**Standing Committees Annual Reports**

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American Indian Law

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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P71403 Cameron Ann Fraser, Traverse City
P55328 Hon. Melissa L. Pope, Fulton

Term Ending: 2018
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P56903 Roy R. Kranz, Bay City
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

Telephone conferencing. Meeting space in June.

Future Goals and Activities:

Continue to work with the Tribal-State-Federal Judicial forum regarding conflicting order between Tribal and State Courts regarding custody of children.

Education regarding VAWA and TLOA.
Committee Activities:

In the last year the committee has:

had 9 teleconference meetings and 1 in person meeting;

worked to put together an educational presentation regarding VAWA which will be presented at the 2017 Upper Michigan Legal Institute;

worked with the Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum regarding conflicting tribal and state court orders;

continued to monitor changes to SCAO forms for the implementation of MIFPA;

continued to reach out to areas with Tribes.
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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.
- The President-elect is a member of this committee.

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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:
Staff contacts co-chairs to schedule meeting and mailing dates, sends future meeting dates via email to committee members. Designs and updates language of Awards brochure and online nomination forms to reflect new awards, deadlines and any other changes. Prepares and issues news releases and brochures (printed and electronic) to legal newspapers, SBM Board of Commissioners, Representative Assembly, SBM Foundation, local and affinity bars, prosecutor and defender associations, law school deans, courts, large firms, SBM Sections and Committee chairs, etc. Prepares and posts announcement for Michigan Bar Journal, e-Journal, SBM eblast, SBMblog, social media sites and other publications. Prepares agendas and minutes and posts to SBM Connect prior to the meetings. Prepares excel table summarizing nominees accomplishments as applications are received. Conducts simple background checks on nominees before names are submitted for consideration. Compiles nominations for book to be printed for committee members. Creates and sends Survey Monkey to committee members to narrow down list of nominees and streamline the process for ultimate decision-making by determining the extent of support for each nominee prior to the commencement of formal discussions and to ascertain the early formation of any consensus as to support from the Committee as a whole for the various nominees both within the designated award nomination categories and as to the category in which each will be considered when the Committee confers and votes upon the award recommendations. Drafts memorandum from co-chairs to SBM Board of Commissioners with recommendations for award winners. Creates letters from SBM executive director to award winners and the non-winners. Prepares publicity for the award recipients and sends news releases and posts list on website, blog and social media. Orders Awards and works with video production company to produce videos of each award winner for banquet and for posting online. Writes short stories about each winner for Bar Journal. Writes scripts for how Awards banquet should proceed. Writes speeches for SBM presidents to present awards. Works with banquet facility to set up banquet. Drafts and designs an event program for the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.

Future Goals and Activities:
The committee members work very hard every year to seek out nominations, and ensure that they are submitted by the nomination deadlines. An important goal of this committee is to also make sure that the quality of the award recipients is always outstanding and that the winners represent diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.
Committee Activities:

The committee members go out and seek good quality nominations for SBM awards. For the coming year’s awards cycle (coming to an end at the 2016 Annual Meeting, where the awards will be handed out), there are 25 nominations to consider for seven awards (some awards can have multiple recipients). In the last year’s cycle, commencing at the 2015 Annual Meeting, the Committee gave out awards to 10 Michigan attorneys and the Liberty Bell Award to one non-attorney (awards were not selected prior to the due date of last year’s annual report).

2015 Award Winners:
Roberts P. Hudson Award: Edward H. Pappas
Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Public Service Award: James L. Shonkwiler (posthumous), Timothy A. Baughman, Adam A. Shakoor
Champion of Justice Award: David W. Christensen, Stephanie Dawkins Davis, Nora M. Hudson, Alicia J. Skillman
Kim Cahill Bar Leadership Award: St. Clair County Bar Association
John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award: Professor Joseph Kimble
John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award: Paul E. Scheidemantel
Liberty Bell Award: Matthew R. Branding

In this year’s cycle, commencing at the 2016 Annual Meeting, the Committee gave out awards to 10 Michigan attorneys and will give out one or more Liberty Bell Awards to one or more non-attorneys (the deadline is May 13 - after the due date of the annual report).

2016 Award Winners:
Roberts P. Hudson Award: Linda K. Rexer
Frank J. Kelley Award: William Forsyth and Wayne F. Pratt
Kimberly M. Cahill Award: Macomb County Bar Foundation
John Reed Award: George Roumell
Liberty Bell Award nomination deadline is May 13 - winner will be determined at a later date.
Other Information:

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

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Character and Fitness

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

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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 Assistant Counsel also assist the Committee with legal and ethical matters. Meeting space at the Michael Franck Building is 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:

State Bar staff, in coordination with the Board of Law Examiners, are building a bar exam applicant portal and database that will update the current systems being used by the Character & Fitness Department and the Board. A primary goal of the portal and database is to expedite and enhance communications between both entities and to/from the applicants. Additionally, the new systems will keep the applicants up to date on the progress of their applications, and greatly reduce the use of paper, making the application process greener than ever.

