



Committee Annual Reports

2010-2011

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Committee Name: American Indian Law Committee

Jurisdiction: Review issues of American Indian law, focusing on the relationship between tribal courts, state courts, and federal courts, and on the promotion of positive relationships between the lawyers of Michigan and the American Indian Community.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
AIL mtg.	Friday, March 11th - 10:00 a.m.	Conference call
AIL mtg.	Friday, April 15th - 10:00 a.m.	Conference call
AIL mtg.	Saturday, June 11 th - 1:00 p.m.	Mackinac Island
AIL mtg.	Friday, August 12th - 10:00 a.m.	Conference call
AIL mtg.	Friday, October 14th - 10:00 a.m.	Conference call
AIL mtg.	Friday, December 9th - 10:00 a.m.	Conference call

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

- Assistance in getting conference call for meeting set up.
- Liaison to resources at ICLE.
- Guidance on State Bar requirements for Committee activities.
- Assistance in scheduling/facilities for Committee meeting at Annual Upper Michigan Legal Institute.

Committee Activities: The Committee focused on the following topics:

SCAO Rules Update: Update on approval/implementation of ICWA Court forms previously published at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/courtforms/publish.htm#family>.

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Support for the following Judicial Crossroads Task Force AJT Committee Recommendations

1. “Institutionalize ongoing partnerships between Michigan Supreme Court, its administrative office, the tribal courts, the Michigan Indian Judicial Association, lawyers and other stakeholders” pp. 9-10.
 2. “Establish programs to foster awareness, acceptance and compliance by state courts with current tribal law.” Pg. 10.
 3. “Support the enactment of federal ICWA concepts into Michigan law.”
- National Tribal Law Library
 - County Agreements
 - Supreme Court Sub-committee activities: Drafting State Indian Child Welfare Act
 - Efforts to improve relations between Tribal Courts and Local Bar
 - Review of Tribal Website information compiled by the Bay Mills Indian Community.
 - ICWA Training for State Court personnel.

Future Goals and Activities:

- Continue efforts to monitor implementation of revisions to Michigan Court Rules designed to implement responsibilities under the Indian Child Welfare Act.
- Continue to develop relationships with other Committees/Sections within the Bar to raise the profile/familiarity with Indian Law and the role/jurisdiction of Indian tribes and Tribal Courts in the State.
- Continue to monitor work to prepare draft legislation “Michigan Family Preservation Act” to determine if Committee should request authorization/support from Bar for advocacy position relative to that draft.

Other Information:

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Committee Name: Awards

Jurisdiction: Recommend attorney recipients qualified to receive awards made in the name of the State Bar of Michigan.

Recommend recipients of the annual Liberty Bell Award made to non-attorneys.

Recommend the establishment of new awards or discontinuation of existing awards.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Kathleen A. Lang, member	Daniel P. O'Neil, member
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Janet K. Welch, advisor	

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Teleconference	Jan. 20, 2011	
Teleconference	March 17, 2011	
Teleconference	May 12, 2011	

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

December, second week	<p>Staff contacts co-chairpersons to schedule meetings and mailing dates. Staff updates Awards Brochure.</p> <p>Staff sends future meeting dates via e-mail to Committee</p>
January, first week	<p>Staff posts updated Awards Brochure online</p> <p>Staff prepares and issues press release to legal newspapers and SBM Board of Commissioners, Representative Assembly, State Bar Foundation, local and affinity bars, prosecutor and defender associations, law school deans, courts, large law firms, SBM Section and Committee chairpersons etc.</p> <p>Staff prepares announcement for Michigan Bar Journal, e-Journal, and SBM newsletter</p> <p>Staff emails Committee documents one week before first teleconference.</p>
January 20, 2011	<p>First teleconference meeting takes place</p>
February–April, first week	<p>Staff prepares EXCEL matrix for nominees as applications are received.</p>

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March, second week	Operating co-chairperson and staff discuss nominations (number and diversity—age, race, gender, geography, etc.), to determine if additional solicitation is needed. Deadline reminders sent to media and legal community.
Early April	Deadline for nominations for SBM awards
April, first week	Staff acknowledges receipt of nominations by mail, e-mail or phone call to nominator Staff conducts background checks on nominees before names are submitted for consideration
April, second week	Staff compiles booklet in April (news articles and recommendations referenced in EXCEL matrix will be available for members at May meeting)
May, first week	Deadline for nominations for Liberty Bell Award Staff acknowledges receipt of nominations by mail, e-mail or phone call to nominator
May, first week	Staff sends Zoomerang survey to committee members to narrow down list of nominees. Staff sends announcement of final meeting via e-mail.
May, second week	Meeting in Lansing to select recommendations to SBM Board Staff drafts memorandum from co-chairpersons to SBM Board with recommendations
June	After SBM Board meeting, staff prepares letter from State Bar Executive Director to nominees who were chosen, and letters to nominators of non-winners with mention of carryover of nomination for a second year
Summer	Staff prepares publicity for the awards recipients
September, first week	Staff sends press release, prepares coverage/cover photographs for Michigan Bar Journal, e-Journal, and other electronic and social media. Staff orders Awards, writes scripts and speeches for the Annual Meeting Awards ceremony.
September, last week	Operating co-chairperson prepares e-mail from co-chairpersons to Committee thanking members for their participation.

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Note: The Awards Committee has one co-chairperson ex-officio as the President-elect of the SBM Board of Commissioners. The second co-chairperson is the operating co-chairperson appointed by the President of the SBM Board.

Committee Activities:

The committee works on a yearly cycle, so once the process is wrapped up at the annual meeting it must begin again for the next year. The committee continually works to ensure the awards process is fair and removed from political lobbying.

Future Goals and Activities:

Committee members help to beat the bushes every year to get nominations submitted in time. This year was an outstanding one in terms of nominations received. An important goal of this committee is to also make sure that the quality of the recipients is always outstanding.

Other Information: The Committee worked with the SBM Annual Meeting Committee through Julie Fershtman and Naseem Stecker to streamline the Awards presentations at the Annual Meeting.

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Committee Name: Bar Leadership Liaison Advisory Committee

Jurisdiction: Provide assistance developing an annual leadership training seminar for affinity bars and section chairs.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Timothy Tyrone Gardner, Jr.	
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Douglas D. Hampton	
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Michael S. Khoury	
Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens	
Gregory L. Ulrich	

Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Committee Meeting	3/8/11	Conference Call
<i>- Planning for the 2011 Bar Leadership Forum</i>		

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

This committee was formed to develop and annually produce a program providing developing bar leaders with meaningful leadership tips, techniques and development training. The annual Forum is also intended to provide upcoming leadership with the opportunity to network and get to know, most importantly the State Bar personnel they will be working with, other bar leaders whose experience they can learn from and upon whom they can call for assistance.

The Bar Leadership Forum is by invitation only. Initially just executive directors of local bar associations, the guest list now includes section chairs. More recently emphasis was placed on involving chairs-elect so as to maximize the benefits provided by the program. This change has proven most beneficial and should be continued in perpetuity. Early on, it was evident the forum must CONSISTENTLY contain valuable substance, important content, a desirable location, and beneficial networking opportunities to remain successful.

In order to ensure the success of this program, the committee has historically been comprised of members, located throughout Michigan, who represent different facets of leadership. It is critical that BLF committee members have personally attended recent BLF programs in order to be able to not only maintain consistency but also to insure that programming remains fresh for persons who may attend annually. Membership size has varied over the years and the committee is currently comprised of nine members.

State Bar Staff offer invaluable services to this Committee and their contributions cannot be overstated. Among other things, the staff provides 1) assistance with identifying and obtaining relevant program focus and panel topics, program speakers and sites; 2) administrative support; 3) registration of participants (offsite and onsite); 4) preparation, transportation and distribution of all forum materials and handouts; and 5) securing prizes for annual attendees raffle.

SBM staff is also responsible for the preparation, dissemination to, collection from, and summarization of feedback surveys. In addition to this information from previous BLF participants, Bar staff provides feedback from the Section Chairs' orientation. The committee greatly values and relies on this information and has made great efforts to provide programming based upon participants' feedback. This has served to increase the already critical role staff plays in support of the committee during planning stages, and in turn has increased the role committee members play as conference participants. Consequently, future committee appointments should be made with this in mind.

Committee Activities:

Based primarily upon participant comments and recommendations, the 2010 was a marked departure from those in years past. Instead of bringing in a professional expert in telling others how to lead, the committee chose to invite a keynote speaker who is himself an accomplished leader -- Dennis Archer. The committee turned to Dennis because in addition to (and in this instance more important than), being a former Michigan Supreme Court Justice and Mayor of Detroit, he has also served as president of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, the Wolverine Bar Association, and the National Bar Association. Unfortunately, last minute scheduling issues

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necessitated that his appearance be by video tape. Still participants indicated they placed greater value in someone who had ‘been there and done that’ than in the sort of nationally recognized professional development speakers the committee had previously assumed were who attendees expected to hear from, often at considerable expense.

Last year’s participants also learned about how to use technology to both serve and increase membership from David Barrett, AKA “The LinkedIn Lawyer.” Still, what feedback shows participants most valued were breakout sessions on topics like running an effective meeting.

The plan for the 2011 program will be very similar to the 2010 format, though with an even greater emphasis played on successful SBM leaders sharing what did and did not work for them. To this end, the forum will kick off with an opening session on *Leaders Developing Leadership*, to be moderated by Hon. Cynthia Stephens. Breakout sessions will include the now usual (and always highly valued) *Running an Effective Meeting* and *Dealing with the Media* as well as sessions on *Law Related Education* and *Membership Growth through Strategic Planning*.

Also to be repeated are the separate *Meet Your Peers* interactive workshops for sections and local/specialty bar leaders. They will again be conducted immediately prior to the Grand Reception as this proved to facilitate both speedier and more substantial interactions between participants. Of course, participants will also receive a legislative update and pointers on SBM protocol for being involved in the process, and be treated to *The Big Picture* for the coming year by SBM’s executive director, president and Assembly chair.

Also new this year, participants will be presented with cards they can fill out at registration and during the initial session, which will then be provided to the appropriate speaker/moderator/panel in advance, so that they may better prepare to address items of particular concern to attendees. Of course this is all in addition to the invaluable networking, the opportunities to learn from each other, and the “Grand experience” all attendees will enjoy.

Future Goals and Activities:

The future goal of the Bar Leadership Liaison Committee is to continue the presentation of quality leadership forums on an annual basis. Through these forums, the committee hopes: 1) to enhance the quality of leadership within the legal community at large and in particular within the State Bar and its related entities, 2) to provide chairs-elect of Bar sections with the tools and SBM contacts they need to maximize their success, 3) to engage and encourage potential future State Bar leaders through their section or local bar association activities and thereby ensure a continuity of exceptional State Bar leaders, and 4) to remain effective in its role as “liaison” and further enhance the relationship between all qualified associations of lawyers and the State Bar of Michigan.

In order to remain effective, the attendance of Bar Leadership Liaison Committee members at the Forum should be strongly encouraged and properly supported, so that the Committee (and individual committee members) can: 1) be effective in its role as liaison to outside lawyers associations, 2) continue to provide unique leadership opportunities geared especially for lawyers, and 3) do so on a consistent basis from year to year in a manner that allows attendees to build upon prior experiences and maintains the high expectation level critical to ensuring annual participation by the maximum number of invited entities.

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The committee has actively sought input, through informal discussions and formal surveys, from BLF attendees. With the assistance of SBM staff, an active effort is made each year to address this input when planning the next forum. While it is important to cover some basics for new section leadership each year, it is also critical to provide something new for association leaders who may attend annually. The committee is always seeking to maintain this balance.

Other Information:

It should be noted that for the last few years this committee has not had a co-chair. While this change has not presented any difficulties, it is the chair's recommendation that in future years this committee should have both a chair and a chair-elect or vice-chair. This would permit the chair's position to be rotated frequently while also assuring that the future chair will be someone who can insure continuity and who is aware of the position's expectations and well prepared to see them through.

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Standing Committee on Character and Fitness

Jurisdiction: Investigate the character and fitness of candidates for admission to the State Bar, pursuant to Rule 15, Section 1, of the Supreme Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan.

