

2003-2004 ANNUAL REPORT
Civil Procedure and Courts Committee
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

July 1, 2004

Committee Name: Civil Procedure and Courts Committee

Jurisdiction: Shall concern itself with court rules and statutes related to civil practice in the courts and with the administration, organization, and operation of the trial courts.

Officers and Membership:

Chair: Ronald S. Longhofer

Members: 15

Associate Members: 4

2003-04 Meeting Schedule (date and location):

November 15, 2003	State Bar building, Lansing
December 13, 2003	Olsman, Mueller & James, PC, Berkley
January 17, 2004	State Bar building, Lansing
February 21, 2004	Dickinson Wright, PLLC, Bloomfield Hills
March 20, 2004	Olsman, Mueller & James, PC, Berkley
June 19, 2004	State Bar building, Lansing

Committee Activities:

- **Positions Taken On Proposed Legislation**
 - SB 689 (medical malpractice affidavit of noninvolvement): OPPOSED.
 - SB690 (medical malpractice statute of limitations): OPPOSED.
 - SB 692 (medical malpractice statute of limitations): SUPPORTED.
 - SB 691 (medical malpractice affidavit of meritorious defense): OPPOSED in current form.
 - HB 4810 (case evaluation sanctions): OPPOSED.
 - HB 5338 (medical malpractice affidavit of merit): SUPPORTED.
 - HB 5403 (increase Small Claims Court jurisdiction to \$10,000): SUPPORTED.
 - SB 990 (statute of limitations): SUPPORTED.

- SB 941 (removal to district court): SUPPORTED, with modification.
- HB 5381 (new Chapter 28 to Revised Judicature Act for judgment liens): OPPOSED.
- SB 932 (child custody jurisdiction): OPPOSED.
- **Positions Taken on Proposed Court Rules and Administrative Orders**
 - MSC Administrative File No. 2003-47 (inactive asbestos docketing system): OPPOSED.
 - Amendment of MCR 5.125 (persons interested in account of fiduciary): OPPOSED.
- **Court Rules Changes Proposed by Committee**
 - Amendment of MCR 3.602 (arbitration)
- **Matters Under Consideration by Committee**
 - Amendment to MCR 2.403 (case evaluation)
 - HB 5912 (exempt veterans from jury duty)
 - ADM File No. 2002-34 (delay reduction in the Court of Appeals)

Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan in Support of Committee Work:

The bar provided meeting space for committee meetings, circulated meeting materials and notices (both in hard copy and by email), and arranged for conference call participation for members who could not attend meetings in person.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee is continuing to work on the pending matters listed above, and expects to continue both to review proposed rule amendments and legislation, and to initiate its own proposals.

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