The eCommerce "upload and pay" module and procedures were implemented for the February 2016 bar exam. The system is working very well and greatly reducing the hands-on paperwork for both the applicants and staff from the Board of Law Examiners, State Bar Character & Fitness and Finance & Administration Departments.

The Committee continues to work on Law Student Outreach, and analyze current questions on the Affidavit of Personal History, in addition to conducting hearings.
Committee Activities:

The primary work of the Standing Committee on Character and Fitness is to investigate and make recommendations with respect to the character and fitness of every applicant for admission to the bar by bar examination, with the assistance of assigned State Bar Staff and the District Character and Fitness Committees. The Standing Committee members review recommendations submitted by the District Committees, conduct confidential applicant hearings, and make recommendations to the Board of Law Examiners. One business-type meeting may be held during the year to address policy issues and train new members, if determined necessary by the Chairperson. Approximately 1300 applicants take the bar examination annually and each first time applicant must complete an Affidavit of Personal History and submit all required background information. Additionally, applicants must be recertified if the original application is over three years old and the applicant has not been successful on the bar examination, which involves submitting to another complete investigation. 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 200 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. All recommendations are ultimately transmitted to the Board of Law Examiners for final action.

The District Character and Fitness Committees conducted interviews for 46 applicants for the July 2015 exam cycle. To date, 4 files have been referred for District Committee interviews for the February 2016 exam cycle, and of those, 1 interview has either been scheduled or completed. It is expected that up to 40 additional files may be referred for the February 2016 exam cycle, based on the information received to date. New member training for District Committee members was conducted on March 9, 2016 by members of the Standing Committee and State Bar Staff, and was attended by 29 new members.

From May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, the Standing Committee held 43 formal hearings before making recommendations to the State Board of Law Examiners. Additionally, 19 hearings are expected to be held during the remainder of the fiscal year. Five hearings before the State Board of Law Examiners were also conducted during this time frame, which required the presence of a member of the Committee acting as assigned State Bar Counsel as well as a member of the Character and Fitness Department Staff. Four additional hearings are currently pending.

The time commitment required to conduct formal hearings, including hearings spanning multiple days, 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.
In addition to conducting hearings, the Committee also designates Subcommittees to study and make recommendations regarding issues relevant to Bar Admissions when 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, give presentations when requested to do so by law school faculty.

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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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P66292 Sean P. McNally, Detroit
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The committee receives staff support from Peter Cunningham and Carrie Sharlow. The State Bar coordinates meeting times, invites to the members, prepares and circulates (via hard copy, email, and portal access) the agenda and related materials included in a meeting book, provides meeting refreshments, and prepares minutes for review. Arrangements are made by the Bar staff for conference call participation for those that cannot attend in person. Bar staff provides information regarding actions by the Board of Commissioners and the Representative Assembly and the status of pending legislation and proposals before the Supreme Court.

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.
Committee Activities:

When the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee met in April 2015, it approved a proposal to go before the October 2016 Representative Assembly regarding MCR 2.116 and MCR 2.119. The matter was presented to the Assembly by committee chair Karen Safran and passed as amended.

At the June 2015 meeting, the committee discussed five proposed court rule amendment proposals published by the Michigan Supreme Court, and eight pieces of legislation.

At the January 2016 meeting, the committee discussed three proposed court rule amendment proposals published by the Michigan Supreme Court that the committee had previously proposed and presented to the Representative Assembly. The committee also discussed three other proposals, and three pieces of legislation. At the same meeting, the committee discussed and revised three separate proposals which were then submitted to the Representative Assembly for its April 30, 2016 meeting.

The committee expects to meet at least once during the summer months.
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Client Protection Fund
Jurisdiction: Make recommendations concerning the Client Protection Fund, including the investigation and analysis of claims, loss prevention programs, CPF rule changes, the distribution of payments authorized by the Board of Commissioners, and the institution and prosecution of all subrogation actions seeking to recoup monies paid from the Fund.

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

The State Bar provides a paralegal with primary responsibility for claims administration, a 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, SBM Connect, teleconference services, meeting materials, document production services, and financial management of the Fund. For public education, State Bar staff provides informational pamphlets to court administrators as requested to educate the public on how to find a lawyer and general information about the Fund. Additionally, State Bar staff assists in and manages subrogation activities, working with outside counsel to recoup some of the money paid by the Fund.