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2010-11 Meeting Schedule (date and location): A formal business meeting was conducted on May 7, 2010. Hearings are scheduled as mutually convenient between the Presiding Committee Member, State Bar Counsel, and Applicant/Applicant's Counsel.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary work of the Standing Committee on Character and Fitness is to conduct confidential applicant hearings. One to two business-type meetings are held during the year to address policy issues and train new members, if determined necessary by the Chairperson. Approximately 1400 applicants take the bar examination annually and each first time applicant must complete an Affidavit of Personal History and submit all required background information. After the staff investigation is completed, an applicant is recommended favorably to the State Board of Law Examiners without referral to the Committee when investigation of past conduct discloses no significant adverse factual information. In all other instances, applicants are referred to a District Committee for a personal interview. Approximately 150 members of the Bar volunteer to serve on the nine District Committees. The District Committees issue a written report and recommendation on each applicant interviewed to the Standing Committee. Upon receiving a District Committee recommendation, the Standing Committee may: endorse the recommendation, take the recommendation under advisement pending additional information, remand the recommendation to the District Committee with instructions for further proceedings, or reject the recommendation and conduct a hearing *de novo*.

The District Character and Fitness Committees conducted interviews for 28 applicants for the July 2010, exam cycle. To date, 21 files have been referred for District Committee interviews for the February 2011 exam cycle, and of those, 11 interviews have either been scheduled or completed. It is expected that up to 28 additional files may be referred for the February 2011 exam, based on the information received to date. New member training for District Committee members was conducted on March 10, 2011 by members of the Standing Committee and State Bar Staff.

From May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011, the Standing Committee held 34 formal hearings before making recommendations to the State Board of Law Examiners. Additionally, 15 hearings are expected to be held during the remainder of the fiscal year. One hearing before the State Board of Law Examiners was also conducted during this time frame, which required the presence of a member of the Committee acting as assigned State Bar Counsel. Two additional hearings are currently pending.

The time commitment required to conduct formal hearings, establish policies, address individual applicant requests, and monitor the applicant processing system is significant. The Committee would be unable to function without the dedication, professionalism, and hard work of members of the District Committees and the members of the Standing Committee. It is a tribute to the legal profession that among its members are so many people who give substantially of their time to ensure that persons admitted as lawyers in Michigan are worthy of public trust.

Other Activities:

In addition to conducting hearings, the Committee also designates Subcommittees to study and make recommendations regarding issues relevant to Bar Admissions. During the past

year an expanded Subcommittee continued its work revising the letter sent to law schools requesting character and fitness certification of the applicants and any information which could impact the applicants' current character and fitness. The Subcommittee met with law school representatives to obtain information on how student files are maintained, and what information is available to the Committee. The Subcommittee is currently working on a revised draft request letter and procedure, to be provided to the full Committee later this year. Another Subcommittee was designated to review the Standing Committee Rules of Procedure, and Rule 15, Section 1, Supreme Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan, and make recommendations for changes, if necessary. Members of the Outreach Subcommittee, an ongoing Subcommittee studying ways to further educate the law student community about the upcoming character and fitness process, appeared at the request of several law schools to give presentations.

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

Six full-time staff members of the Character and Fitness department process and investigate all applications, favorably recommend applicants whose files did not reveal information considered significantly adverse, designate and prepare files to be referred to district committees, and assist assigned State Bar Counsel and the Standing Committee in conducting *de novo* hearings. The Director of Professional Standards and the Professional Standards Investigative Counsel also assist the Committee with legal and ethical matters. Meeting space at the Michael Franck Building is also provided, as are court reporting services for all hearings, and all materials and meals for hearings, meetings, and training sessions. Committee members and staff also attend hearings before the Board of Law Examiners, and staff prepares and distributes the hearing materials for those hearings.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee continues to work on Law Student Outreach, analysis of current questions on the Affidavit of Personal History, and analysis of the rules that govern this process, in addition to conducting hearings.

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Civil Procedure and Courts Committee**

Committee Name: Civil Procedure and Courts

Jurisdiction: Review proposed court rules and statutes related to civil practice in the courts and make recommendations concerning improvements in the administration, organization, and operation of Michigan state courts

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Sean P. McNally, Member	Karen H. Safran, Advisor
Martha D. Moore, Member	
Thaddeus E. Morgan, Member	

Committee Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
In Person Meeting	Saturday, December 18, 2010	Bloomfield Hills, MI
In Person Meeting	Saturday, April 30, 2011	Bloomfield Hills, MI

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Civil Procedure and Courts Committee**

After the 2009-2010 annual report was submitted, the Committee conducted a meeting by telephone conference call on June 30, 2010, finalizing its comments on the recommendations to the Judicial Crossroads Task Force by task force committees.

Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work: The committee receives staff support from Elizabeth Lyon and Carrie Sharlow. The State Bar covers meeting refreshments. Bar staff provided information regarding actions by the Board of Commissioners and Representative Assembly and the status of pending legislation and proposals before the Michigan Supreme Court; recommendations adopted by the Judicial Crossroads Task Force and implementation steps; 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.

Committee Activities: The Committee reviewed and discussed 6 Supreme Court rule proposals and submitted public policy positions on 5 of them. These were considered by the Board of Commissioners or the Executive Committee. In three cases, the governing bodies of the State Bar referenced the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee's positions and comments in the official positions letters to the Court. On April 5, 2011, the Court's amended MCR 2.403, 2.411, 3.216 and added new MCR 3.412, adopting language that the Committee had submitted in its public policy positions, which the State Bar attached to its official position letter.

The Committee discussed a number of other topics that did not result in public policy positions. In one case it submitted a suggestion that will be circulated for comment among other potentially interested sections and committees. And the Committee continues to work on several proposals for rule changes suggested by members or referred to the Committee by others.

The committee may take additional action at the April 30, 2011 meeting, which will take place after this report is submitted.

Future Goals and Activities: The Committee expects to continue to review proposed court rule amendments and legislation and to both initiate and further develop its own proposals.

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Committee Name: Standing Committee on the Client Protection Fund

Jurisdiction: The Standing Committee on the Client Protection Fund (“CPF Committee”) is responsible for reviewing comprehensive reports prepared by State Bar staff after investigation and analysis of CPF claims involving the dishonest conduct of lawyers, which includes theft and embezzlement of client funds and failure to return unearned fees, to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners’ Professional Standards Committee regarding the approval and denial of claims. The CPF claim report includes a factual summary of the claim, an analysis applying the CPF Rules, a recommendation regarding approval or denial of a claim and the amount to be paid on claims recommended for approval, the applicable CPF Rules, and the disciplinary history of the respondent. The CPF Committee is also responsible for the distribution of payments on claims authorized for payment by the Board of Commissioners and the initiation and prosecution of all subrogation actions on behalf of the Fund. In addition, the CPF Committee recommends to the Board of Commissioners’ Professional Standards Committee loss prevention programs that may help reduce occurrences that result in CPF claims.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting.	May 6, 2010	State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building 306 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933
Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting.	September 16, 2010	State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building 306 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933
Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting.	December 14, 2010	State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building 306 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933
Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting.	February 24, 2011	Erman, Teicher, Miller, Zucker & Freedman, P.C. 400 Galleria Officentre, Suite 444 Southfield, MI 48034

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

The State Bar provides a full-time paralegal with primary responsibility for claims administration, a full-time legal secretary who provides administrative support, and staff counsel who provides legal services and manages the State Bar’s CPF Department. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverages for meetings, teleconference services, meeting materials, document production services, and financial management of the Fund. In addition, State Bar staff routinely provides informational pamphlets to court administrators as requested to educate the public on how to find a lawyer and general information about the Fund.

Committee Activities:

During its regularly scheduled meetings, the CPF Committee reviewed claim reports prepared by staff, determined whether claims should be recommended for approval or denial, and made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners’ Professional Standards Committee regarding the approval and denial of claims and the amount to be paid on claims recommended for payment.

The CPF Committee considered and developed one policy position concerning circumstances when a claimant has filed for bankruptcy and the bankruptcy trustee would require reimbursement on a claim be made payable to the trustee or bankruptcy estate, and the claimant would receive no benefit from the reimbursement. Under those circumstances, the CPF Committee would deny the claim.

Complete Claims Activity: For the period April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011, 141 new claims were filed and 138 claims were pending at the beginning of this period for an overall total of 279

claims. As a result of overall claims processing during this period, 209 claims remain pending at the end of this period.

The CPF Committee reviewed 70 claims during this time period of which 15 claims were denied by the CPF Committee, 12 claims totaling \$111,824.41 approved by the Board of Commissioner were paid, 1 claim totaling \$1,059.00 approved by the Board of Commissioners and awaiting executed subrogation agreements has not been paid, 0 claims approved by the CPF Committee involving the dishonesty of a single lawyer and expected to exceed the aggregate limit are being held until expiration of the two year period, 41 claims totaling \$177,052.82 recommended for approval by the CPF Committee are pending review by the Board of Commissioners, and there is 1 appeal of a claim denied by the CPF Committee pending review by the Board of Commissioners.

Since the inception of the Fund, 961 claims have been paid totaling \$5,758,908.10, while 1,616 have been closed administratively, denied or withdrawn.

Future Goals and Activities:

Loss Prevention - The CPF Committee will continue reviewing potential loss prevention measures for possible recommendations to the Professional Standards Board of Commissioner Committee.

Scheduled Meetings - CPF Committee meetings have been scheduled for May 19, 2011, and August 18, 2010, to review claims and conduct other business as needed.

Other Information:

Financial Activity - The Fund received \$593,513.00 from the 2010/11 membership dues assessment and \$4,560.00 in Pro Hac Vice fees thus far for this fiscal year. In addition, the Fund received subrogation payments from respondents totaling \$11,298.60 during the period April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011. The Fund balance as of March 31, 2011, was \$2,256,974.00;¹ however, there is \$27,515.94 authorized, but unpaid, for claims awaiting receipt of executed subrogation agreements.

¹ Estimated, not finalized or audited.

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Committee Name: Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice

Jurisdiction: Review proposed court rules and statutes related to criminal procedure and practice in state courts and make recommendations concerning improvements in the operation of criminal law and procedure to promote the fair, speedy and efficient administration of criminal justice, including the establishment and operation of systems for the representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses.

Co-Chairs and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
In Person Meeting	Friday, June 25, 2010	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Friday, September 10, 2010	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Thursday, November 4, 2010	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Thursday, February 17, 2011	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Thursday, March 17, 2011	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Thursday, April 28, 2011	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Thursday, May 19, 2011	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Thursday, June 16, 2011	State Bar of Michigan

Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work: The committee receives staff support from Elizabeth Lyon and Carrie Sharlow. The State Bar covers meeting expenses.

Committee Activities: The committee discussed 20 public policy items. Public Policy items including proposals being considered by the Supreme Court and legislation. The committee completes a thorough analysis as part of its review.

The committee formed a subcommittee to discuss the problems of the current medical marijuana laws and the issues that have arisen in defending these persons. The subcommittee will continue its work in the upcoming year and hopes to join with the Criminal Law Section in similar endeavors.

In response to a special visit from State Bar President W. Anthony Jenkins, the committee signed the SBM Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion. Further, the committee formed a subcommittee to focus on Diversity and the ongoing issue of indigent defense.

Future Goals and Activities: The committee will continue its public policy work and continue to look into various special projects as the need arises.

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Committee Name: Custodial Interrogation Recording Task Force

Jurisdiction: Make recommendations concerning legislative, court rule and funding changes that advance the use of audio and video electronic recording of custodial interrogations, and provide support for the adoption and implementation of changes approved by the Representative Assembly or Board of Commissioners.

Co-Chairs and Committee Members:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Information is shared electronically as needed.		

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

The committee receives staff support for assistance in moving forward the final product of the Task Force, a bill to require the electronic recording of certain custodial interrogation sessions and revise procedures for determining admissibility as evidence. Anne Vrooman provides guidance on research related to the pilot projects and on the grant secured from the Michigan Bar Foundation. Elizabeth Lyon works with the Task Force on the effort to pass legislation.

Committee Activities:

During the last legislative session, the Task Force was successful in securing passage of HB 5676 of 2010 as introduced by Representative Rashida Tlaib to require custodial interrogation recording. The bill was voted out of the House Judiciary Committee with broad bipartisan support after hearing testimony from Task Force co-chairs Valerie Newman and Nancy Diehl and Task Force members Victor Lauria and Donna McKneelen. The bill was passed by the House by a vote of 103-3 but ultimately was not considered by the Senate despite attempts made at the end of session.

On February 16, 2011, Senator Tonya Schuitmaker introduced the Custodial Interrogation Recording Bill, Senate Bill 0152. The Senate Judiciary Committee reviewed the bill on March 9, 2011 and recommended immediate effect. The bill was then referred to the Senate Committee of the Whole, which offered Substitute S-1. On March 24, 2011, the bill with Substitute S-1 was placed on the order of third reading. On April 14, 2011, the bill passed the Senate with a unanimous vote. It was then received by the House of Representatives and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

On February 23, 2011, Representative Rashida Tlaib introduced the same bill as House Bill 4322. The Committee is working on moving the bill forward through the legislative hearing process.

Task Force members and representatives of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) have already established a special working subcommittee to review statewide standards for quick implementation in anticipation of the bill's passage this session.

