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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:** Law Related Education and Public Outreach

**Jurisdiction:** Make recommendations concerning programs advancing lay understanding of law and the legal profession, with particular emphasis on community programs. Develop a phased implementation process for the Spring 2009 Plan developed at the Law Related Education Summit, identifying measures of success for the plan and evaluating outcomes and communicating progress annually.

**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		
Meeting	Nov. 2, 2009	SBM Building in Lansing
Teleconference	Jan. 11, 2010	
Meeting	March 15, 2010	SBM Building in Lansing
Teleconference	May 10, 2010	

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

Monetary, organizational and administrative support is provided including the following:

Legal Milestones: work with volunteers to help determine and contact key players, field trip to determine milestone dedication and plaque placement site, coordinate event, edit letter to speakers, draft plaque text, order plaque, help decide placement, keep track of guest list, work on invitations and program details, speech for master of ceremonies, arrangements for food, beverages, audio equipment, publicity including videotaping of event, press release, article or blurb in the Bar Journal, arrange for photographs, Milestones on the web.

Law Day: coordinate Law Day Radio show, write speech for SBM president, work with Law Day Subcommittee chair to prepare invitations and programs related to Law Day events.

Constitution Day: Press releases as needed and other support.

Law Related Education Subcommittee: work with volunteers serving as work group chairs and advisors to implement goals of 2009 Spring Law Related Education Summit

**Committee Activities:**

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Through its newly constituted subcommittee structure, LRE-PO members continue to execute and improve upon a number of established SBM sponsored law related education and public outreach programs and its members continue to explore additional programming to support the objectives of the committee. The committee also continues its support of programs administered by other public outreach organizations by providing volunteer time and resources.

**SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

In August, the newly organized LRE-PO committee was expanded to approximately 40 members consisting of lawyers; the lawyers auxiliary, teachers, SBM staff members and other non-lawyer individuals involved with and interested in law related education activities. While the full LRE-PO committee only meets four times per year, each of the four subcommittees communicate and meet in between the full committee meetings to discuss issues specific to the respective subcommittee's Law Related Education and Public Outreach efforts.

In September, the Constitution Day subcommittee supported the efforts of many local bar associations and schools by creating the message, creating a timeline, developing materials and in organizing and running successful Constitution Day programs occurring across the state of Michigan. The committee sent correspondence to all local bars asking for input on how the SBM Constitution Day subcommittee can be of help and also for ideas for an upcoming March 2010 Bar Journal article on Constitution Day.

In January, photographs of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Legal Milestone honoring Poletown and Eminent Domain located in Hamtramck appeared in the Michigan Bar Journal.

In March, an article regarding Constitution Day efforts and activities was published in the Bar Journal. The subcommittee is already working on ideas for the theme of Constitution Day 2011.

In March, members of the committee supported the efforts of the Michigan Center for Civic Education by providing volunteers to judge high school student mock trial competitions across the State of Michigan.

In May, the Law Day subcommittee organized and conducted the annual Law Day luncheon for middle school students honoring essays written by the students and judged by volunteers, including those from the LRE-PO committee.

In May, the chair of the LRE-PO committee along with the SBM President, the SBM Executive Director and SBM Director of External Development appeared as guests on Michigan Talk Network's Michael Patrick Shiels show to discuss Law Day and other Law Related Education activities and events.

In June, the Michigan Legal Milestone subcommittee will organize the dedication ceremony and plaque placement for the 35th Michigan Legal Milestone highlighting "Elk, Oil, and the Environment". The dedication ceremony will be held at the "cabin" at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord and the plaque will be permanently located at the Otsego County Courthouse.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

The LRE-PO committee will continue to look at ways to improve its subcommittee structure by ensuring that each lawyer member and each non-lawyer member are actively involved in activities that support the overall goals of the LRE-PO committee. Using this subcommittee structure, the committee continues to review, expand, and support public outreach programs in support of the committee's purpose and objectives to (1) implement programming that advances non-lawyer

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understanding of the law and the legal profession, with a particular emphasis on educational and community programs; and (2) review existing LRE programs for uploading to an online database, review potential collaborative activities amongst lawyers and educators, review the best methods of communicating the Value of LRE, as well as implementing and utilizing a Evaluation Form to provide valuable input and feedback on LRE programming. Each of these efforts is aimed at developing a phased in process of implementing highly effective LRE programming.

**Other Information:**

Each of the subcommittee chairs and LRE work group chairs provide regular (typically quarterly) written reports related to the activities and progress of their respective subcommittees and work groups.