Future Goals and Activities:

SBM Rule Proposal - The CPF Standing Committee and Professional Standards Committee recommended approval and the Board of Commissioners approved proposed SBR 20, which would authorize the State Bar to (1) issue subpoenas to support CPF claim investigations; (2) provide absolute immunity from suit regarding statements and communications to the State Bar and issued by the State Bar regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Client Protection Fund; and (3) to disclose information regarding CPF claim applications and information obtained during investigation of CPF claims to persons or entities empowered and authorized to investigate and reimburse such claims in other jurisdictions. Proposed SBR 20 needs to be submitted to the Michigan Supreme Court.

CPF Web Pages – CPF Staff updated the CPF web pages to incorporate the revisions to CPF Rule 11(A), (E), (L), and (M), which amended the procedure and standard for review applied to requests for review.

The Client Protection Fund will be hosting the 2016 National Client Protection Organization’s Fall Workshop in Detroit, beginning on September 26, 2016. This two-day, innovative and educational experience provides a platform for representatives of Client Protection Funds from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and the Virgin Islands to discuss current trends and discover new developments in field of client protection law.
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.

CPF Rule Amendments - During the 2014/15 fiscal year, the CPF Committee recommended revisions to the CPF Rule 11 (A), (E), (L), and (M), which would amend the appeals procedure and standard for review applied to requests for review. These revisions will streamline the CPF administrative process. The revisions were reviewed by the Professional Standards Committee at its April 2015 meeting and approved by the Board of Commissioners at its July 2015 meeting.

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Adobe Form CPF Application – CPF Paralegal Robin Lawnichak developed the CPF application using Adobe Forms to permit claimants to prepare and submit CPF claim applications electronically. The form has been posted on the CPF home page on the State Bar’s website and can be submitted to a dedicated e-mail address: cpf@mail.michbar.org.

Complete Claims Activity: For the period April 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016, a total of 227 claims were processed, which consists of 91 new claims and 136 claims which were pending at the beginning of this period. One hundred and thirty-three (133) claims remain pending.

The CPF Standing Committee reviewed 65 claims during this time period. Thirteen claims were denied. Thirty-eight claims totaling $266,170.88 were approved by the Board of Commissioners and paid; two claims totaling $88,399.35 have been approved by the Board of Commissioners and await executed subrogation agreements before payment; fourteen claims are being held pursuant to CPF Rule 12(C), because the total number of claims involving the dishonesty of a single lawyer are expected to exceed the aggregate limit and await Board of Commissioners review until the two year hold expires six of which were reviewed in the 2014-2015 fiscal year; and seven claims totaling $94,199.35 are pending review by the Board of Commissioners. Six requests for review were requested by claimants regarding claims denied by the CPF Committee and one was submitted by a respondent regarding a claim recommended for approval, all are pending review by the Board of Commissioners’ Professional Standards Committee.

Since the inception of the Fund, 1,237 claims have been paid totaling $7,879,760.90, while 1,882 have been closed administratively, denied, or withdrawn.
The Client Protection Fund turned 50 on February 25, 2016!

Financial Activity – As of March 31, 2016, the Fund received $318,390.00 from the 2015/16 membership dues assessment, $6,840.00 in Pro Hac Vice fees, and $17,551.00 reflecting contributions of abandoned lawyer trust funds and judicial campaign funds. In addition, the Fund received subrogation payments from respondents totaling $46,644.00 during the period April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2016. There is $88,399.35 in authorized, but unpaid claims awaiting receipt of executed subrogation agreements. The Fund balance as of March 31, 2016, was $2,650,402.00.

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Criminal Jurisprudence & 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 and efficient administration of criminal justice, including the establishment and operation of systems for the representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses.

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

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

The committee also met on March 17, 2016 and April 21, 2016 and is expected to meet in May and June.

The committee offered the following recommendations to the Board of Commissioners:

2014-15 - Proposed Amendment of Rule 6.106 of the Michigan Court Rules
Support.

2013-26 - Proposed Amendment of Rule 7.209 of the Michigan Court Rules
Support Alternative A.

2014-40 - Proposed Amendment of Rule 2.506 of the Michigan Court Rules
Support with Amendments.

M Crim JI 25.6
Support.

M Crim JI 11.37, 11.37a, b, and c
Support.

M Crim JI 11.16 and 11.30
Support.

M Crim JI 15.1, 15.1a, 15.5, 15.6, 15.6a, and 15.7a
Support.

M Crim JI 12.3
Support with Amendments.

M Crim JI 20.40
Support with Amendments.

M Crim JI 35.8 and 35.9
Support with Amendments.

M Crim JI 23.17
Support with Amendments.

M Crim JI 20.38 through 20.38c
Support.