Future Goals and Activities: Completion of research related to the pilot projects and legislation enacted.

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Committee Name: Special Committee on Defining the Practice of Law

Committee Name: The Special Committee on Defining the Practice of Law was appointed by State Bar President Tony Jenkins in March 2011 to: (1) examine a proposed rule-based definition of the practice of law prepared by the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and to provide constructive guidance regarding enhancements, potential benefits to the public and the legal community, and potential areas of concerns; (2) examine alternative approaches to address the unauthorized practice of law and to consider mechanisms to protect persons needing legal assistance from unauthorized legal practices; and (3) provide a report of conclusions reached by the Special Committee and its recommendations to the Board of Commissioners

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Initial planning meeting.	March 8, 2011	Teleconference
The Committee met via telephone conference and, under the leadership of Chair Gobbo, Members introduced themselves and the constituents they represent. The Committee set three in-person meetings and agreed to additional meeting dates as needed. Chair Gobbo provided background regarding the proposed definition of the practice of law, reviewed the purpose for formation of the		

Special Committee by State Bar President Jenkins, and the Committee’s term. Chair Gobbo gave Members an opportunity to share their initial thoughts regarding the proposed rule-based definition and to ask additional background questions.		
Regularly scheduled meeting.	March 16, 2011	State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building 306 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933
Mr. Hastings provided a national overview of the approach taken by other jurisdictions in defining the practice of law, emphasizing the approach taken by five jurisdictions that have adopted definitions within the last ten years. The Committee engaged in an indepth review of the proposed rule-based definition of the practice of law, discussed strategy for strengthening the definition, and considered alternative ways to address the problems associated with unauthorized legal practices. The Members shared preliminary concerns regarding the constituents they represent.		

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

The State Bar provides staff support via the assistance of staff counsel. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, teleconferencing services, meeting materials, and document production services.

Committee Activities: The Special Committee has met monthly since its formation and has diligently reviewed and discussed the proposed rule-based definition of the practice of the law. Members of the Special Committee continue to gather information from the constituents they represent and brainstorm regarding alternative ways to provide constructive guide to State Bar members and the public and to enhance efforts to protect the public from unauthorized legal practices.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Special Committee has met monthly since its formation. The meeting schedule follows:

- March 8, 2011 – initial planning teleconference
- March 16, 2011
- April 20, 2011
- May 18, 2011
- June 15, 2011

Additional meeting dates may be set as needed. Members of the Special Committee continue to garner feedback from the constituents they represent, so their concerns can be considered in addressing the proposed definition and the Committee’s recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. In accordance with the State Bar’s Bylaws, the Special Committee’s term expires during the State Bar’s Annual meeting and it plans to prepare a report of conclusions and recommendations for submission to the Board of Commissioners by that time.

Other Information: Not applicable.

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Committee Name: Standing Committee on Domestic Violence

Jurisdiction: Make recommendations concerning increasing attorney awareness of the problem of domestic violence. Advise on the encouragement of training of attorneys and judges on legal remedies and community resources concerning domestic violence. Help develop and distribute legal resources concerning domestic violence and victims' access to the legal process. Assist in the coordination of programs and activities concerning domestic violence in Michigan.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type, Description	Date	Location
Subcommittee: Pro Bono Training	10/7/10	Teleconference
Subcommittee: Sexual Assault PPO	10/11/10	Teleconference
General Committee Meeting	10/21/10	Teleconference
Training: Introduction to Domestic Violence Family Law/Pro Bono	10/29/10	In person/Teleconference
General Committee Meeting	11/18/10	Teleconference
Subcommittee: Recap of Pro Bono Training	11/24/10	Teleconference
Subcommittee: Mediation/Conciliation Practices in FOC	1/5/11	Teleconference
General Committee Meeting	1/10/11	Teleconference
Subcommittees: Sexual Assault PPO Mediation Conciliation Practices in FOC	1/19/11	Teleconference
Subcommittees: Sexual Assault PPO <i>Michigan Bar Journal</i> theme issue	1/20/11	Teleconference
Subcommittee: Mediation Confidentiality Rule	2/1/11	Teleconference
Subcommittee: Mediation/Conciliation Practices in FOC	2/7/11	Teleconference
Subcommittee: Mandatory reporting brochure	2/10/11	Teleconference
General Committee Meeting	2/11/11	Teleconference

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General Committee Meeting	3/11/11	Teleconference
Subcommittee: <i>Michigan Bar Journal</i> theme issue	3/22/11	Teleconference
Subcommittee: Mediation/Conciliation Practices in FOC	3/30/11	In person; State Bar of Michigan building
General Committee Meeting	4/12/11	Teleconference
General Committee Meeting	5/10/11	Teleconference

Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work: The State Bar provided the committee with a modest budget and a staff liaison. The Bar's Governmental Relations Director forwarded policy issues to the committee. A Commissioner liaison attended meetings and offered input and advice.

Committee Activities:

Training - Pro Bono Family Law Training with the Family Law Council

The committee collaborated with the Family Law Council on a pro bono training for attorneys who are new to the area of domestic violence family law. The training was held on Friday, October 29, 2010, coinciding with domestic violence awareness month and also pro bono month.

Subject matter included how to conduct the initial client interview with DV survivors, substantive legal issues, including custody, support, property division and drafting safe orders, initial pleadings and service, and pre-trial and trial practice. In exchange for the free training attorneys agreed to handle a domestic violence family law case, referred from their local legal aid organization, on a pro bono basis. Participants were able to attend at the Dykema - Ann Arbor office or via webinar. The training was made possible with a generous donation from the LEAP Fund of Grand Rapids.

New Court Forms - Personal Protection Order Against Sexual Assault

The Committee convened a workgroup to examine the need for new court forms in light of the 2010 amendments to MCL 600.2950a, which provided for a new type of PPO for individuals who were sexually assaulted or threatened with sexual assault. The new law protects individuals who previously could not obtain a PPO because they either never shared an intimate partner relationship as required to obtain relief under the domestic relationship PPO statute, or could not demonstrate that the respondent had engaged in two or more unconsented contacts that would constitute stalking under Michigan's criminal stalking statutes.

The workgroup drafted four new forms and also proposed that the SCAO adopt amendments to several existing personal protection forms. The workgroup was also able to review and offer comments on the proposed instructions for the new forms. The Michigan Court Forms Committee accepted the Domestic Violence Committee's proposal at their March 2011 meeting. Consequently, the SCAO will begin distribution of these forms in the fall of 2011.

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Mediation and Conciliation Practices in Friend of the Court

The Committee convened a workgroup to examine and potentially address issues with conciliation, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution methods occurring in the Friend of the Court in cases involving domestic violence. The workgroup met with the president of the Friend of the Court Association (FOCA) and a representative of SCAO. Representatives from the Committee will give presentations on the issue at several FOCA summer trainings and at their fall conference. On May 6, Rebecca Shiemke will make a presentation on domestic violence screening to the Kent County Circuit Court, which recently received a federal grant to provide additional services in child support cases, including new cases and older cases in arrears.

Michigan Family Law Journal Articles

In response to a column in 2008 by the editor of the Family Law Journal calling for more action on preventing domestic violence, the committee contacted Norman Robbins and offered to coordinate a monthly “domestic violence column” in the Family Law Journal. As a result, beginning with the June/July 2008 edition, the committee has published a monthly article related to domestic violence and authored by committee members or guest experts in the field. The articles submitted for publication as of May 1, 2011 for the 2010-2011 bar year are:

- Stalking update: legislative initiatives, tips and resources
- Mediation and domestic violence
- Domestic violence in later life
- SB 185 – lease termination statute
- Substance abuse and domestic violence
- Fathering after violence – programs for boys and men
- Full faith and credit for personal protection orders
- Collateral consequences for survivors with convictions
- Review of *Domestic Violence, Abuse, and Child Custody: Legal Strategies and Policy Issues*, Edited by Mo Therese Hannah, Ph.D. and Barry Goldstein, J.D.

Theme Issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*

The Committee was awarded a theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal* to be published in September 2011 on Domestic Violence Awareness. Articles include:

- Legal advocacy techniques to promote safety and accountability in cases involving domestic violence
- Economic justice issues (tort relief, division of marital estate)
- Emerging evidentiary issues in civil cases (divorce/custody and PPO) related to communications technology
- Several short features on domestic violence initiatives throughout the state
 - A description of a “Solution Oriented Domestic Violence Court” that has recently received grant funding and is being developed in the 3d Circuit Court in Detroit
 - A description of Family Advocacy Centers
 - Specialized dockets developed for domestic violence misdemeanor cases in the 55th District Court, Mason
 - Supervised visitation services offered by the Livingston County Safe Havens program
 - Services offered by domestic violence advocacy agencies throughout the state
- Domestic violence remedies in other states - custody presumptions, friendly parent, lease releases, unemployment benefits

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- A double-sided, tear out resource sheet containing domestic violence resources for attorneys and survivors of domestic violence

SBM Health Care Law Section Brochure

The Committee made extensive suggestions for revisions to the SBM Health Care Law Section brochure on mandatory medical reporting in Michigan.

Public Policy Matters

Since the last annual report in May 2010, the DV Committee has taken a position to:

- support HB 6010, which would amend the Freedom of Information Act to permit a public body to exempt from disclosure law enforcement investigating records that reveal specified identifying information in cases of child abuse, criminal sexual conduct, sexual assault or molestation against a minor.
- oppose HB 6530, which would create a statewide public database of personal protection orders;
- recommend amendments to ADM 2010-30, proposed new MCR 2.412 and the proposed amendments of MCR 2.403, 2.411, and 3.216 that would consolidate provisions related to mediation confidentiality into one rule and would expand the current exceptions to mediation confidentiality;
- support ADM 2010-17, that would amend MCR 3.707 to provide that a respondent may file a motion to modify or terminate an ex parte PPO within 14 days of service;
- support ADM 2011-04, that would amend MCR 3.911 and 3.915 to expand the time a respondent in a child protection proceeding may request a jury trial to 21 days before trial and require a court to appoint an attorney at any hearing in the proceeding.

The Committee also submitted a recommendation to the State Court Administrative Office concerning a court rule change to MCR 3.705(B)(2) to allow enough time for a respondent to file an offer of proof in light of non-domestic sexual assault PPO actions created by recent amendments to MCL 600.2950a. The amendment was given immediate effect on February 1, 2011 via ADM 2010-36.

Member Education

Committee members shared various resources, training opportunities and legal updates related to domestic violence over the course of the year with other committee members. Information was shared at meetings or between meetings by email.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee aims to continue monthly article contributions to the *Michigan Family Law Journal*. The special issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal* will be completed by the coming bar year. The mediation and conciliation in Friend of the Court project will likely be a focus of the Committee in the upcoming bar year. The Committee will continue providing comment on applicable public policy matters, and will continue to look for opportunities to collaborate with others on training events.

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Committee Name: Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics

Jurisdictional Statement:

- Prepare written opinions on ethical conduct of judges at the request of the State Bar President, Board of Commissioners, Representative Assembly, Attorney Discipline Board, Attorney Grievance Commission, Executive Director, or individual members of the judiciary inquiring about their own contemplated conduct.
- Recommend amendments to the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct and other standards of professional conduct, and review proposed amendments.
- The Michigan Judges Association, Michigan Probate Judges Association, Michigan District Judges Association, Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates and the Referees Association of Michigan shall each nominate one member for appointment to the committee.

Officers and Membership:

Chair: Hon. Elwood L. Brown, Port Huron

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Hon. Patricia J. Boyle, Birmingham
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Referee Lorie Nancy Savin, Pontiac

2010-2011 Meeting Schedule (date and location):

October 15, 2010, Lansing, Michigan
January 14, 2011, Lansing, Michigan
June 17, 2011, Lansing, Michigan

Committee Activities:

At each meeting, the committee discussed pending opinion requests and worked through drafts of opinions. The committee issued two opinions between September 2010 and May 2011, JI-135 and JI-136. The committee also discussed and submitted commentary to the Board of Commissioners about ADM File No. 2005-11 – Proposed Amendments of Canon 4 and 5 of the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct, for the Board’s consideration in commenting to the Michigan Supreme Court.

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

The committee has been assisted in its work by staff liaisons Dawn Evans, Danon Goodrum-Garland, and Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn, as well as staff member Karen Spohn.

Future Goals and Activities:

The committee plans to continue responding to opinion requests and to address revisiting any opinions identified as in need of review due to subsequent developments that may have impacted the continued appropriateness of any conclusions drawn. To the extent that the Committee's input is sought by the Board of Commissioners, the Representative Assembly, or the Supreme Court on discrete issues or projects, the committee stands ready to respond with appropriate research and commentary.

