

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2009-2010 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 Committee on Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications

**Jurisdiction:** Shall assist members of the Bar and the public in improving the legal resources at libraries, legal publications, and methods of conducting legal research.

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

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G. Ann Baker - Member	Jan Bissett – Advisor
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Janice Selberg - Member	Byron Cooper - Advisor
Ruth Stevens - Member	Barbara Garavaglia - Advisor
Randy Davidson - Member	Laura Mancini - Advisor
Jane Edwards - Member	Virginia Thomas - Advisor
Paul Edwards - Member	Kathryn Vance - Advisor
Jennifer Selby – Member (resigned)	Christopher Carr - Advisor
Marjorie Gell - Member	Bernadette Bartlett - Advisor
Kincaid Brown – Member (replaced J. Selby)	
Barbara Goldman - Member	
Daniel Kopka - Member	
Marilyn Preston - Member	
Marlene Coir - Member	
Lance Werner - Member	
Heather Simmons - Member	

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Regular meeting	Aug 29, 2009	Arthur Neef law Library at Wayne State University, Detroit
Regular meeting	Dec 12, 2009	Michael Franks Building, Lansing
Regular meeting	April 17, 2010	Thomas Cooley Law School Library, Ann Arbor, MI.

**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:** The State Bar pays for our breakfasts for our meetings. Cost is usually \$50-75 three times per year.

**Committee Activities:** We meet 3 times annually. We have a set of legal self-help web pages hosted on the State Bar's web site. We also write an article for each edition of the Michigan Bar Journal.

This year we wrote 11 articles for our monthly column in the Michigan Bar Journal, plus we do the law library information for the April Directory issue.

We continue to monitor the status of primary legal documents, as they increasingly become available only on-line – and then often with disclaimers about their accuracy.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

- 1) We will continue to update and add new and relevant web pages to our Self-Help site located at <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/selfhelp.cfm>
- 2) We will continue to write our monthly article in the Michigan Bar Journal
- 3) We look forward to working more closely with the Gates Foundation and the Pro-Bono Librarians sub-committee of the Michigan Association of Law Librarians (MichALL). The Gates Foundation and the Pro-Bono Librarians committee are both committed to provide free access to legal resources to those persons who are unable to afford an attorney.

**Other Information:**