M Crim JI 12.2 and 12.5
Support with Amendments.

M Crim JI 7.11
Support.

M Crim JI 11.3, 11.6
Support with Amendments.
Other Information:

M Crim JI 19.1
Support.

Jury Pool Selection Process HB 4406 - HB 4407
Oppose.

HB 4505 Evidentiary Standard for Certain Drug Forfeitures
Support HB 4505 as it passed the House in Substitute H-1.

Video Recording HB 4548 - HB 4549
Support.

HB 4561 Juror Compensation
Support the bill in principle with the condition that the juror compensation fund used to reimburse the counties be fully funded.

HB 4766 Teen Court
Support.

HB 4869 Physicians Exemption from Jury Duty
Oppose.

SB 0251 Consent Calendar for Juveniles
Support with Amendment.

SB 0386
Support.

SB 0453 Residency Requirement for Magistrate in the Third Class District Courts
Support.

Standard 1 – Education and Training of Defense Counsel
Standard 2 – Initial Interview
Standard 3 – Investigation and Experts
Standard 4 – Counsel at First Appearance
The motion was made to support the adoption of these proposed standards as presented by the MIDC.
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Diversity and Inclusion Advisory

Jurisdiction:
· Review concepts and ideas and make recommendations for support, implementation or other appropriate actions to SBM leadership, committees, and other bar-associated entities about SBM initiatives and programs addressing inclusion within the profession, and approaches to measuring progress concerning diversity and inclusion.
· Provide guidance concerning efforts by bar associated entities such as the Diversity Project Workgroup of the Equal Access Initiative and subcommittees of SBM committees in seeking signatories to the "Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession in Michigan."
· Identify tools and strategies to assess the current state of diversity and inclusion in the Michigan legal community that can be used to set meaningful benchmarks to measure improvements and progress.
· Develop concepts for recognizing best practices and exceptional achievements.
· Provide public support to the SBM leadership and staff regarding communications with members of the profession and others about the goals and outcomes of diversity and inclusion activities.

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- budget for meetings and special programs in addition to staff support

Future Goals and Activities:

- The committee is divided into several work groups
  1) Joint recommendations is working on getting information about how recommendations from the 1989 Task Force on Race and Gender are being implemented by various responsible entities.

- Bar Associations/Sections and Committees held a Brunch for Bars program and is planning an Affinity Bar summit

- Law School work group is updating the Law Schools in Michigan data for another report and working to update the Pipeline programs brochure.
Committee Activities:

Ongoing activities include;

• Following up on recommendations from the Task Force on Race and Gender reports
• Developing programs to educate the profession about diversity and inclusion
• Sharing data regarding the demographics of the profession
• Gathering resources to share with key constituent groups.
• Annual gatherings celebrating diversity
Other Information:

The committee will be engaging in some assessment to review what has been accomplished since its inception and best ways to continue the mission going forward.
Domestic Violence

Jurisdiction:
- Make recommendations to increase attorney awareness of domestic violence.
- Make recommendations and encourage training of attorneys and judges on legal remedies and community resources for victims of domestic violence.
- Develop and distribute legal resources involving domestic violence and victims' access to the legal process.
- Assist in the coordination of domestic violence programs and activities in Michigan.

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The State Bar of Michigan provides the Standing Committee on Domestic Violence with staff support and a modest budget to facilitate projects, trainings, and meetings.

Future Goals and Activities:

- **Pro Bono Family Law Training – October 2017**
  The committee plans to conduct a pro bono training for attorneys who are new to the area of domestic violence family law in October 2017. Proposed subject matter of the training will include, but not be limited to, how to conduct the initial client interview with DV survivors, substantive legal issues, initial pleadings and service, pre-trial and trial practice, and trauma informed practice. In exchange for the free training, attorneys will agree to handle a domestic violence family law case, referred from their local legal aid organization, on a pro bono basis.

- **Webinars**
  The DV Committee is reviewing training options to be provided by webinar to Michigan attorneys handling domestic violence family law cases. Webinar topics may include Trauma Informed Practice, Personal Protection Orders, Property Division Procedures (QDROs, retirement accounts, spousal support, etc), and others.

- **Prepare Written Information Regarding Domestic Violence Issues**
  The DV Committee has discussed creating and distributing written materials regarding various domestic violence issues.
Committee Activities:

Meetings Continued.
DV Committee September 11, 2015 Teleconference
Pro Bono Training Event October 23, 2015 In-Person / Webinar
Publications Subcommittee October 28, 2015 Teleconference
DV Committee November 17, 2015 Teleconference
Publications Subcommittee December 17, 2015 Teleconference
DV Committee January 19, 2016 Teleconference
Training Subcommittee February 2, 2016 Teleconference
Publications Subcommittee March 10, 2016 Teleconference
DV Committee March 15, 2016 Teleconference
Public Policy Subcommittee April 12, 2016 Teleconference

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The Domestic Violence Committee is a very active committee that seeks to explore areas in which change, education, training, and awareness can have a positive impact in reducing the incidents of domestic violence and increasing the safety of victims and their children as they proceed through the legal system.