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Committee Name: Standing Committee on Judicial Qualifications

Jurisdictional Statement:

Evaluate candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies and report its findings in confidence to the authority requesting its assistance.

The chief staff attorney of the Attorney Grievance Commission serves as reporter for this committee. The appointed members are limited to three two-year terms. Chairs of the committee may serve more than three two-year terms. This committee may have more than 15 members.

Co-Chairs (term expiration):

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

October 12, 2010
December 14, 2010
January 11, 2011
March 8, 2011
May 10, 2011
June 14, 2011
July 12, 2011
August 9, 2011
September 13, 2011

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

In support of the work of this Committee, the State Bar of Michigan provides a meeting room in the Michael Franck Building as well as lunch for the Committee members. Staff liaisons coordinate the interview schedule with the Governor's Office, submit the Committee's ratings for each candidate to the Governor's Office, and handle administrative tasks and other matters as necessary.

Committee Activities:

As requested by the Governor, the Judicial Qualifications Committee interviews, evaluates and rates candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies. The work of the Committee members, the State Bar staff liaisons, and the Reporter (which includes preparation for interviews, candidate interviews, deliberations, and the ratings reported by the State Bar directly to the Governor's Office) is confidential.

Prior to the interview, one Committee member contacts lawyers in the community to obtain background information regarding the candidate. The Reporter, a staff attorney with the Attorney Grievance Commission, presents grievances and disciplinary history, if any, and information obtained from local judges. All interview sources are kept confidential.

A representative from the Governor's Office and the State Bar staff liaisons are also present during the interview. The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month and/or as needed.

The Committee met eight times from May 2010 to April 2011 to interview 104 candidates for the following vacancies.

Interview Date	Court	Number of Candidates Interviewed	Judicial Vacancy	Appointed
6/8/10	36 th District	6	Hon. C. Lorene Royster	William C. McConico
7/13/10	3 rd Circuit	12	Hon. J. William Callahan	Lawrence S. Talon
	Monroe Co Probate	11	Hon. Pamela A. Moskwa	Frank L. Arnold
7/19/10	43rd District	5	Hon. Robert J. Turner	Charles G. Goedert
	6 th Circuit	19	Hon. Mark A. Goldsmith	Hon. Phyllis C. McMillen
8/26/10	51 st District	10	Hon. Phyllis C. McMillen	Jodine R. Debbrecht
	Supreme Court	1	Justice Elizabeth A. Weaver	Hon. Alton T. Davis
10/12/10	Court of Appeals 4D	17	Hon. Alton T. Davis	Hon. Amy R. Krause
12/14/10	Wayne Co Probate	4	Hon. David J. Szymanski	Terrance A. Keith
	Tuscola Co Probate	3	Hon. W. Wallace Kent, Jr.	Amanda L. Roggenbuck
	54A District	3	Hon. Amy R. Krause	Hugh B. Clarke, Jr.
1/11/11	Supreme Court	1	Justice Maura D. Corrigan	Hon. Brian K. Zahra
3/8/11	16 th Circuit	14	Hon. Donald Miller	James M. Biernat, Jr.

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Committee Name: Criminal Jury Instructions Committee

Jurisdiction: Draft proposed standard criminal jury instructions for publication by the Institute for Continuing Education.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Regular Meeting	May 15, 2010	State Bar of Michigan
Regular Meeting	September 11, 2010	Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Regular Meeting	February 26, 2011	Thomas M. Cooley Law School

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

Provided staff support for meetings, printing support for materials, and coordinated the room and food for the meetings.

Committee Activities:

At the scheduled meeting on **May 15, 2010** the committee recommended and approved an amendment on CJI2d 17.23 Child Abuse, Fourth Degree (Unreasonable Risk of Harm or Injury). They discussed the “super drunk” driving verdict form that went into effect on Oct 31, 2010. They approved adding a use note to CJI2d 16.14 (Negligent Homicide)- CJI2d 16.12 (Manslaughter with a Motor Vehicle)-and CJI2d 15.10 (Felonious Driving) in accordance with the repealed traffic statutes above. They approved the recommended amendments to CJI2d 20.28 (Uncharged Acts in Child Criminal Sexual Conduct)and agreed to amend the Use Note and Commentary to reflect the People V. DerMartex holding. The committee tabled a request for a standard jury instruction for violation of MCL 750.540 (Use of Electronic Medium of Communication, prohibited conduct) until the September meeting. The juror manual revisions were discussed and agreed to. Review of CJI2d 2.16 (Outside Sources of Information) was added to the September agenda as well. A concern with CJI2d 5.4 (Witness an Undisputed Accomplice)) was tabled until September. A proposed jury instruction on polygraph evidence reference during trial was set to be submitted in September.

At the scheduled meeting on **September 11, 2010** the committee approved adding language to the commentary of CJI2d 11.38 and 11.38a (Felon in Possession of a Firearm) to reflect People v Dupree. An action to CJI2d 15.11 (Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death) was tabled. Two additional use notes were approved on CJI2d 25.2a (Home Invasion First Degree). The committee added comment to CJI2d 23.5 (Larceny from a Motor Vehicle) citing MCR 750.36a. Action on CJI2d 18.1 &18.3 (Robbery Armed and Unarmed Robbery) was tabled until the February meeting. They decided not to include standard polygraph instruction but rather leave the solution to trial judges to create curative instructions. They agreed that a proposed final version of the Juror Manual be prepared for the February meeting. The committee approved modification to CJI2d 15.6 (Operating while Intoxicated “Super Drunk”)to support the new penalties and avoid the Apprendi v New Jersey appellate issue. They approved a modification to CJI2d 5.4 to more accurately reflect that the immunity granted by MCL 767.6 is use immunity. The committee also approved new instruction on the new offense Moving Violation Causing Death and tabled discussion of the commentary until February. They approved instruction for CJI2d 15.3a (Zero Tolerance). They approved new instruction for Telephone Interference (MCL 750.540). They approved instruction and commentary on CJI2d 3.10a (Time and Place Criminal Sexual Conduct). The committee also set up a group of members to work on CJI2d Vol. 1 revisions.

On **February 26, 2011** the committee discussed a suggestion from a concerned attorney to amend the definition in CJI2d11.4 and 11.5 (Definition of Dangers Stabbing Weapon and Definition of Dirk Dagger and Stiletto) and decided instead to amend the use note to add people v Lynn, 459 Mich 53 (1998). The committee decided that any change to the definition should come from the legislature. They discussed Medical Marijuana Defense and tabled it until there were further Appellate decisions- the position of the committee was agreed to be sent to the Jackson County Prosecutor’s office. The committee learned of a new chapter titled “Telecommunications and Computers” and instructions 30.14-30.21 were moved to the new chapter. An amendment on CJI2d 17.21 (Child Abuse Third Degree) was made to conform with the 2008 statutory revision. A use

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note was approved for addition to CJI2d 25.5 (Possession of Burglar's Tools) to reflect MCL 750.116. A new use note was also added to CJI2d 18.2 (Robbery). A use note was approved for CJI2d 18.3 (Assault with Intent to Commit Robbery Being Armed). A use note was approved for CJI2d 15.11 (Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death). The committee reviewed the top 50 crime categories and recommended that Identity Theft instruction to be submitted for the May 7, 2011 meeting. Bar staff agreed to follow up with State Bar Communications on the status of the revised Juror Manual.

Future Goals and Activities:

The committee will be continuing its work to review changes to Michigan law, update instructions and create new instructions as necessary.

Other Information: The work of the committee is submitted to the Institute of Continuing Legal Education for inclusion in the ICLE criminal jury instruction publication.

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Committee Name: Committee on Justice Initiatives

Jurisdiction: Develop and recommend proposals for the effective delivery of high quality legal services in Michigan, equal and fair to all. This committee consists of several initiatives whose activities include:

- Analyzing and making recommendations for positions on proposed legislation, court rules, and other policies relevant to the committee’s jurisdiction.
- Developing policies and programs to benefit underserved populations; including juveniles and those with special needs.
- Encouraging and coordinating free or discounted civil legal services.
- Working to increase resources for civil legal aid programs.
- Examining collateral civil consequences of criminal convictions and issues of adequate representation in the criminal justice system.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		

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CJI Meeting	June 21, 2010	Teleconference
Justice Initiatives Kickoff	October 18, 2010	State Bar of Michigan
CJI Meeting	December 13, 2010	Teleconference
CJI Meeting	February 17, 2011	Teleconference

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

The State Bar of Michigan provides Committee on Justice Initiative (CJI) with staff support and a budget to facilitate projects and meetings. Please also see the individual initiatives.

Committee Activities:

CJI hosted its annual Justice Initiatives Kickoff on Monday, October 18. It was attended by approximately 35 members of the JI community. President Tony Jenkins addressed the group. Linda Rexer and Lorraine Weber, co-chairs of the Solutions on Self-Help Task Force, provided an update on their work and its progress since the April JI summit. A lunchtime discussion focused on the challenge of developing leadership and led to a consensus that this would be a good topic for the spring JI summit. Janet Welch provided a Judicial Crossroads update.

At its December 13 meeting CJI received reports on Judicial Crossroads, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Conference, and the Solutions on Self-Help Task Force. The committee was provided with a copy of the proposed ABA Language Standards which will be reviewed by the ABA House of Delegates at its August 2011 meeting. CJI is interested in the Standards because they advance the language goals of the ATJ Crossroads report.

CJI met on February 17 and received an update on Judicial Crossroads, the ABA Proposed Language Standards, and Solutions on Self Help Task Force. It was advised of the appointment of the Justice Initiatives Summit Cabinet and the progress of that group.

Justice Initiatives Summit: The Summit occurred on April 11 and focused on “Engaging the Next Generations of Justice Initiatives Leaders.” Presentations on “Who are Our Future Leaders and How Do They Communicate in today’s World?” and “Where and How Leadership Occurs” were used as a basis for breakout discussions. Five separate groups addressed what actions, strategies and approaches can the State Bar of Michigan take to engage the next generation of lawyers in justice initiatives work. Some of the main themes that developed from the breakouts are to define “justice initiatives” better, to use leadership from each of the four generations within the profession, consider all available communication methods before deciding which works best for reaching a group and helping them work together, allow people to work in whatever structure that works best for them, build new relationships with law schools and begin leadership development there, and be conscious about developing and recognizing leadership skills everywhere. It was suggested that a leadership institute be established. The group agreed that the key to engaging volunteers is to find their particular passion point and have enough opportunities for them to participate from that point. Opportunities can range from undertaking a discrete task to helping one client or to changing the system in a broader way.

Throughout the year, the CJI met to assess the work of its initiatives to keep informed of the work of the **Access to Justice Crossroads Task Force**. Separate reports for each of the four initiatives are included below.

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Committee Name: Criminal Issues Initiative

Jurisdiction: The dual purposes of this initiative are to address issues of indigent criminal defense in Michigan and to educate the legal community on civil collateral consequences.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

Note: Co-chairs and SBM staff meet via teleconference and meetings of the whole are convened when action items are present. Project workgroups meet separately as the work requires.		
Meeting Type	Date	Location
Initiative meeting	October 18, 2010	Teleconference

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

The State Bar of Michigan provides the Criminal Issues Initiative with staff support and an initiative budget to facilitate projects and meetings.

Committee Activities:

The Criminal Issues Initiative committed to undertaking two new projects during the 2009-2010 bar year. Both projects extended into the 2010-2011 bar year.

PROJECT 1: Collateral Consequences Act

- Purpose: Participate in Uniform Law Revision Commission workgroup that will examine possible benefits of implementing the Uniform Collateral Consequences Act in Michigan.
- Outcome: The CII reviewed and analyzed the Act. The Representative Assembly at their April 2011 meeting voted in favor of advocating for a collateral consequences act in the state of

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Michigan. The State Bar will work to introduce this legislation and will lobby for its enactment. CII will assist as needed with the enactment of the legislation.

PROJECT 2: Reclassification of Low Level Misdemeanors

- Purpose: Evaluate the ability to reclassify low level misdemeanors as civil infractions in partnership with other groups that may include SADO, PAAM, and the Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice Committee.
- Goals: Focusing on non-criminal misdemeanors in Michigan, evaluate the current landscape of what constitutes a misdemeanor in Michigan and what avenue would be needed to reclassify certain examples, in order to help mitigate the tide of Michigan citizens who are experiencing collateral consequences from their criminal record and to potentially reduce the criminal case load.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

The CII developed an Annual Meeting panel program that aimed to create attorney awareness around the new requirements set forth for effective assistance of counsel by the 2010 Supreme Court ruling in *Padilla v. Commonwealth of Kentucky*. The ruling has major implications for attorneys representing clients who are not citizens in criminal cases; attorneys must now be aware of the immigration consequences of any conviction, and provide correct advice to their clients. Panelists discussed the US Supreme Court *Padilla* decision and its connotations related to an attorney's duty to warn defendants of potential collateral consequences of a criminal conviction.

