



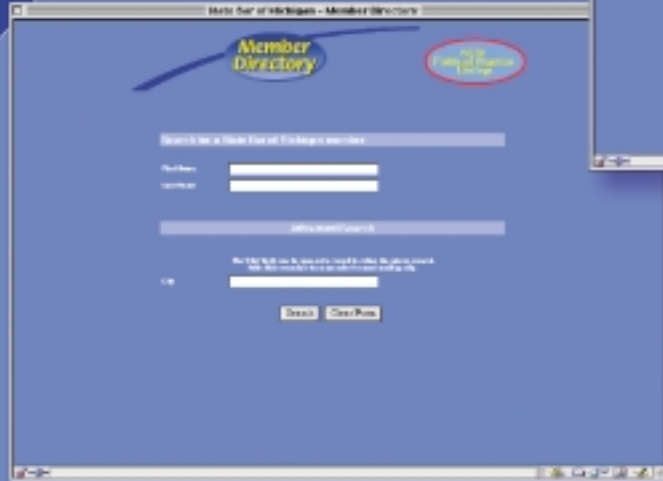
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July is the perfect month to take a trip. To begin this journey, just head to your nearest computer, log on the Internet and type in www.michbar.org. The latest available statistics show that in the past month 114,174 visitors made this journey, almost double the figure from the same period last year. These visitors landed on a homepage with the headings Contact Info, Links of Interest, Opinions, Public Resources and Member Resources. Click on these headings to get to where you want to go. For example, if all you need is the address and phone number of another lawyer in Michigan, click on Member Resources and then Member Directory and you're on your way to getting the information you need including directly-linked e-mail addresses.

The State Bar website has over 10,000 pages and within it, there are 37 section websites, eight committee websites, two task force websites and 10 local bar sites. All the information is organized in a user-friendly way. Some highlights include:

- Court and ethics opinions. Michigan Supreme Court, court of appeals and district courts (published and unpublished). Daily case summaries of these opinions appear in the *e-Journal* and can be accessed through a cumulative index. The ethics opinions service provides a full index to both professional and judicial opinions, with hypertext links to all ethics opinions released since October 1988.
- Links of Interest. Money judgement interest rates can be found here, as well as links to associations and organizations, government and courts, education and bar admissions, forms, employment and research, and publications.

- Member Resources. Click on member services for information on insurance, discounts on office supplies, clothes, magazines, car rentals, phone services, video lending library, express mail, and more.
- Public Resources. Check out access to justice, advertising opportunities, information about the Attorney Discipline Board, Attorney Grievance Commission, lawyer referral, legal aid programs, links to law firms, open justice, and more.

A new enhancement, the Town Hall Forum is an electronic bulletin board that can be accessed from the top left-hand side of the homepage. Members of the State Bar of Michigan should use this as another avenue to make their opinions known and to reach out to others. Current news releases on Bar-related events can also be accessed in this section of the homepage.

Various icons also appear on the bottom of the home page. One of these is the cover of the most current issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. Click on it to get information about theme articles, columns, archived issues, and information about the journal. Since January 2000, substantive articles and columns have been available online in a fully searchable format.

The State Bar's web content editor is Carrie Pickett. One of her primary responsibilities is making sure that the *e-Journal* works correctly and that it gets sent to all subscribers in a timely fashion. Pickett is also the contact person for any questions that relate to the State Bar's website. She updates information so that everything is current. To contact her please call (517) 367-6429 or e-mail her at mpickett@mail.michbar.org. ♦

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