

Special Committee on Delivery of Legal Services for All (300000)

As of October 1, 2017

- Jurisdiction: Develop and recommend proposals for the effective delivery of high quality legal services, equal, fair and affordable for all.
- This committee consists of three initiatives:
1. Access to Justice: Proactive Policy and Program Development
 - o Develop, recommend, and implement programs to benefit underserved populations including the poor, racial and ethnic minorities, gender identity, juveniles, domestic violence survivors, and those with special needs.
 - o Work to increase resources for civil legal aid programs.
 - o Maintain commitment to the provision of pro bono legal services.
 - o Recommend John W. Cumiskey Award recipient to the Awards Committee.
 - o Implement the Strategic Plan through formation of work groups as resources allow to address first responder pro bono, Michigan Free Legal Answers, online intake and triage, consistent treatment of fee waiver requests.
 2. Affordable Legal Services
 - o Review and recommend innovative practices to provide low-cost legal services and evaluate efforts to expand access to affordable legal services for persons of modest means, including low bono services.
 - o Explore development of non-profit law firms and sliding scale civil legal services.
 - o Evaluate and recommend programs to increase online dispute resolution and alternative dispute resolution services.
 - o Explore cases to remove from judicial process.
 - o Explore alternative fee agreements.
 3. Lawyer Referral Service
 - o Review and recommend programs to ensure knowledge of and access to lawyer referral services.
 - o Review and recommend information to help consumers understand options and access to legal services.
 - o Enhanced Directory/Online Marketplace.

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