

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2010-2011 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Name: Justice Policy Initiative

Jurisdiction: This group analyzes and recommends positions on proposed legislation, court rules, and other policies relevant to the Justice Initiatives.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding Committee meetings as an addendum.

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Teleconference	July 1, 2010	
Teleconference	July 13, 2010	
Teleconference	August 17, 2010	
In Person Meeting	October 18, 2010	State Bar of Michigan
Teleconference	January 12, 2011	
Teleconference	February 9, 2011	
Teleconference	March 2, 2011	
Teleconference	April 6, 2011	
Teleconference	May 4, 2011	
Teleconference	June 1, 2011	

Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The committee receives staff support from Elizabeth Lyon and Carrie Sharlow.

Committee Activities:

From July 1, 2010 to April 6, 2011, the Initiative reviewed 21 public policy items and provided nine positions that were subject for review by the Committee on Justice Initiatives before they were provided to the Board of Commissioners or Executive Committee.

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More Initiative positions on public policy items are expected before the end of the State Bar Fiscal Year due to upcoming meetings in May and June.

In 2009, the Initiative formed a subcommittee to focus on the issue of access to identification required for entry to buildings or courthouses where essential services are provided. The Identification Subcommittee drafted the "Proposed Resolution Supporting Equal Access to State-Issued Identification Documentation" that was provided to the Committee on Justice Initiatives for review. Upon the full committee's approval, the position paper went before the Representative Assembly (RA) at its September 30, 2010 meeting, where it was forwarded to the RA drafting committee for further revision. At its April 9, 2011 meeting, the RA adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the State Bar of Michigan shall adopt a position in favor of the implementation of procedures or administrative rules designed to ensure that, upon application and payment or waiver of any applicable fee, an official state personal identification card is issued to any Michigan resident who is "legally present" in the United States (as that term is defined in MCL 28.291), and who otherwise qualifies for the card.

Future Goals and Activities:

JPI would welcome more opportunities to participate in discussions about important policy positions with other bar entities.