

**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:** Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications Committee

**Jurisdiction:** Assist in improving the legal resources at libraries, legal publications, and methods of conducting legal research.

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>October 1, 2011</b>	<b>Michael Franck Building, Lansing</b>
<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>January 21, 2012</b>	<b>Michael Franck Building, Lansing</b>
<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>May 5, 2012</b>	<b>Michael Franck Building, Lansing</b>

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

**Use of meeting room for our quarterly meetings, provision of continental breakfast, staff assistance for our meetings and committee self-help website.**

**Committee Activities:**

Members and Committee advisors write a monthly column in the MBJ supporting legal research based on the theme of the monthly issue. Articles written in the past year include:

June 2011: Bernadette Bartlett, *Occupational Licensing and Regulation in Public Health*.

July 2011: Kincaid C. Brown, *Make Your Life Easier: Free Online Productivity Tools and Resources*.

August 2011: Jennifer J. Schafer, *Protecting the Story of a Lifetime: Estate Planning Resources*.

September 2011: Ruth S. Stevens, *Domestic Violence Research Resources for Michigan Attorneys*.

October 2011: Marlene Coir, *Pro Bono and Access to Justice in America: A Few Historical Markers*.

November 2011: Scott M. Grammer and Lance M Werner, *Section 106: Taking Into Account the Effect of Federal Undertakings on Historical Properties*.

December 2011: Marlene Coir, *The Courtroom as the Stage: A Selection of Michigan Legal Fiction*.

January 2012: Laura Mancini, *The Changing Face of the Legal Profession: Diversity Resources*.

February 2012: Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, *Are You Occupied by Dodd-Frank?*

March 2012: No article.

April 2012: Barbara Bonge, Directory Issue.

May 2012: Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, *Here's that Court Rule, Your Honor-on my Kindle (Nook, iPhone, iPad)*.

The Committee hosted a presentation at their October meeting by Linda K. Rexer, Executive Director of the Michigan Bar Foundation, and co-chair of the Michigan Supreme Court's Solutions on Self-Help Task Force.

The Committee's Online Legal Help Center (<http://michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/selfhelp.cfm>) webpage on the Michbar website was edited and revised over the summer of 2011. Corrections recommended by Committee members were sent to the State Bar IT staff for correction in August.

Diane Ebersole of the SBM's Practice Management Resource Center gave a presentation at the Committee's January 2012 meeting. The SBM's SharePoint portal was introduced. The Committee is committed to using the portal for communications and document storage and sharing.

Our advisory member, Laura Mancini, presented an update at our May meeting on the progress of the SOS Task Force, of which she is also a member. This was a most encouraging presentation. Committee members were impressed by the pilot self-help portal and support that is being developed by the Task Force.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

Once again this year, the Committee is particularly concerned with the transition of primary legal documents and information to electronic-only formats and the need to monitor trends in Michigan and elsewhere. A sub-committee will be formed this year to report on these issues.

The Committee will continue to update the Michigan Online Legal Help Center.

The Committee will continue to write a monthly column for the Michigan Bar Journal.

**Other Information:**

None