The Domestic Violence Committee has created four subcommittees:

- **Training and System Education**
  - Mission: Continue exploring and scheduling training opportunities; possibly develop training and education opportunities regarding understanding trauma of the victim and how that needs to be considered throughout the legal process.

- **Public Policy**
  - Mission: Address public policy items that are sent to the full DV Committee for consideration.

- **Publications**
  - Mission: Oversee the Family Law Journal assignments, topics, and reminders, as well as explore other publication opportunities.
  - Resource (This subcommittee meets only as needed)
    - Mission: Explore how to broaden the mission; to review how the criminal side of domestic violence intersects with the goals of the committee and attempt to have more involvement with those players (i.e., law enforcement, prosecutors, etc.).

The subcommittees meet on a regular basis (depending on need) focusing on their specific targeted areas. A reporting time is set aside at each monthly meeting of the DV Committee for each subcommittee to provide a report to the full committee for discussion or vote.

**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, with the general article topic, from May 1, 2014 to May 1, 2015 are as follows:

- May 2015 Issue – Title IX
- June/July 2015 Issue – Child Support and Domestic Violence
- August/September 2015 Issue – Domestic Violence as Grounds for Asylum
- October 2015 Issue– Promote Pro Bono Month Family Law Training
- November 2015 Issue – Sexual Assault Evidence Kits
- December 2015 Issue–Domestic Violence Enhancement to MiTEAM Practice Model
- January 2016 Issue – Batters’ Intervention Programs
- February 2016 Issue – Adverse Childhood Experiences Focused on Domestic Violence
- April 2016 Issue – Impact of Domestic Relations Deadlines on DV Immigration Cases
- May 2016 Issue – LJAP and Services to Attorney-Survivors of DV/SA
Other Information:

Public Policy Positions – Positions taken by the Domestic Violence Committee, but not necessarily positions taken by the State Bar Board of Commissioners.

-HB 4132
This bill amends the Custody Act to allow a court to consider awarding the right of first refusal for child care to a parent with joint custody or parenting time.
Oppose

-HB 4176
This is a bill to expunge criminal history records if complaining witness recants.
Oppose

-MCR 6.16
The court may, in its custody order, limit or prohibit defendant’s contact with any other named person or persons if the court determines the limitation or prohibition is necessary to maintain the integrity of the judicial proceedings.
Support

-SB 0351
Family; marriage and divorce; contacting a party to a divorce action; prohibit for a certain time period.
Support

-HB 4622
Adding trafficking to amendment to stalking statute.
Support
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Education & Events Committee
Jurisdiction: Provide assistance developing education events that include but are not limited to the Bar Leadership Forum, Upper Michigan Legal Institute, and the Annual Meeting. Membership note: The appointed members are limited to two two-year terms. May include non-State Bar members. Committee to include President, President-Elect and RA Vice Chair and should be made up of one quarter Upper Michigan attorneys.

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P55335 Hon. Karl A. Weber, Marquette

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<td>BLF Scholarship sub-committee</td>
<td>4/4/2016</td>
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<td>Sub committee met to determine the winners of the scholarship. Ten State Bar scholarships and four Cohn scholarships were awarded.</td>
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The State Bar staff provides all of the coordination of the meetings, preparation of meeting minutes, preparation of notices to be sent, and the preparation of the brochures, registration forms, and staffing at events. Staff also drafts the program content and suggests possible speakers for review by the committee. Staff members coordinate the sending of the forms and retrieval of the information and preparing statistics for review by the committee. Staff also coordinates registration and assists with the room reservations, as well as being on-site for the events themselves.

Future Goals and Activities:
To continue to develop and provided quality education events that include but are not limited to the Bar Leadership Forum, Upper Michigan Legal Institute, and the Annual Meeting.

The committee will finalize locations and dates for 2020-2023 Annual Meeting event locations.

Committee will look at changes for the 2017 Annual Meeting with the focus on goals of the 21st Century Task Force report.
Committee Activities:

The committee met on November 19, 2015 to discuss the new E&E committee format, 2015 UMLI evaluation results, review the 2016 UMLI draft program, review the 2015 Annual Meeting/SSFI evaluation results, and review the 2015 BLF evaluation results.

Staff has communicated with the committee via email with updates on the UMLI and BLF programing.

