

**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:** 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. Make recommendations concerning programs advancing lay understanding of law and the legal profession, with particular emphasis on community programs.

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
In person meeting	Nov. 8, 2010	SBM
Teleconference	Jan. 10, 2011	
In person meeting	March 14, 2011	SBM
Teleconference	May 9, 2011	

**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 media opportunities including radio interviews for president and other State Bar leaders.

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 the 2009 Spring Law Related Education Summit.

LRE-PO page created on Facebook page and is updating the SBM website on all information connected with LRE-PO.

**Committee Activities:**

Through its four 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.

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The committee also continues its support of programs administered by other public outreach organizations by providing volunteer time and resources. 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.

**SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

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. Highlights of local Constitution Day programs were profiled in the UpFront pages of the October 2010 Michigan Bar Journal. The Chair of this subcommittee created a draft planning guide for use in planning a Constitution Day program, gave a power point presentation on the efforts of the Constitution Day subcommittee to the complete LRE-PO committee at the November 2010 meeting, and received approval of the state-wide Constitution Day themes for 2011 and 2012.

In December, the 34<sup>th</sup> Michigan Legal Milestone (Vincent Chin) was installed and prominently displayed in the median on Woodward Avenue at Nine Mile Road in Ferndale. SBM Executive Director Janet Welch and others spoke at the dedication that was very well attended and covered extensively in the print and TV media. In January, the Chair of this subcommittee gave a presentation on the efforts of the Michigan Legal Milestone subcommittee to the complete LRE-PO committee. The Michigan Legal Milestones program celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and will be dedicating the Milliken v Bradley case as the 36<sup>th</sup> milestone at the SBM annual meeting in September. The subcommittee and SBM staff are also working on updating the Milestone exhibit at the Supreme Court Learning Center, creating a geo-caching game linked to the Milestones using GPS technology, and collaborating with the Law Day subcommittee on joint efforts to promote LRE opportunities.

In March, the Chair and Advisor of the Law Related Education subcommittee, Chairs of the LRE work groups and members of the SBM staff gave a presentation on the efforts of the subcommittee including the gathering of links to an online clearing house of LRE websites, the creation of a SBM website dedicated to LRE, an overview of the plans to build Lawyer-Educator collaboration, and the plans to communicate the value of LRE. The LRE website is anticipated to be live and active by the end of 2011. Members of the LRE-PO committee also 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 and further discussions regarding the SBM involvement and role in this Mock Trial program are planned.

In May, the Chair of the Law Day subcommittee gave a presentation on the efforts of the subcommittee to revamp and reinvigorate annual Law Day activities and the subcommittee is working with SBM staff on a new, more inclusive format that will include all 83 counties in Michigan. In 2011, the annual Law Day essay contest and luncheon were suspended as the subcommittee worked on developing more interactive methods to reach middle and high school students and it is developing ideas to collaborate with other LRE-PO subcommittees and other organizations on public outreach initiatives.

The LRE-PO committee unanimously adopted the SBM Diversity Pledge and will be reviewing ways to ensure the pledge is put into action.

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**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 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.

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