

**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:

Eyewitness Identification Task Force

Jurisdiction:

Make recommendations concerning legislative, court rule, and funding changes that improve eyewitness identification procedures to reduce false arrests and wrongful convictions.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Task Force Meeting	February 1, 2012	Teleconference State Bar of Michigan
Task Force Meeting	March 14, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Task Force Meeting	May 3, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Task Force Meeting	June 20, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Task Force Meeting	August 15, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Law Enforcement Best Practices Subcommittee	September 6, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Legislative Exploratory Subcommittee	September 7, 2012	State Bar of Michigan Judicial Conference
Law Enforcement Best Practices Subcommittee	October 4, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Prosecutor Best Practices Subcommittee	October 16, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Law Enforcement Best Practices Subcommittee	November 14, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Prosecutor Best Practices Subcommittee	November 28, 2012	State Bar of Michigan
Task Force Meeting	December 11, 2012	Teleconference
Task Force Meeting	January 15, 2013	State Bar of Michigan
Task Force Meeting	February 19, 2013	State Bar of Michigan
Task Force Meeting	March 21, 2013	Teleconference

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

The committee received staff support from Peter Cunningham and Janeice Morrow. The State Bar covered meeting expenses.

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Committee Activities:

The Task Force examined the latest scientific studies on eyewitness identification and the eyewitness identification policies of other states and jurisdictions, including relevant court cases. In addition, the Task Force brought in experts in the field of eyewitness identification to present to the group and invited guests in criminal justice community.

The Task Force produced two reports:

- 1) Law Enforcement and Eyewitness Identifications: A Policy Writing Guide
- 2) Prosecutor Eyewitness Identification Training Guide

The first report was presented to the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and is now being incorporated by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards into their training materials for Michigan law enforcement. The second report is being incorporated into the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan's training of prosecutors across the state. Both reports were presented to MJA on March 19th.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Task Force is working on recommendations of jury instructions to submit to the Criminal Jury Instruction Committee. Work is expected to conclude by the end of the current Bar year.