The BLF scholarship sub-committee will met on April 4 to determine the scholarship recipients.
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Judicial Ethics

Jurisdiction:
· 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 State Bar inquiring about their own contemplated conduct.
· Recommend amendments to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, 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.

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Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates
P33716 James B. Pahl, Mason

Michigan Probate Judges Association Member
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<td>The committee discussed the workgroup's draft opinion, approving it for publication; assigned a workgroup to prepare a draft opinion based on a common ethics helpline inquiry, discussed the ban on personal solicitation by judges, and received an update on referral made to the Professional Ethics Committee.</td>
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<td>Brief new member orientation occurred; overview of 21st Century Practice Task Force work was given; discussed a workgroup draft opinion, approving it for publication; reviewed new opinion requests and decided how to informally respond through staff issued correspondence.</td>
<td>Nov. 6, 2015</td>
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The State Bar provides staff support for the work of the committee through three staff counsel and the administrative assistance of a legal secretary. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, SharePoint, SBM Connect, teleconferencing services, meeting materials, document production services, and other ethics resources as needed to support the work of the committee.

Future Goals and Activities:

The committee plans to continue responding to opinion requests and to review opinions that may need to be updated or replaced 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.

The Committee’s last quarterly meeting for this bar year is scheduled for June 19, 2015.
Committee Activities:

During each committee meeting, members discuss pending opinion requests, new opinion requests, and proposed topics for ethics opinions to decide whether to prepare an opinion or other response. Additionally, members receive information about and discuss inquiries received through the State Bar’s ethics helpline and address other matters as they arise, such as proposed changes to the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct. Between meetings, workgroups (identified during meetings) research and review materials on identified topics, may meet by teleconference, prepare draft opinions and/or memos for review, discussion, edits, and action by the committee.

Since its last Annual Report, the Committee approved two ethics opinion for publication.

A sitting judge may make a private monetary donation to a nonjudicial candidate’s campaign. Even though the candidate must publish a financial report of donations, the contribution would not amount to a “public endorsement” of the candidate. Given the amendments to Canons 2 and 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct allowing judges to be more involved in fundraising activities, a campaign contribution to a nonjudicial candidate, without more, is not ethically prohibited.

The Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 4(E)(4), prohibits judges and their family members from receiving gifts, except in certain limited circumstances. Prudence dictates that judges should require court staff under their direction to observe high standards to avoid any appearance that the official actions, decisions, or judgments of any court employee could be influenced by gifts. Based on the provisions of Canon 4E, a judge, a judge’s staff, or a judge’s family member should not accept gifts from persons who interests who have come or are likely to come before the judge.
Other Information:

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Judicial Qualifications

Jurisdiction:

· Evaluate candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies and report 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.

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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 a light breakfast and lunch for the Committee members. State Bar staff liaisons coordinate the interview schedule, report the Committee’s ratings for each candidate directly to the Governor’s Office in confidence, and handle administrative tasks and other matters as necessary.

Future Goals and Activities:
Committee Activities:

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

Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and/or as requested. From May 2015 through April 2016, the Committee met 12 times and interviewed 111 candidates for judicial vacancies.
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June 9, 2015
July 14, 2015
August 11, 2015
September 8, 2015
September 29, 2015
October 13, 2015
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December 8, 2015
January 12, 2016
February 9, 2016
April 12, 2016
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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 will include 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.
- Raising money for and otherwise working to increase resources for civil legal aid programs.
- Examining collateral civil consequences of criminal convictions and representational issues in the criminal justice system.

