

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Bar Year: 2013-2014

Section Name: Judicial Conference

Mission Statement: The purpose of this organization shall be to join all judges of courts of record into one group to improve the efficient administration of justice in the various courts of this State and to further the relationship between the Bench and the State Bar.

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The Judicial Conference affords a unique forum for judges from all courts, whether large or small, urban or rural, to discuss issues that affect the citizen users of Michigan Courts ranging from current court practices to pending legislation. Members of the Michigan Bar Association regularly attend council meetings providing valuable input and perspective on behalf of the practicing bar.

The section meets a minimum of four times a year with an effort to coordinate a meeting with the State Bar Annual meeting. Other meetings are ordinarily held at the State Bar Building in Lansing or in conjunction with other judicial association meetings.

Section meetings center on current court process, legislative activity, and bar issues as they may affect the operation of the court and the public users of the court. The ability of all courts to have this open discussion forum has helped implement new court processes occasioned by recent court reforms including judicial reductions, the

implementation of performance measures, and court consolidations. Other examples affecting the bar and the public include changes in indigent defense, preliminary hearings, and specialty courts to name only a few examples.

The section budget is solely funded by the State Bar. Judges are prohibited from fund raising.