PUBLIC DEFENSE REFORM

House Bill 5676 that would create a statewide public defender office in Michigan was introduced in December 2009. The bill ultimately did not make it out of committee; however, the State Bar was active in providing assistance in the efforts for public defense reform.

DEMOGRAPHICS PROJECT

The Demographics project, which is a compilation of data pertinent to criminal justice issues within the state of Michigan, was published as an online resource.

Future Goals and Activities:

Initiative members have expressed interest in forming a workgroup to review self-representation in district court misdemeanor cases, and consequential violations of *Argersinger* (requiring counsel in misdemeanor cases where a jail sentence is possible), violations of *Rothgery* (requiring the assistance of counsel at the accused's first court appearance), and contact between unrepresented persons and prosecutors.

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Committee Name: Equal Access Initiative

Jurisdiction: This group develops projects, programs and trainings to benefit underserved populations on issues such as race and ethnicity, gender and disability.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Teleconference	October 28, 2010	Conference Call
In Person Meeting	December 7, 2010	State Bar of Michigan
Teleconference	February 1, 2011	Conference Call
In Person Meeting	April 26, 2011	State Bar of Michigan
Teleconference	June 14, 2011	Conference Call

Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work: The State Bar of Michigan provides the Equal Access Initiative (EAI) with staff support and an initiative budget to facilitate projects and meetings.

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Committee Activities: EAI has various workgroups which include:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Task Force on Diversity
- Disabilities WorkGroup
- Diversity Project
- Jury Curriculum Program

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Task Force on Diversity

The task force was directed by a steering committee and assisted by co-facilitators. They held three day long working sessions with a large group of stakeholders from around the state that included experts in both ADR issues and diversity issues. Those sessions were designed to obtain input on the best ways to move forward with the need for diverse practitioners and to take into account serving diverse clients. The steering committee, comprised of various members of the ADR community, worked over the last several months to combine information from the three meetings into a document that seeks to fully capture the discussions and present action proposals for individual entities to review. While the role of EAI as a convener is completed, the plan going forward is to examine the information to identify potential topics for future projects.

The Disabilities Workgroup

The Disabilities Workgroup recently completed work on the follow up to the 2001 report entitled “Access to the Legal System in Michigan for Persons with Disabilities.” The new “Persons with Disabilities and Access to the Michigan Legal System: A Status Report, 2010” updates the questions asked in the 2001 report with information collected in a survey sent to over 300 lawyers who are either disabled or serve disabled clients. It also includes feedback from focus groups held around the state to gather input from care providers and patients at centers for assisted living, and gathered information with the help of the State Courts Administrators Office (SCAO) from judges, court administrators and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinators.

A second project is a quarterly online e-newsletter with concise, utilitarian articles regarding disabilities issues; over six years of these newsletters have been completed and the project is ongoing www.michbar.org/programs/equalaccess.cfm. This group also produced the *Michigan Bar Journal* theme issue on disabilities for August 2010.

The **Diversity Project** held three colloquia on diversity in the legal profession in June 2010 at three law school locations. The focus was gathering input for the development of the Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession in Michigan. Approximately 100 attorneys from across the state gathered to develop a consensus document that was adopted by the Board of Commissioners and is the foundation of the work now occurring in this area under the Director of Diversity.

The **Jury Curriculum Program** is one that requires the collaboration of the legal and educational communities. Working with the Michigan Center for Civic Education, lawyers, judges and teachers throughout the state, come together to teach the concepts of due process, equal protection, individual rights and justice as they apply to the importance of jury service and the value of diverse jury pools. The curriculum has been presented to school districts in Kent, Genesee, Berrien and Wayne Counties; most recent programs were held in Benton Harbor and Detroit. Recently members of the project team and staff met with Dan Pappas, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) to discuss working with that group to introduce the Jury Curriculum to more teachers statewide.

Additional EAI work The Michigan Bar Journal for December 2011 will be a theme issue focused on diversity.

Future Goals and Activities: The Diversity Project will continue to act as the program implementation group for activities identified as moving the diversity and inclusion forward. The disabilities WorkGroup is interested in developing an Annual meeting program. The Jury Curriculum program is looking into more programs with the schools.

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EAI will continue to review the list of recommendations that are the result of the work done by the Access to Justice Committee of the State Bar Judicial Crossroads Task Force and the ADR Task Force for future projects.

Other Information:

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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:

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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.

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Committee Name: Pro Bono Initiative

Jurisdiction: To support and encourage lawyers' efforts to comply with the Voluntary Pro Bono Standard by performing pro bono legal services and by making donations to organizations providing free legal services to the poor.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Teleconference	June 7, 2010	n/a
Teleconference	August 30, 2010	n/a
In-person/teleconference	October 18, 2010	State Bar of Michigan
Teleconference	December 6, 2010	n/a
Teleconference	March 7, 2011	n/a

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

The State Bar of Michigan provides the Pro Bono Initiative (PBI) with staff support and an initiative budget to facilitate projects and meetings.

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Committee Activities:

The **John W. Cummiskey Award** was presented to attorney Eric I. Frankie at the SBM awards dinner at the annual meeting in Grand Rapids. The award includes a \$2,000 donation to an ATJ program to be made through the Access to Justice Fund. Mr. Frankie asked that the award be designated for Legal Services of South Central Michigan.

The second **October Pro Bono Month Celebration** occurred in 2010. A website was developed to post Michigan events. The theme for pro bono month was “Now more than ever, pro bono is more than just the right thing to do.” The website was enhanced and included a list of upcoming pro bono month events, talking points, a sample speech with the Michigan theme, and many other resources. A press release and an op-ed piece were also issued. Again in 2010, the Governor’s office proclaimed October as Pro Bono Month in Michigan. During the month of October alone, more than 25 Michigan pro bono events were reported. Those included the October 1 “Master Lawyers Section Guide to Pro Bono” at the State Bar Annual meeting in Grand Rapids, and the “Pro Bono Training: Introduction to Domestic Violence” presented by the State Bar Domestic Violence Committee on October 29. Pro Bono Month continues to shine a light on the need for pro bono legal services for Michigan’s poor. See <http://www.michbar.org/probono.cfm>.

2010 was another successful year for **MI-LAPP’s QDRO Referral Program**. In 2010, the program closed 83 QDRO referral cases. The great success of the Program in 2010 was due in very large part to the Program’s dedicated volunteer Drafters. In 2010, the Program’s volunteers included: **Joseph Cunningham, Bob Treat, Nancy Keppelman, David and Jackie Roessler, Mary Ade, and Jim Crowley**. Each QDRO case that is prepared by a Drafter, on average, requires four hours to complete. For 2010, the 83 cases that were closed resulted in 332 pro bono hours being donated. MI-LAPP continues to rely on the QDRO Committee, spearheaded by Joseph Cunningham of Plante Moran and Robert Treat of QDRO Express LLC.

Expansion of the MI-LAPP malpractice insurance program continued. Now, private lawyers with pro bono non-QDRO cases can be covered by the State Bar’s malpractice insurance. Additionally, lawyers who accept cases from ATJ programs without malpractice insurance can also be afforded that coverage. In 2010, many pro bono attorneys utilized the MI-LAPP malpractice insurance program; attorneys that otherwise would have been unable to offer pro bono legal services due to their lack of malpractice insurance.

In August 2010, the **Michigan Supreme Court published two versions of proposed amendments to MRPC 6.1**, requesting comments by December 1, 2010. Alternative A was the court version which was the current rule with a sentence added to emphasize the voluntary nature of the rule. Alternative B was the State Bar recommended version which provided more guidance to attorneys as to what qualifies as pro bono legal service. An impressive number of comments in support of Alternative B were received from pro bono provider programs, active large firms, the ABA, judges, and many others. The Court heard public comment on January 26, 2011. Bob Gillett, Thom Linn, John Nussbaumer, and Larry Dubin spoke in favor of Alternative B. The Court has scheduled a public discussion and administrative decision on MRPC 6.1 for May 11 at the Supreme Court.

During 2010 Pro Bono Month, A free attorney training was provided by **Project SALUTE**, a program designed by the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law to assist Veterans in Federal Disability and Pension Benefits matters. The training was designed to teach pro bono attorneys how to assist Veterans with legal issues regarding disability and pension benefits.

The **Second Annual Spring Pro Bono Workshop**, “*Nurture the Power of Pro Bono*,” occurred on May 26, 2010. Thirty-five attendees from various legal aid agencies were welcomed by Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly. There were a variety of break-out sessions including topics such as: Recruitment, Recognition, Rural Pro Bono, Engaging Law Firms; Engaging the Judiciary; and Accessing Law School Pro Bono Resources., What’s

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New in Technology, Large Group and Community Pro Bono Opportunities, ATJ Centers, expungement clinics, immigration clinics, and others. Attendees were asked to develop pro bono programs for October pro bono month. The evaluations from the workshop were all very positive.

The Third **Annual Spring Pro Bono Workshop**, entitled, "*Nurturing Pro Bono: An interactive workshop for Michigan's pro bono coordinators*," is slated for May 25, 2011 at the State Bar. This year's workshop sessions are designed to encourage interactive discussions where anyone involved with pro bono will have an opportunity to share and expand on their successful practices.

The PBI provided member Tom Cavalier as a liaison to the **Master Lawyers Section Planning Committee** to enlist support for MRPC 6.1, to help identify pro bono opportunities for members of the new Master Lawyers Section, and to coordinate the development of a "Malpractice Insurance is Not A Barrier to Pro Bono" brochure. The program was held at the SBM Annual Meeting. The program demonstrates the role that members of the Master Lawyers Section can play in pro bono. A menu of pro bono opportunities was created to provide attorneys information and resources to help them decide how they could help provide pro bono legal assistance in their communities.

The PBI was very pleased that State Bar President Tony Jenkins dedicated his **February 2011 President's Page** in the Bar Journal to pro bono service. Tony illustrated that the need for pro bono legal services, as well as financial support of legal service providers, is greater than ever.

The **pro bono website** proposed after the Detroit Bar Pro Bono Summit was reviewed by the Legal Services Computer Committee, which drafted a report to be reviewed further by the website workgroup. The pro bono website is progressing. The group is continuing to meet and to outline the functions to be included in the site. Peggy discussed the need for additional financial resources to operate the program. Peggy hopes to provide more information on the pilot program at the next PBI meeting.

Robert Mathis was hired as Pro Bono Service Counsel, and began working at the State Bar on December 1, 2010. Robert is responsible for supporting the growth and expansion of the SBM's pro bono initiative and working directly in establishing and maintaining relationships with legal aid providers to coordinate statewide initiatives.

The **Circle of Excellence** was published in the June 2010 issue of the Michigan Bar Journal. There were 36 applications for COE versus 23 the previous year.

The PBI was awarded the **October 2011 Bar Journal Theme Issue**. Work on the issue is on track. The October 2011 issue is going to be a great tribute to pro bono legal services in Michigan.

Nominations for the **John W. Cummiskey Award** will be reviewed and a winner identified in May.

The **Third Annual Celebrate Pro Bono Month** is set for October 2011.

W. Anthony Jenkins, SBM President; Julie I. Fershtman, SBM President-Elect; James N. Erhart, SBM Commissioner; Reginald Turner, ABA State Delegate; and Elizabeth K. Lyon, SBM Director of Governmental Relations were in Washington, DC April 12-14 to participate in the annual **ABA Day** federal lobbying efforts. The Michigan team met with all but one member of the Michigan delegation to request current FY11 funding for the Legal Services Corporation not be cut and to request support of the Administration's proposal for an FY12 funding level of \$450 million. Efforts were largely aided by letters from local legal aid offices explaining direct constituent services they provide.

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Future Goals and Activities:

Most of the project work described in this report occurs annually, and efforts will be directed to replicating and improving those projects. In the coming year, the PBI will continue efforts to improve the delivery of pro bono services to the poor throughout Michigan.

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Committee Name: Law and the Media

Jurisdiction: Develop, recommend, and support programs that promote a positive relationship between the law and the media.

Study and identify sources of friction between the courts, lawyers, and the electronic and print press, and recommend solutions.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Teleconference	Nov. 17, 2010	
Teleconference	Jan. 26, 2011	
Teleconference	March 23, 2011	

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

Helping to arrange and coordinate seminars, prepare media kits, administer the entire McCree awards process from the initial announcement to post-banquet publicity.

Committee Activities:

Dealing with the Media Seminar: January 19, 2011

Seminar was presented to more than 30 people belonging to the Metro Bureau, a consortium of educational institutions at the College of Education at Wayne State University. Members participating: Jesse Green, Dan Cherrin, Abigail Elias, Kenneth Zichi.