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<td>At the June 8 meeting, members reviewed the right to counsel work undertaken by Equal Access Initiative (EAI) and moved to the 21st Century Practice Task Force. It reviewed a justice initiatives leadership development report prepared by EAI. It learned more about the progress of the 21st Century Practice Task Force with a special focus on the Access Committee co-chaired by CJI co-chair Linda Rexer. It received concrete information about the next partnership with MSU College of Law and Frank J. Kelley Ethics Lecture Series to present the annual, A summit on October 28 at MSU Law. It received reports from each of the initiatives; more information is found in the separate initiative reports. It received a report from the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DIAC) with follow up from the Brunch for Bars. It looked forward to the booth and programs planned for the October Annual Meeting.</td>
<td>June 8, 2015</td>
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<td>Members received more information on the upcoming JI Summit and Kickoff combined event in partnership with MSU Law. It revised its process for reviewing policy to include review by the CJI co-chairs for their determination if items should be referred to additional initiatives and positions shared promptly with other initiatives before submitting to CJI for review. Members reviewed leadership development ideas and progress through activities like involvement at the Annual Meeting booth, partnership with the November 12 joint program between the State Bar Young Lawyers Section (YLS) and the Oakland County Bar with a focus on pro bono and access to justice. Members also agreed to tweet using the #sbmjusticeinitiatives throughout the year. It received reports from each of the initiatives.</td>
<td>October 20, 2015</td>
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<td>Annual Summit and Kickoff</td>
<td>New York Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman addressed over 150 lawyers, law students and law professors at MSU College of Law on the occasion of the 7th Annual Kelley Ethics Lecture and the 6th Annual Summit and Kickoff. The program combines two celebrated justice system events into a joint gathering to consider legal futurism and its impact on access to justice. Judge Lippman's remarks were inspiring and included: “The judicial and the profession must stand for something, and even in the light of budget cuts and layoffs, financial support for legal services must continue because ‘we might as well close the doors to the courthouse if it’s not open to all.’” Judge Lippman's remarks and a written report can be viewed at <a href="http://www.michbar.org/programs/summit2015">http://www.michbar.org/programs/summit2015</a></td>
<td>October 28, 2015</td>
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<td>The committee received reports from the initiatives and from the DIAC. It heard a detailed progress report on the work of the 21CPTask Force, including the January 29 Town Hall meeting and the involvement there of Erika Davis, Angelita Trapp, Chris Hastings and Maya Watson on behalf of the Access Committee. It identified possible topics for the 2016 JI Summit, with an emphasis on items supported by the Task Force recommendations. It reviewed information on the Equal Access Conference and attendance by Wendy Richards, Rob Mathia, and Erika Davis as our representative to the Access to Justice Chairs meeting there. It also heard from Gray citizens and Judge Cynthia Stephens as participants in this year’s National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts. Committee members were introduced to Connect as our communication portal.</td>
<td>February 17, 2016</td>
<td>Teleconference</td>
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<td>Regular</td>
<td>CJI received reports from the initiatives and DIAC. It conducted a preliminary review of its new policy review process. It received a report from Peter Cunningham on the SBA delegation to ABA Day. The delegation consisted of Reggie Turner, Lori Buiteweg, Judge Ward Clarkson, Bradley Gayton, Rob Mossel, and Thom Lynx. They met with nearly the entire Michigan delegation, and support for LSC funding is stronger than ever among our congressional delegation. It received a more detailed report on the recommendations of the 21CPTask Force and the process going forward. It confirmed its interest in addressing the topic of unbundling, triage, and possible the Justice Innovations Guidelines for its 2016 Justice Initiatives Summit. If timing and resources allow, the Summit will likely occur in late June.</td>
<td>April 27, 2016</td>
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The State Bar provides the Committee on Justice Initiatives (CJI) with staff support and a budget to facilitate phone and in-person meetings and a wide breadth of projects. CJI is an umbrella group comprised of the co-chairs of the Pro Bono Initiative, the Equal Access Initiative, the Criminal Issues Initiative, and the Justice Policy Initiative. The executive director of the Michigan State Bar Foundation is also a CJI member. The umbrella format is a resource to coordinate the efforts and interests of those most heavily involved in the State Bar’s longstanding access to justice work. It also serves to identify common and emerging areas of focus among the initiatives, and coordinate and present programming and communications for those areas. The annual reports of those initiatives, including information on policy positions taken by CJI, are included with this cover report.

### Future Goals and Activities:

CJI will continue to contribute to the work of the 21st Century Practice Task Force as a focus for improving access to justice. It has identified unbundling/limited scope representation, triage, and the development of Justice Innovations Guidelines as immediate areas of focus. It remains interested in the challenge of collateral consequences of juvenile adjudications.

It continues its partnership with the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, and is still looking for the right opportunity to reexamine its structure and work to respond to the changing landscape.
Committee Activities:

In addition to the activities and meetings described above, the CJI Co-chairs and staff met on August 27, 2015, in Brighton for the purpose of assessing its overall structure and work, reviewing the proposed CJI and initiative membership for the upcoming bar year, understanding the budget, and reviewing the robust proposals for leadership development provided by staff and the Equal Access Initiative.

To encourage leadership development within the initiatives, it was agreed that, among other items,

1. The chairs would ask members to sign up for the Annual Meeting booth.
2. They would encourage involvement in emerging substantive issues like the deaf/blind/hard of hearing matter brought to our attention by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.
3. They would encourage attendance at events that focus on ATJ and pro bono, like the November 12 2015 Novemberfest sponsored by the Young Lawyers Section and the Oakland County Bar Association.
4. They would create opportunities for law students to attend the diversity reception.
5. We will use social media and A Lawyer Helps/Greater Expectations to publicize the work of CJI, and building from the popular national hashtag #justiceinitiatives, we will use #sbmjusticeinitiatives to publicize our work.
6. We will identify candidates to participate in the Bar Leadership Forum.
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Justice Initiatives: Criminal Issues Initiative

Jurisdiction: Examines collateral civil consequences of criminal convictions and representational issues in the criminal justice system.

