

**2005 BAR LEADERSHIP FORUM SURVEY
(FROM THE STATE BAR REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY¹)**



Approximately 81 individuals attended the 2005 Bar Leadership Forum.
71 individuals (88%) responded to the Representative Assembly Survey (**up 23% from last year**)

➤ **Knowledge of the Assembly**

- ⇒ 86% were aware of the Assembly and its purpose (**up 5% from last year**)
- ⇒ 66% knew (or knew of) the Representative from their Circuit (**up 1% from last year**)

➤ **Communication with the Assembly**

- ⇒ 25% had received information from their Representative (down 2% from last year)
- ⇒ 51% had received information from Assembly leadership (not surveyed last year)
- ⇒ 39% wanted a Representative to make a presentation to their respective organization (down 4% from last year)
- ⇒ 72% wanted to hear more from their representative via e-mail (not surveyed last year)
- ⇒ 23% wanted to hear more from their representative via newsletter (not surveyed last year)
- ⇒ 4% wanted to hear more from their representative via telephone (not surveyed last year)

➤ **Coordination with the Assembly**

- ⇒ 63% would like to work with the Assembly² (**up 39% from last year**)
- ⇒ 14% are working on policy issues relevant to the State Bar (**up 1% from last year**)

➤ **Policy issues to coordinate with Assembly or for Assembly to address:**

- ⇒ Judicial Independence
- ⇒ Education
- ⇒ Credentialing
- ⇒ UPL by CPA's
- ⇒ Disability Issues
- ⇒ Indigent Criminal Defense
- ⇒ Code of Judicial Conduct
- ⇒ Capacity of Sections to Contract with Third Parties Involving Intellectual Rights
- ⇒ Diversity
- ⇒ Access Issues
- ⇒ Sales tax on attorney fees
- ⇒ Court rules and proposed amendments
- ⇒ Local counsel required for out of state practitioners
- ⇒ Pending legislation
- ⇒ MRPC, MSILS
- ⇒ Change in Court Rules to Allow Students to work in private firms as representatives in court

➤ **Suggestions for better communication from the Assembly:**

- ⇒ Email Section Chairs, who will forward to their ListServe
- ⇒ Periodic Email Reports to Committees
- ⇒ Speak to Specialty Bars
- ⇒ Attend one section meeting
- ⇒ Work with the local bars as a vehicle of communication
- ⇒ Through the Representatives
- ⇒ Michigan Bar Journal
- ⇒ Mass e-mail

¹ The State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly is the final policy-making body of the State Bar, consisting of 142 elected representatives from throughout the State and 8 commissioner representatives who are the members of the executive committee of the Board of Commissioners. Examples of policy matters brought before the Assembly include: dues increases, judicial campaign solicitation limits, fee-sharing issues between lawyers and non-lawyers, First Amendment/permissible lawyer speech issues, appointment/election of appellate judge issues, court rules, ethics rules and sanction standards.

² ADR Committee, Grievance Commission, Real Property Law Section, D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, Wolverine Bar Association, Prisons and Corrections, Federal Bar Association, Family Law Section, General Practice Section, Law Student Section