

**STATE BAR COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES, LEGAL RESEARCH,  
& LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Minutes of November 5, 2005 Meeting  
Clark J. Adams-Philip Pratt Oakland County Law Library, Pontiac**

**Present:** Sue Adamczak, Ann Baker, Sharon Barnes, Jan Bissett, Barbara Bonge, Byron Cooper, Randy Davidson, Jane Edwards, Randy Foreman, Barb Garavaglia, Barbara Goldman, Jim Hogan, Daniel Kopka, TeLisa Owens, Jennifer Selby, Kathy Vance, and Dianne Zyskowski.

**Absent:** Georgia Clark, Kimberly Koscielniak, Roger Peters, Marilyn Preston, Ruth Stevens, Charles Toy, and Lance Werner.

Chair Randy Davidson called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

The Committee members present approved the minutes of the August 13, 2005 meeting, as corrected.

**Chair's Report:**

Randy provided copies of the following published Michigan Bar Journal articles by Committee members: *Employment Law Resources*, by Dan Kopka (August 2005); *Contract Law Resources*, by Ruth Stevens (September 2005); and *Beyond the Basics: Practical Information for Attorneys on the Internet*, by Dianne Zyskowski and Marilyn Preston (October 2005).

Randy provided an updated report from the State Bar on web hits for our Michigan Online Legal Self-Help Center. The report disclosed the following new statistics:

<b>Page</b>	<b>8/3/05 to 10/24/05</b>	
	<b>Views</b>	<b>Unique Visits</b>
Self-Help Center Home	2,013	2,600
Wills, Estate Planning, and Probate	690	550
Family Law	825	692
Probate and Estate Planning	223	209
Elder Law	435	353
Michigan Law Websites	383	352
Landlord-Tenant Law	529	407
Finding a Lawyer	474	422
Finding a Law Library	154	138

Committee member comments included inquiry into combining the line for Wills, Estate Planning, and Probate with the line on Probate and Estate Planning.

Randy also provided a copy of a class action complaint filed against Google claiming copyright infringement in the project to make the University of Michigan library collection available online. Jenny Selby reported that the project is still moving forward, despite the suit.

#### Old Business:

##### Web page project

TeLisa Owens presented a report on ways to improve the web hits to the link entitled "Finding a Lawyer." After discussion, those present recommended renaming the link "Getting Legal Help."

Sue Adamczak presented a proposed page with links on consumer protection law. After discussion, those present recommended submitting the page to the State Bar to be incorporated into our web page. The link on filing a complaint with the Better Business Bureau will appear under a separate heading from the link on filing a Federal complaint.

Sharon Barnes reported that Nancy Brown changed the name of our web page from the Michigan Online Legal Self Help Center to the Michigan Online Legal Help Center, in response to a complaint from an individual in Florida, claiming infringement of the phrase "self-help." After discussion, those present requested that Nancy restore the original name and forward details of the complaint for consideration at our next meeting. Members were skeptical that the Florida individual had a meritorious copyright and/or trademark infringement claim.

Jim Hogan will continue investigating adding podcasts to our page in the form of .WAV files containing 30-second introductions to the topics.

##### Committee Position on HB 4686

The members voted to table consideration of this bill until our next meeting, pending further review of the impact on implementation of the Records Reproduction Act, MCL 24.401 et seq.

#### New Business:

##### Committee Position on HB 5132

Those present discussed HB 5132 (link to bill: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/billintroduced/house/htm/2005-HIB-5132.htm>). Members were concerned that this bill had the same problems which led the Committee to recommend active opposition to HB 5390 (2003). There would no longer be a paper copy in the Library of Michigan of state agency documents once they are available on a website. The availability of online documents may not be consistent when internet sources are updated or changed.

Barb Garavaglia made a motion to recommend that the Board of Commissioners actively oppose the bill. Jenny Selby seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Sue Adamczak, Ann Baker, Randy Davidson, Jane Edwards, Barb Garavaglia, Barbara Goldman, Jim Hogan, Daniel Kopka, TeLisa Owens, and Jennifer Selby – (10); Voting No: None; Abstaining: None; Ineligible to vote: Sharon Barnes, Jan Bissett, Barb Bonge, Byron Cooper, Randy Foreman, Kathy Vance, and Dianne Zyskowski.

Round table on news and emerging issues:

Barb Bonge reported that Michigan Supreme Court orders are now available via free E-mail service (Link to press release: <http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Press/emailorders.pdf>.)

Byron Cooper informed us that University of Detroit Mercy is working on fundraising for renovating the Law School building.

Sue Adamczak reported on progress toward the appointment of a new State Librarian.

Barb Garavaglia reported that the University of Michigan Law Library's web page has a hot topic link to information on U.S. Supreme Court nominee Samuel A. Alito, Jr. (Link: <http://www.law.umich.edu/library/news/topics/alito/alitoindex.htm>).

Ann Baker mentioned several bills that would amend the Business Corporation Act: SB 298 (link: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-SB-0298>); SB 664-667 (links: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-SB-0664>; <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-SB-0665>; <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-SB-0666>; <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-SB-0667>); HB 5317 (link: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-HB-5317>); and HB 5322 (link: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=2005-HB-5322>).

Randy Foreman reported that Cooley Law School is working on ABA accreditation to offer a full curriculum at its branch campuses at Oakland University and Grand Rapids (link: <http://www.cooley.edu/branchcampuses/gr/plans.htm>).

Barb Goldman was recently appointed to the State Bar's Electronic Filing Task Force.

Dan Kopka reported that ICLE has revised its publication on Michigan courtroom evidence and will be making its print collection available online (Link: <http://www.icle.org/store/onlinealpha.cfm>).

Kathy Vance informed us that Lee Van Orsdel is the new library dean at Grand Valley State University.

Dianne Zyskowski reported that the Oakland County Law Library will partner with University of Detroit Mercy's mobile law office during circuit court motion calls from November 30-December 21, 2005.

Adjournment:

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 4, 2006 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon at Cooley Law School.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m., and we thanked our host, Dianne Zyskowski.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Davidson, Chair