Newsroom Seminar: Michigan Radio in Ann Arbor

Feb. 17, 2011. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants: Jesse Green and Cam Evans.

Other participants: John Van Bolt, Barry Howard, Marcia McBrien.

Ten journalists attended. Well received.

McCree Awards Banquet: April 17, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Nine journalists were honored in conjunction with the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame event hosted by MSU. State Bar President Tony Jenkins and the Hon. Wade Harper McCree presented the awards.

Dealing with the Media Seminar: April 29, in Mt. Pleasant for the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. Participant: Jesse Green.

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Dealing with the Media Seminar: June 11, 2011 on Mackinac Island.
Members participating: Jesse Green, Cam Evans and Andy Doctoroff.

Future Goals and Activities:

The committee is always exploring new ways to reach journalists and lawyers interested in media interactions. The committee is in the process of reviewing and updating its handout materials.

Other Information:

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Committee Name: Law-Related Education and Public Outreach

Jurisdiction: Make recommendations concerning programs advancing lay understanding of law and the legal profession, with particular emphasis on community programs.

Develop a phased implementation process for the spring 2009 Plan developed at the Law Related Education Summit, identifying measures of success for the plan and evaluating outcomes and communicating progress annually. Make recommendations concerning programs advancing lay understanding of law and the legal profession, with particular emphasis on community programs.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
In person meeting	Nov. 8, 2010	SBM
Teleconference	Jan. 10, 2011	
In person meeting	March 14, 2011	SBM
Teleconference	May 9, 2011	

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

Monetary, organizational and administrative support is provided including the following:

Legal Milestones: work with volunteers to help determine and contact key players, field trip to determine milestone dedication and plaque placement site, coordinate event, edit letter to speakers, draft plaque text, order plaque, help decide placement, keep track of guest list, work on invitations and program details, speech for master of ceremonies, arrangements for food, beverages, audio equipment, publicity including videotaping of event, press release, article or blurb in the Bar Journal, arrange for photographs, Milestones on the web.

Law Day: coordinate Law Day media opportunities including radio interviews for president and other State Bar leaders.

Constitution Day: Press releases as needed and other support.

Law Related Education Subcommittee: work with volunteers serving as work group chairs and advisors to implement goals of the 2009 Spring Law Related Education Summit.

LRE-PO page created on Facebook page and is updating the SBM website on all information connected with LRE-PO.

Committee Activities:

Through its four subcommittee structure, LRE-PO members continue to execute and improve upon a number of established SBM sponsored law related education and public outreach programs and its members continue to explore additional programming to support the objectives of the committee.

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The committee also continues its support of programs administered by other public outreach organizations by providing volunteer time and resources. While the full LRE-PO committee only meets four times per year, each of the four subcommittees communicate and meet in between the full committee meetings to discuss issues specific to the respective subcommittee's Law Related Education and Public Outreach efforts.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

In September, the Constitution Day subcommittee supported the efforts of many local bar associations and schools by creating the message, creating a timeline, developing materials and in organizing and running successful Constitution Day programs occurring across the state of Michigan. Highlights of local Constitution Day programs were profiled in the UpFront pages of the October 2010 Michigan Bar Journal. The Chair of this subcommittee created a draft planning guide for use in planning a Constitution Day program, gave a power point presentation on the efforts of the Constitution Day subcommittee to the complete LRE-PO committee at the November 2010 meeting, and received approval of the state-wide Constitution Day themes for 2011 and 2012.

In December, the 34th Michigan Legal Milestone (Vincent Chin) was installed and prominently displayed in the median on Woodward Avenue at Nine Mile Road in Ferndale. SBM Executive Director Janet Welch and others spoke at the dedication that was very well attended and covered extensively in the print and TV media. In January, the Chair of this subcommittee gave a presentation on the efforts of the Michigan Legal Milestone subcommittee to the complete LRE-PO committee. The Michigan Legal Milestones program celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and will be dedicating the Milliken v Bradley case as the 36th milestone at the SBM annual meeting in September. The subcommittee and SBM staff are also working on updating the Milestone exhibit at the Supreme Court Learning Center, creating a geo-caching game linked to the Milestones using GPS technology, and collaborating with the Law Day subcommittee on joint efforts to promote LRE opportunities.

In March, the Chair and Advisor of the Law Related Education subcommittee, Chairs of the LRE work groups and members of the SBM staff gave a presentation on the efforts of the subcommittee including the gathering of links to an online clearing house of LRE websites, the creation of a SBM website dedicated to LRE, an overview of the plans to build Lawyer-Educator collaboration, and the plans to communicate the value of LRE. The LRE website is anticipated to be live and active by the end of 2011. Members of the LRE-PO committee also supported the efforts of the Michigan Center for Civic Education by providing volunteers to judge high school student mock trial competitions across the State of Michigan and further discussions regarding the SBM involvement and role in this Mock Trial program are planned.

In May, the Chair of the Law Day subcommittee gave a presentation on the efforts of the subcommittee to revamp and reinvigorate annual Law Day activities and the subcommittee is working with SBM staff on a new, more inclusive format that will include all 83 counties in Michigan. In 2011, the annual Law Day essay contest and luncheon were suspended as the subcommittee worked on developing more interactive methods to reach middle and high school students and it is developing ideas to collaborate with other LRE-PO subcommittees and other organizations on public outreach initiatives.

The LRE-PO committee unanimously adopted the SBM Diversity Pledge and will be reviewing ways to ensure the pledge is put into action.

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Future Goals and Activities:

The LRE-PO committee will continue to look at ways to improve its subcommittee structure by ensuring that each lawyer member and each non-lawyer member are actively involved in activities that support the overall goals of the LRE-PO committee. Using this subcommittee structure, the committee continues to review, expand, and support public outreach programs in support of the committee's purpose and objectives to (1) implement programming that advances non-lawyer understanding of the law and the legal profession, with a particular emphasis on educational and community programs; and (2) review existing LRE programs for uploading to an online database, review potential collaborative activities amongst lawyers and educators, review the best methods of communicating the Value of LRE, as well as implementing and utilizing a Evaluation Form to provide valuable input and feedback on LRE programming. Each of these efforts is aimed at developing a phased in process of implementing highly effective LRE programming.

Other Information:

Each of the subcommittee chairs and LRE work group chairs provide regular (typically quarterly) written reports related to the activities and progress of their respective subcommittees and work groups.

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Committee Name: Law School Deans

Jurisdiction:

- Confer on issues and subjects that affect the law schools of Michigan and the practicing lawyers of Michigan.
- Make recommendations concerning legal preparation, law school admissions, education, standards, and testing of candidates for admission to the bar.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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W. Anthony Jenkins	Dean Don LeDuc
Victoria A. Radke	Dean Lloyd A. Semple
Timothy J. Raubinger	

Committee Meeting Schedule:

By agreement of the members, this committee meets on an as-needed basis, typically on an 18-24 month schedule. No meeting has been scheduled in this bar year.

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Committee Name: Standing Committee on Lawyer Referral Service

Jurisdiction: Provide guidance concerning the operation of the statewide Lawyer Referral Service.

Chair and Committee Members:

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Meghan Kennedy Riordan, Detroit	Member
Joelynn T. Stokes, Pleasant Ridge	Member

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Time
(In person or via telephone)		
Telephone conference	3/10/11	10:30 a.m.

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

The State Bar provides staff support, telephone conferencing, and, when applicable, meeting facilities, meals, and document production services.

Committee Activities:

This newly formed Committee met on March 10, 2011, via teleconference and, under the leadership of Chairperson Kiffi Ford, reviewed the recently adopted LRIS Rules and discussed future projects, including a caller satisfaction survey.

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Committee Name: Lawyers and Judges Assistance

Jurisdiction: Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Benjamin Symko (member)	
Joelynn Stokes (member)	
Hon. Roy G. Meink (member)	

Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
LJAC Meeting	October 14, 2010	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	December 2, 2010	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	March 10, 2011 (make up for Feb Meeting)	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	April 7, 2011	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	June 2, 2011	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	August 4, 2011	SBOM, Hudson Room

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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work: Staff time, meals, meeting facilities, technological support.

Committee Activities: Supporting program Administrator, LJAP staff, and volunteers in outreach and educational efforts to Lawyers, Judges, and Law Students, with regard to substance use, mental health, and general wellness, statewide. Supporting/advising Program Administrator and LJAP staff in oversight and facilitation of LJAP daily program functions as well as budgetary concerns.

Future Goals and Activities: 1.) Continue to act in a supportive/advisory capacity with regard to aforementioned educational and outreach activities. (e.g. monthly submissions for “Practicing Wellness” column in Bar Journal”)

2.) Expand on/improve the quality of existing resources specific to attorney and student monitoring, mature lawyers, judicial outreach, and law students.(e.g. Program Administrator’s continued participation in Supreme Court Judicial Outreach Initiative and development of related resources and activities)

3.) Continue to engage in creative outreach to law school Deans, Judges and probation officers in an effort to attract more direct referrals for the LJAP assessment and monitoring services.

4.) Expand on/improve existing services pertaining to wellness in the general legal population, including but not limited to stress management, (e.g. continued development of video-taped web/streaming of “Wellness Bytes” to be posted to LJAP website for member access)

5.) Continue to work cooperatively with the PMRC and Publications Department toward development of programming and resources tailored to meet the needs of the specific groups within the legal culture, as identified above. (e.g. Development of materials, resources, and programming designed to assist in facilitation of healthy transitioning for mature attorneys, in cooperation with PMRC and SBOM Senior Lawyer’s Initiative subcommittee)

Other Information:

LJAC is currently planning their fourth annual major outreach and fund-raising activity in cooperation with Brighton Hospital. “An Evening of Enlightenment” for April 2012. This fundraiser supports the LJAP/Brighton Hospital Richard Steinberg memorial Treatment Fund, which offers financial assistance to help pay for treatment and related expenses for lawyers who might otherwise be unable to access needed care due to financial constraints.

LJAC, in cooperation with the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (COLAP) , Is also in the early planning stages of the National COLAP Annual Meeting, to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan in October of 2012. SBOM LJAC/LJAP is honored to host this important and prestigious 2012 event.

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Committee Name: Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications

Jurisdiction: Assist in improving the legal resources at libraries, legal publications, and methods of conducting legal research.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Regular Meeting	Oct. 2, 2010	Michael Franck Bldg, Lansing
Regular Meeting	Jan. 22, 2011	University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor

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Regular Meeting	April 2, 2011	Michael Franck Bldg, Lansing

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

Use of meeting room for our quarterly meetings, provision of continental breakfast (or reimbursement for same when meetings are held outside Lansing).

Committee Activities:

We have returned to a quarterly-meeting format. Members and Committee advisors write a monthly column in the MBJ supporting legal research around the theme of the monthly issue. Articles written in the past year include:

May 2010 Marlene Coir, *Information Resources for the Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Practitioner (the Obvious and Sometimes Overlooked)*

June 2010 Bernadette Bartlett, *From Paper to Ether: Preserving Michigan State Government Information in the Digital Age*

July 2010 Laura Mancini, *Family Law Resources*

August 2010 Julia Dale, *Disability Law: A Guide to Online Resources*

September 2010 Ruth S. Stevens, *Unbundling of Legal Services: Selected Resources*

October 2010 Jan Bissett, *Betwixt and Between: Of Legal Publishing, Executive Orders, and the Library of Michigan*

November 2010 Janice Selberg, *Evidence Standards in Genealogical Research*

December 2010 Virginia Thomas, *Michigan Rulemaking, Digested*

January 2011 Jane Meland, *Regulation of Oil Pipelines in the U.S. and the Enbridge Oil Spill*

February 2011 Randy E. Davidson, *E-Filing in the Michigan Court of Appeals*

March 2011 David Votta and Lance M. Werner, *Property Tales*

May 2011 Virginia C. Thomas, *Animal Law Developments*

The Committee also maintains the Michigan Online Legal Help Center

(<http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/selfhelp.cfm>), intended for public use. Topics covered include: Consumer Protection Law, Criminal Law, Debt Relief, Elder Law, Family Law, Identity Theft, Immigration Law, Landlord/Tenant, and Wills and Trusts.

The Committee is particularly concerned with the transition of primary legal documents/information to electronic-only formats and monitors trends in Michigan and elsewhere.

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Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee would like to have more direct participation in the Solutions on Self-Help Task Force, formed in 2010 by Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly. Among the goals of the Task Force is a new self-help website based upon a model developed in Illinois. The Committee has one advisory member (Laura Mancini) on this Task Force.

The Committee will continue to update the Michigan Online Legal Help Center.

The Committee will continue to write a monthly column for the Michigan Bar Journal.

