

State Bar of Michigan  
Committee on Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications

Meeting Minutes  
Michael Franck Building, Lansing

October 18, 2014

**Present:** Bernadette Bartlett, Kimberly Breitmeyer, Geraldine Brown, Kincaid Brown, Jan Bissett, Marlene Coir, Randy Davidson, Laura Mancini, Joseph Novak, Ryan Painter, Janice Selberg, Ruth Stevens, George Ward, Tom Weiss, Erica Zimny

**By Phone:** Nancy Ballast, Barbara Goldman, Heather Simmons

**Excused:** Barbara Garavaglia, Lynn Ingram, Audra McClure, Virginia Thomas, Lance Werner

**Absent:** Marilyn Preston

Committee Chair, Kincaid Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

**Agenda Items**

1. Introductions

The Chair welcomed members of the 2014-2015 Committee in attendance (in person and by telephone). The members then introduced themselves.

2. Committee Business

a. The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 25, 2014 meeting. Marlene Coir offered a correction regarding the affiliation of Kieren Marion who she contacted regarding UELMA.

Minutes of the January 25, 2014 meeting were approved as amended.

b. The Chair reviewed themes and assignments for Michigan Bar Journal columns from July 2015 through January 2016. Members present volunteered for the four remaining columns and all slots are now filled. An updated assignment list is provided as an addendum to these minutes.

c. The Chair demonstrated how Committee members can access the Sharepoint portal on the State Bar website to access Committee documents.

d. The Chair asked for volunteers to review and update the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center pages. The Committee members who volunteered to update existing pages were:

Finding a Lawyer / Finding a Law Library / Researching Michigan Law / Michigan Law Websites (J. Bissett)

Consumer Protection Law (K. Breitmeyer)

Criminal Law (R. Davidson – he already reviewed the page and it is up to date)

Debt Relief (K. Brown)

Elder Law (G. Ward)

Family Law (L. Mancini)

Identity Theft (H. Simmons)

Immigration Law (R. Stevens)

Landlord/Tenant Law (E. Zimny)

Wills and Probate (M. Coir)

3. Discussion Topic 1: Mock-ups of content for new pages for Michigan Online Legal Resource Center

Ruth Stevens (Employment Law) and Laura Mancini (Veterans' Law) led the discussion regarding the draft content for the proposed pages. Committee members gave input especially in regard to important sub-topical areas for both the Employment and Veterans' Law areas. Ruth and Laura are going to re-organize their drafts accordingly and then we will work with the State Bar webmaster to get the new pages posted.

4. Discussion Topic 2: Library access to ICLE e-books

The Committee discussed ICLE's unwillingness to sell e-book access to libraries. The Committee agreed that this is an access to justice issue, especially for pro se litigants and the criminal defense bar, and that we should look into it. A number of Committee members are going to gather information for discussion at the January meeting with the plan to invite an ICLE representative to the May meeting for a discussion.

5. Updates

a. Marlene Coir gave an update on UELMA. UELMA laws were passed in four states since January and Marlene said that there is at least a drafted version of UELMA that is under consideration in Michigan. Marlene and Virginia Thomas also co-authored a column on UELMA for the most recent Michigan Bar Journal (October 2014).

b. Heather Simmons reported that AALL LISP-SIS (American Association of Law Libraries Legal Information Service to the Public Special Interest Section) is considering a name change to Access to Justice SIS and that comments can be send to Leslie Greenwood at [leslie.greenwood@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:leslie.greenwood@co.ramsey.mn.us).

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be a virtual meeting in January, followed by a May meeting in Ann Arbor. Kincaid Brown will survey the Committee on dates for the January meeting in December.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kincaid C. Brown  
Committee Chair