicing Wellness” column in Bar Journal” )
- 2.) Expand on/improve the quality of existing resources specific to attorney and student monitoring, mature lawyers, judicial outreach, and law students.(e.g. Program Administrator’s continued participation in Supreme Court Judicial Outreach Initiative and development of related resources and activities)
- 3.) Expand on/improve existing services pertaining to wellness in the general legal population, including but not limited to stress management.(e.g. “Lawyers helping Lawyers” Chat Room, in cooperation with SBOM Publications Dept.)
- 4.) To continue to work cooperatively with the PMRC and Publications Department toward development of programming and resources tailored to meet the needs of the specific groups within the legal culture, as identified above. (e.g. Development of materials, resources, and programming designed to assist in facilitation of healthy transitioning for mature attorneys, in cooperation with PMRC and SBOM Senior Lawyer’s Initiative subcommittee)

**Other Information:** LJAP is currently planning their second annual major outreach and fund-raising activity in cooperation with Brighton Hospital. “An Evening of Enlightenment”, with key note speaker, William Cope Moyers, is to be held on April 15, 2010.

LJAP is seeking to increase staffing in the upcoming year in anticipation of expanded services to the general population in addition to assessment, counseling, and monitoring services, for which referrals continue to increase.