Other Information:

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Committee Name: Membership Services Committee

Jurisdiction: Evaluate and make recommendations concerning the selection, retention, development, and marketing of State Bar services and products. Make recommendations concerning programs and services to meet the needs and interests of lawyers in the Upper Peninsula. The membership of the committee shall include at least one member from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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Honorable Cynthia Thomas Walker

Committee Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Membership Services Meeting <i>- Yearly review of all programs and discussed new programs for consideration.</i>	December 8, 2010	Conference Call
Membership Services Meeting <i>- Discussion of possible new programs, including payroll processing and</i>	February 14, 2011	Conference Call

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

The Membership Services Committee has worked with two amazing State Bar Liaisons, Kari Thrush and Nancy Brown. It is an understatement to say that they have been a vital part of our committee efforts. In addition, Amy Castner has performed administrative assistance in scheduling meetings and circulating information to committee members for our meetings. Through the collective efforts of our Staff Liaisons and Ms. Castner, they have ensured preparation of meeting agendas, minutes, and detailed reports, and they have gathered information to facilitate committee meetings. They have promptly, thoroughly, and tirelessly responded to action items articulated during our meetings to facilitate further committee action. Without their work and those of others at the State Bar, the Committee would be unable to effectively serve State Bar members. It is no exaggeration to state that the activities of the Membership Services Committee would not have been possible without the commitment and assistance of Ms. Brown, Ms. Thrush, and Ms. Castner. The State Bar of Michigan is incredibly lucky to have such high-quality staff members, and the Committee sincerely thanks them for their hard work. As Chairperson, I also must personally note that Ms. Thrush is one of the brightest and most dedicated professionals whom I have ever had the privilege to work with. She responds faster than appears to be humanly possible to any request or question. She is always pleasant and has a great sense of humor. She gently prods me along when needed to make sure everything is on track. She is outstanding. As an attorney and member of the State Bar, I am thrilled that she is one of the staff members responsible for the success of our organization.

The activities of the Membership Services Committee were also made possible via the professional conference call services made available through the State Bar. Given the busy business schedules and location of the attorneys serving on our Committee, our meeting schedule would have been very difficult without the use of conference calls.

Finally, State Bar staff have routinely provided historical information from records maintained by the State Bar as needed to facilitate the activities of the Membership Services Committee. Thus, we were able to obtain guidance from the past in planning for future programs and services and evaluating State Bar endorsed programs and services.

Committee Activities:

The Membership Services Committee has held regular meetings to evaluate and make recommendations regarding State Bar endorsed programs and services to meet the needs and interests of members.

An annual review of programs was conducted to guide and inform the Committee. Many of the programs are remaining consistent or seeing a slight decline, likely as a result of economic conditions. Some highlights from the programs are as follows:

During this reporting period, the Committee reviewed the *Casemaker* on-line research program. The contract with *Casemaker* was renegotiated so that members will continue to receive the service for all 50 states and the federal districts for the next five years. Over 5,000 members are already using the program and a link has added to the State Bar's main page to help boost users.

A new contract with the *Sprint* program had to be signed because the discounts for our members were better than the discount for members of the American Bar Association (ABA). A member actually complained to the ABA, and the ABA then contacted *Sprint*. The State Bar's discounts will

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now be in line with the ABA – 20% off business service and 15% off personal service, as opposed to the 25% and 23% originally negotiated. Members who have already signed up to use the *Sprint* program will continue to receive the original discount, but new users will receive the updated discount.

The following are some other main program points from the year:

Bank of America credit card usage has been steadily dropping. Other credit card options are being explored, including options for company credit cards.

The *Federal Express* and *Federal Express Office* programs have been increasing in usage. The shipping program has over 2,000 users.

The *InterCall* conference calling program is now being used satisfactorily by all State Bar committees.

The new *Liberty Mutual* insurance program is already being used and had 19 users in December 2010. Marketing pieces are consistently being mailed.

The *Staples* program has been consistently declining in usage. *Staples* is being contacted to see if the “most used list” is carrying the greatest discount and to determine if the list needs to be updated.

The *Midwest Transaction Group* – which handles credit card processing – has seen a consistent increase in users and has received positive reviews from users.

The *Avis* auto rental program has seen a significant decrease over the years, but the program is still used over 500 times a year by members. The *Budget* auto rental program and the *Hertz* auto rental program are each used over 200 times a year by members.

The *GoNext* Travel program has decreased since its inception – likely due to the economy – but is still being used by approximately 100 members a year. Likewise, the magazine subscription program has decreased over the years, but it still is used by almost 700 members for over 1,600 subscriptions.

The Committee also voted to approve new programs. *ADP* is a payroll processing program that will primarily benefit small firms and solo practitioners. *Clio* is a practice management web-based software program that will also primarily benefit small firms and solo practitioners. The SBM Practice Management Resource Center is very familiar with the *Clio* program, which will benefit members who may have questions and look to the State Bar for assistance.

New programs are being considered by the Committee. For example, telephone answering services are being reviewed. Also, discounts through other cellular programs, such as AT&T and Verizon, are being pursued.

The Committee also voted not to move forward with certain programs or to discontinue programs. An *AFLAC* program was not pursued because there would be no greater benefit to members than what a non-member could receive. Services through *Comcast* were not pursued because of the company’s poor customer service track record. Finally, *IT Risk Managers* did not have any users in

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the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Thus, the Committee voted to allow the contract to expire in April 2011 and not renew the contract.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Membership Services Committee is committed to increasing the awareness of State Bar of Michigan services and programs to members and continuing its efforts to enhance and expand the portfolio of State Bar endorsed programs and services. The Committee is aware of over 500 members who would be willing to participate in future surveys or focus groups regarding new discount programs that the State Bar is considering. The Membership Services Committee is planning to work with this diverse group of members to continue to expand the services and programs offered to members. The Committee also will consider various methods to increase awareness of and market State Bar endorsed programs, including tailoring delivery mechanisms based on member preferences. The Committee will continue discussions and review of these issues as well as others and will offer recommendations consistent with these goals.

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Committee Name: Past Presidents' Advisory Council

Jurisdiction: Provide counsel and recommendations on all matters concerning the State Bar, at the request of the Board of Commissioners

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Patrick J. Keating	Robert B. Webster
Thomas G. Kienbaum	Fred L. Woodworth

Committee Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Committee meeting at the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting	September 15, 2011	Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI

This committee meets on an as-needed basis. Committee members have provided guidance throughout the year on various issues.

Future Goals and Activities: Continue working with the Master Lawyers Section, and support building the State Bar's historical record.

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STANDING COMMITTEE**

Committee Name: Standing Committee on Professional Ethics

Jurisdictional Statement:

- Prepare written opinions on professional ethical conduct at the request of the State Bar President, Board of Commissioners, Representative Assembly, Attorney Discipline Board, Attorney Grievance Commission, Executive Director, or individual members of the State Bar inquiring about their own contemplated conduct.
- Recommend amendments to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and other standards of professional conduct, and review proposed amendments.

This committee may have more than 15 members.

Officers and Membership:

Chair: Stanley H. Pitts, Detroit

Members:

William J. Ard, Williamston
Michael P. Ashcraft, Jr., Bloomfield Hills
John G. Cameron, Jr., Grand Rapids
Donald C. Campbell, Southfield
Stephanie L. Crino, East Lansing
Joseph L. Hardig, III, Bloomfield Hills
Robert P. Hurlbert, Bloomfield Hills
Daniel R. Hurley, Detroit
Kevin Kalczynski, Detroit
Larry W. Lewis, Hastings
G. Michael Meihn, Ferndale
Amy Neville, Detroit
Steven M. Ribiat, Bloomfield Hills

2009-2010 Meeting Schedule (date and location):

October 29, 2010, Lansing, Michigan
January 28, 2011, Lansing, Michigan
April 29, 2011, Lansing, Michigan
May 13, 2011, Lansing, Michigan
June 24, 2010, Lansing, Michigan

Committee Activities:

During each committee meeting, the members discuss proposed topics for ethics opinions; receive updates about pending matters; and discuss and debate opinions in progress. Additionally, members receive information about and discuss inquiries received on the Bar's ethics helpline and address other matters as they arise, such as proposed changes to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. Between meetings, the members work in subcommittees to research and draft opinions for discussion and approval by the committee as a whole. Since the last annual report, the committee reviewed, discussed and expressed an opinion regarding proposed changes to Rule 7.3 of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. The committee voted to approve six opinions – RI-347 (dealing with the unbundling of legal services), RI-348 (addressing limitation of scope issues in a bankruptcy setting), RI-349 (discussing the ethical use of legal assistants), RI-350 (discussing the ethical obligations of lawyers engaged by a fiduciary), RI-351 (discussing whether family law mediators can draft all paperwork incident to obtaining the divorce being mediated), and RI-352 (discussing whether a lawyer may represent an applicant in character and fitness proceedings when a member of the lawyer's firm serves on a district character and fitness committee). Since the last annual report, the committee received eleven written requests for opinion, nine of which could be informally resolved or responded to by letters without need for a new opinion. At the conclusion of the April 29, 2011, meeting the committee continues work on six subjects as well as reviewing ADM File No. 2011-05 with the intention of providing commentary to the Board of Commissioners prior to the Michigan Supreme Court's comment deadline.

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

The committee has been assisted in its work by staff liaisons Dawn Evans, Danon Goodrum-Garland, and Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn, as well as staff member Karen Spohn.

Future Goals and Activities:

The committee continues to identify issues of interest to Michigan lawyers as evidenced by questions posed by letter or ethics helpline inquiry that might be appropriate as the subject of an opinion either because the topic has not previously been addressed or because changes in the area have rendered previous opinions no longer appropriate. To the extent that the Committee's input is sought by the Board of Commissioners, the Representative Assembly, or the Supreme Court on discrete issues or projects, the committee stands ready to respond with appropriate research and commentary.

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Committee Name: Publications and Website Advisory Committee

Jurisdiction: Provide editorial guidance concerning the *Michigan Bar Journal*, the State Bar of Michigan website, and other regular State Bar publications for the general membership or public. The committee may form subcommittees to carry out its responsibilities of the committee, all of which shall be chaired by the chair of the committee. Members of the committee may serve continuously for more than two successive three-year terms.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Website subcommittee meeting	3/7/11	Conference call
Short-story subcommittee meeting	2/15/11	Conference call
Theme issue subcommittee meeting	2/15/11	Conference call
General meeting	2/8/11	Conference call
General meeting	10/28/10	Conference call
General meeting	5/5/10	Conference call
Ad hoc meeting	3/10/10	Conference call
General meeting	1/27/10	Lansing

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

Teleconference facilities and wonderful SBM staff

Committee Activities:

The 2010-2011 Bar year has seen the Publications and Website Advisory Committee, in the person of our Vice Chair John Tatum and his acolytes on the Website subcommittee, strive for continued improvement of the State Bar's website, especially the enhancement of the member directory page content and searchability (e.g., the addition of bookmark functions and prompts, and expansion of the directory entries to include additional biographical and other information, including photos, practice areas, organization memberships, and the like), and improved navigation and linkage among and between the ever increasing categories of information on the website. Over 70 percent of the website's hits are in the directory function, so we are responding to our members by improving the function they use the most. We also now provide a virtual court feature that allows members to monitor the Supreme Court's publicly broadcast proceedings, and we continue to examine ways to improve the sound quality and navigation capabilities of this new service. The website has become an increasingly powerful tool for members who take the time to learn to use it, and we strive to keep members informed of improvements as they are accomplished, to encourage and induce them to take the time to use it in their bar and practice activities.

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We continue to look for economies wherever they can be achieved and are looking closely at the print directory issue to determine what features to retain and what can be provided best online, rather than in the print edition, but so far the directory remains much as it has been, a familiar compendium of useful information that the majority of our members keep close at hand. Until we can do another member survey, it will probably continue in its present form, but change is the only constant on this committee, so stay tuned for developments on this front.

Our theme issues have included some that we believe were particularly useful to our members, including thorough updates on Michigan administrative law and energy law, and we have scheduled for October of this year an examination of pro bono initiatives. Water law, information technology, and domestic violence themes also are scheduled for the balance of this year. At the same time, we have increased the number of general-interest issues in response to the desire many members have expressed for more issues that are not focused on a single area of practice. This change also has allowed us to provide a larger and more accessible forum to the many members who submit unsolicited articles “over the transom,” and amaze us constantly with their willingness to share their expertise on subjects, such as wage and hour litigation, e-discovery, winning jury argument techniques, and international commerce, that do not lend themselves readily to the traditional section-sponsored theme issue format. Throughout the year we also have included, and will continue to provide, features that celebrate the diamond anniversary of this organization of lawyers.

This year marks our third short-story contest, and, with the judging well underway I can report that the 43 entries in this year’s competition include some excellent candidates. We have received so many really good stories in these competitions that we have begun looking at the possibility of publishing a collection of the winners and the honorable mentions, so that possibility remains for future development.

