

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2010-2011 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: Lawyers and Judges Assistance

Jurisdiction: Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Thomas Harp (member)	Dawn Lemon (resigned)
J. Paul Janes (member)	
Benjamin Symko (member)	
Joelynn Stokes (member)	
Hon. Roy G. Meink (member)	

Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
LJAC Meeting	October 14, 2010	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	December 2, 2010	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	March 10, 2011 (make up for Feb Meeting)	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	April 7, 2011	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	June 2, 2011	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	August 4, 2011	SBOM, Hudson Room

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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.

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.) Continue to engage in creative outreach to law school Deans, Judges and probation officers in an effort to attract more direct referrals for the LJAP assessment and monitoring services.

4.) Expand on/improve existing services pertaining to wellness in the general legal population, including but not limited to stress management, (e.g. continued development of video-taped web/streaming of “Wellness Bytes” to be posted to LJAP website for member access)

5.) 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:

LJAC is currently planning their fourth annual major outreach and fund-raising activity in cooperation with Brighton Hospital. “An Evening of Enlightenment” for April 2012. This fundraiser supports the LJAP/Brighton Hospital Richard Steinberg memorial Treatment Fund, which offers financial assistance to help pay for treatment and related expenses for lawyers who might otherwise be unable to access needed care due to financial constraints.

LJAC, in cooperation with the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (COLAP) , Is also in the early planning stages of the National COLAP Annual Meeting, to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan in October of 2012. SBOM LJAC/LJAP is honored to host this important and prestigious 2012 event.

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