On the revenue front, we are currently negotiating with another prospective licensee for the right to offer the *Journal* to a national audience. If this proves successful, we will have in place five licensing arrangements that generate a sturdy income stream that helps defray the expense of the many print and electronic publications the committee now oversees, including the *Journal*, the e-Journal, the State Bar website, the blogsite, the vast majority of section newsletters, and the SBM NewsLink feature.

We are always looking for new ways to serve, and to expand and improve the existing ways in which we already serve, our members. This is a hard-working committee, and I will miss it, but, as I said, change is a constant, and it is time for someone else to take over the leadership of this committee. When I announced my decision not to seek reappointment, I thought I had served as chair for 25 years, but staff came back and reported that I have been chair only for 24, and would have to remain for at least another year. I laughed, but I demurred: I replied that it has been 28 years since I began my work on this committee in 1983, as a member under then chair George Roumell, and, though I may have served only 24 years as chair, it has lately come to seem like 25. This is a big job, and it is getting bigger every year.

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I daresay no one will ever again be so foolish – or so lucky – as to spend 24 years in this post. I am now a grandfather, so my thoughts turn to not missing as much of my grandchildren’s childhoods as I missed of my own children’s. So I invoke a point of personal privilege to take this opportunity to say what a blessing it has been for me to serve with the dozens of wonderful people who have contributed over the past quarter century to the work of this committee. It has been a source of joy and satisfaction to work with them and come to know and regard them as friends. I am grateful to have had this experience, and convinced that those who have labored with me, out of the limelight, to provide service to our members, month in and month out, include some of the Bar’s finest people. They are too numerous to name, but I must mention specifically the late Sheldon Hochman (who passed away only this past year), Nancy Brown, and our longest serving editor other than those two, Linda Novak, who, with all of the staff with whom it has been my pleasure to serve over these many years, have become like family to me. To you all on the committee, to the staff, past and present, and to the members of the committee and the Bar who trouble themselves to read this obscure report, I say thank you, I love you, and farewell.

Frederick Baker Jr.
Chairperson
Publications and Website Advisory Committee

Future Goals and Activities: See above

Other Information: See above

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

Committee Activities:

Future Goals and Activities:

Other Information: The work of the Technology committee in FY 2010-11 was performed through the Technology committee of the Judicial Crossroads Task Force and its leadership.

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Committee Name: Standing Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law

Jurisdiction: Pursuant to SBR 16, the State Bar of Michigan is authorized and empowered to investigate matters pertaining to the unauthorized practice of law. The Standing Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL Committee) investigates and provides guidance on matters involving the alleged unauthorized practice of the law. The UPL Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners to file and prosecute actions seeking to enjoin those engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. The UPL Committee proposes and supports measures to educate the public and the legal profession about unauthorized practice of law issues. The UPL Committee may have more than 15 members.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Regularly scheduled meeting.	June 24, 2010	State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building 306 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933
The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints and recommended two matters for litigation. Chair Hastings provided an update regarding the internal review process being undertaken by the State Bar regarding the Committee's proposed rule-based definition for the practice of law. The Committee discussed community outreach/awareness projects and distribution of pamphlets.		
Regularly scheduled meeting.	September 9, 2010	State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building 306 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933
The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints and directed additional follow-up by staff counsel on several matters to informally resolve them.		
Regularly scheduled meeting.	January 20, 2011	State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building 306 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933
Chair Hastings conducted new member orientation, and then the Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints and approved two matters for litigation. The Committee discussed and unanimously approved the proposed rule-based definition of the practice of law and Chair Hastings explained the internal review process via a special Committee that he has been invited to participate on behalf of the UPL Committee. The Committee reviewed informal ethics opinion RI-349 and approved a letter to the Chair of the Ethics Committee regarding its concerns. The Committee also discussed the presentations to the mediation centers as part of the Committee's community outreach efforts.		
Regularly scheduled meeting.	March 24, 2011	State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building 306 Townsend Street Lansing, MI 48933
The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints and recommended two matters for litigation, tabled one matter for future review and discussion after additional investigation, and directed staff counsel to continue monitoring two matters. As part of its community outreach, an UPL subcommittee participated in the Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law (UPIIL) Engagement Session hosted by U.S. Citizenship Services, Detroit, which plans to launch an initiative to combat exploitative practices by: (1) promoting public understanding of the best ways to find bona fide legal advice and avoid scams; (2) building capacity for legitimate assistance and services; and (3) supporting enforcement action against those who engage in the unauthorized practice of		

immigration law. The Committee approved the Spanish translation of the immigration pamphlet and directed staff counsel to move forward with print production. In addition, a Subcommittee was formed to review a first draft Arabic translation of the immigration pamphlet. Another Subcommittee was formed to recommend amendments to the recording statute to incorporate harsher penalties for false attestation by nonlawyer preparers.

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

The State Bar provides staff support via the administrative assistance of a legal secretary and staff counsel who provides legal services and manages the State Bar's UPL Department. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, teleconferencing services, meeting materials, and document production services. In addition, the State Bar staff provides informational pamphlets to SBM members, the general public, and to other institutions serving the public to educate the public and legal profession about the unauthorized practice of law.

Committee Activities: The Committee continued its work in prevention and remediation of the unauthorized practice of law. The Committee continues to monitor development of legal assistance centers for pro se litigants and has engaged in active dialogue with professionals assisting in this area to guard against the unauthorized practice of law and to offer meaningful support to assist the general public in finding low cost legal resources and services. The Committee has continued its investigation of pending legislation, statutes, and court rules that would facilitate the goal of protecting the public from the unauthorized practice of law.

Future Goals and Activities: The Committee will continue to expand educational activities, develop and use creative and proactive measures in addressing the unauthorized practice of law, continue to work towards adoption of its rule-based definition of the practice of law, continue to identify and take advantage of opportunities to work with the SBM Governmental Relations Department and Public Policy Committee to advance legislative measures and other legal remedies to reduce the potential for the unauthorized practice of law and reduce the impact of the associated harm to the general public, and continue to evaluate UPL complaints and make referrals to the Board of Commissioners for matters to be litigated.

The UPL Committee is scheduled to meet on June 23, 2011, and August 4, 2011, to review matters pertaining to the unauthorized practice of law and educational measures and to conduct other business as needed.

Other Information: Not applicable.

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No later than May 1 of each year, the chair of each committee and subentity of the Bar, with the assistance of the staff liaison, shall report to the Executive Director on a form provided by the State Bar on the activities and accomplishments of the committee or subentity.

Committee Name: Upper Michigan Legal Institute Advisory Committee

Jurisdiction: Provide assistance developing an annual legal education seminar especially targeted to the practice needs of northern Michigan practitioners. District A commissioner will chair committee.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
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Commissioner Liaison	Stephen J. Gobbo	PO Box 24222 Lansing, MI 48909-4222	(517) 241-9267	gobbos@michigan.gov

Committee Members:	Advisor:
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Michael P. Ceello	
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Sally J. Galer	
Thomas B. North	
David R. Peterson	
Hon. Thomas J. Phillips	
Victoria A. Radke	
Trenton Matthew Stupak	
Keith P. Theisen	
Karl A. Weber	

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Committee Meeting	6/12/10	Grand Hotel
<i>Planning session for 2011 UMLI topics.</i>		
Committee Meeting	11/10/10	Conference Call
<i>2011 UMLI program planning</i>		

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

The State Bar staff provides all of the coordination of the meetings, preparation of meeting minutes, preparation of notices to be sent, as well as the preparation of the brochure, registration forms, and staffing at the event. Staff also coordinates the sending of the forms and retrieval of the information as well as preparing statistics for review by the committee. Staff also coordinates and assists at the Grand Hotel with the room reservations as well as the registration for the event itself and any other events associated therewith.

Committee Activities:

The committee met immediately following the conclusion of the event on June 12, 2010. The success of the event was discussed and kudos were given to both Jeff Kirkey from ICLE and Kari Thrush for their great efforts in making this event the success that it was. The committee reviewed the comment sheets and they were forwarded for further processing for our next conference call.

The committee met via conference call on November 10, 2010 and reviewed the compilation of the comment cards as well as the continuation of the discussion for topics for the upcoming UMLI. Jeff Kirkey agreed to do the contacting of the proposed speakers and getting them lined up for the various speaking topics and related work. Jeff Kirkey continued to follow up with the speaker engagements and provide the overall schedule for the event for 2011. Further follow up was had by several emails including finalizing the agenda for the conference and various speakers. Jeff Kirkey provided updated speaker and topic lists with seminar agendas. Kari Thrush emailed the committee for their final approval. Kari Thrush and State Bar staff provided postcards with "Save the Date" which were sent out as well as the email blast and the brochures with the complete schedule for the event along with the appropriate registration forms.

Future Goals and Activities:

To continue to provide quality legal education and educational materials to the lawyers of Northern Michigan at a location that promotes participation at the greatest level with our available resources.

Other Information:

None.

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Committee Name: United States Courts Committee

Jurisdictional Statement: “The Committee shall make recommendations concerning the administration, organization and operation of the United States Courts for the purpose of securing the effective administration of justice. Two members shall be judges designated by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and one member shall be a judge designated by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.”

Membership notes: Pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Commissioners, the membership of the committee may exceed 15.

Officers and Membership:

Chair/Vice Chairs: D. Andrew Portinga and Mark McInerney

Board of Commissioner Liaison: Robert J. Buchanan

Bar Staff Liaisons: Clifford T. Flood and Anne M. Smith

Members:

Hon. Ellen Carmody

Jason Klingensmith

Hon. David M. Lawson

Mark McInerney

Hon. Thomas L. Ludington

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Jordan S. Bolton

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Harold Gurewitz

John Smietanka

Kelley M. Haladyna

Tracey Cordes (Clerk, WD)

Michelle Harrell

David Weaver (Clerk, ED)

Irene Hathaway

Advisors/Advisory Members:

Pamela Chapman Enslen (Rep Assembly)

Raymond S. Kent (FBA – Western Dist.)

Laurie J. Michelson (FBA – Eastern Dist.)

Francis R. Ortiz – Advisory Member

Michael W. Puerner – Advisory Member

2009-2010 Meeting Schedules (date and location):

Thursday, September 30, 2010 – Miller Johnson, Grand Rapids

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 – State Bar of Michigan

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 – State Bar of Michigan

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 – State Bar of Michigan

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – Bench-Committee Dinner – Eastern District (location TBD)

Committee Activities:

1. Systematically reviewed proposed federal rule amendments and drafted summary of rule amendments for publication in FBA newsletters and in the Michigan Bar Journal.
2. Reviewed proposed revisions of local rules of the Eastern and the Western Districts.

3. Promoted exchange of information between the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan regarding operational and administrative functions and procedures, Bench-Bar Conferences of each District, and opportunities for cooperation and cross-districting with regard to future Bench-Bar Conferences.
4. Assisted the ED FBA in its efforts to publish a survival guide type publication for practitioners new to practicing in the federal courts.
5. Sponsored an annual bench-bar dinner with judges and magistrates judges of the Eastern and Western Districts (alternates yearly with the Eastern District), currently scheduled for May 18, 2011 (location TBD), intended to provide an opportunity for the judges and committee members to meet and discuss common issues.
6. Reviewed en banc decisions of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals (and if appropriate, published a summary of notable decisions in FBA newsletters and in the Bar Journal).

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

Besides providing the resources called for in Article VI, Section 7 of the State Bar Bylaws, the State Bar provided meeting space, equipped with telephone conferencing capabilities, and State Bar Liaisons Clifford T. Flood and Anne M. Smith provided administrative support, including attending each meeting and assisted in preparing and circulating meeting agendas and minutes. Further, the State Bar incurred the expenses for the Annual Bench Bar dinner.

Future Goals and Activities:

1. The Committee will continue to systematically review and, when appropriate, comment on proposed amendments to the Federal Rules and to local rules.
2. The Committee will continue to review 6th Circuit en banc opinions and when appropriate, publish a summary in FBA newsletters and the Michigan Bar Journal.
3. The Committee will continue its efforts to support the Eastern District FBA in completing its “survival guide” for practitioners new to federal court procedures and practices, and assist in coordinating a series of seminars co-sponsored by Local Bar Associations and FBA Chapters for such practitioners.
4. The Committee will continue its support of a statewide Bench/Bar Conference by coordinating activities of the Eastern and Western Districts FBA chapters.
5. The Committee will continue to sponsor an annual bench-bar dinner with judges and magistrates judges of the Eastern and Western Districts
6. To promote continuity and consistency, the Committee will continue to elect a committee vice-chair each year and at the appropriate time, will respectfully request the appointment of the vice-chair as the committee’s chair.

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