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The Initiative receives staff support from Peter Cunningham and Carrie Sharlow.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Initiative will continue reviewing public policy items, discussing matters relating to Juvenile Justice, and looking for opportunities for UCCCA.
Committee Activities:

The Criminal Issues Initiative also met January 14, 2016; February 11, 2016; March 10, 2016; and May 12, 2016. It expects to meet at least once in the summer.

The Initiative hosted a program at the State Bar’s Annual Meeting in Novi on Friday, October 9, 2015. The program--titled "Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Adjudication"--included a panel of interested stakeholders, led by Judge Mabel Johnson Mayfield. The group focused on juvenile pleas and adjudications; collateral consequences to benefits, services, and rights due to a plea or criminal action; real-life lessons and examples from attorneys, judges, and parents; and ideas and movement for improvement.

The program was well attended, and there is ongoing discussion of the possibility of a repeat in different locations.

Throughout the year, the Initiative discussed various pieces of legislation and proposed court rule amendments, and submitted several position for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.
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<td>JI Summit</td>
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<td>In correlation with the Frank Kelley lecture series. Provides a common meeting for the Justice Initiatives and the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.</td>
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<td>Blind Spots Program</td>
<td>November 9, 2015</td>
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<td>Program in conjunction with DIAC to improve decision making and outcomes in regards to diversity and inclusion. Over 100 attendees.</td>
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<td>Equal Access Initiative Meetings</td>
<td>November 30, March 16</td>
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<td>The Equal Access Initiative has met twice this bar year, once in person and once by phone. EAI meetings provide an agenda for the coming months in the world of equal access and brings a diverse look to equal access in Michigan.</td>
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<td>Feb 8, Feb 12, Feb 25, March 7, March 22, March 29, April 4</td>
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<td>The EAI Disabilities workgroup, Faces of Justice workgroup, Juvenile Outreach workgroup, and Underrepresented Populations workgroup have had phone conferences to move their work forward this bar year. The workgroups work to assist the larger group in meeting common goals and objectives.</td>
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<td>Brunch for Bars</td>
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<td>Event presented in conjunction with DIAC to bring bar associations together for collaboration, information sharing, and to raise awareness of diversity and inclusion.</td>
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The State Bar offers administrative assistance in planning in-person meetings and teleconferences as well as offers administrative support through each of the meetings. The Bar also provides record keeping and archiving for the Equal Access Initiative as well as the other Justice Initiatives as needed. State Bar staff continues to maintain and update the Equal Access area of the website and offers on-site support for events as well.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Equal Access Initiative is working with DIAC and the Grand Rapids Bar Association to host another Blind Spots program, this time on the west side of the state. All of the workgroups have monthly meetings running up to Annual Meeting and will be pleased to offer recommendations to the larger EAI and CJI. The Disabilities workgroup is working on a new version of the e-newsletter. The Faces of Justice workgroup is planning a day-long event in October at the Hall of Justice to help encourage students to consider the legal profession. EAI has also examined legislation according to the new public policy process and is set to report to CJI before the next meeting.
Committee Activities:

There are four EAI workgroups for the 2015-2016 Year: Disabilities, Faces of Justice, Juvenile Outreach, and Underrepresented Populations. The Disabilities workgroup focuses on persons with disabilities having equal access in the justice system; they are currently working on mental health court issues, ADA policy implementation, school-to-prison pipeline, ongoing diversity and inclusion Outreach, and e-newsletters.

The Faces of Justice workgroup, formerly the Jury Curriculum workgroup is spearheaded by Hon. Michelle Rick and is adapting national programming to fit Michigan’s outreach needs.

Law Related Education and Public Outreach Committee members have joined the previous Jury Curriculum group as well as new Faces of Justice participants to promote diversity, civic engagement, and improvement of access to the legal system. The group is planning a pilot program focused on interacting with students to expose them to the legal profession. A new EAI workgroup, Juvenile Outreach, works on issues within the school systems, non-mental health based school to prison pipeline issues (probably in collaboration with Criminal Issues Initiative), workforce reentry, and is looking to address the treatment of juveniles. EAI’s other new workgroup, Underrepresented Populations, is brainstorming and working to address issues that relate to underrepresented populations accessing the legal system.

On May 18, 2016 there is another EAI meeting to addressing furthering the goals and objectives of the group as a whole and as smaller workgroups.

On June 29 the group will be presenting another Blind Spots program on the west side of the state with assistance from the Grand Rapids Bar Association. EAI hopes to engage participants beyond the initial discussion that happened in Detroit on November 9, 2015 and to allow further evaluations and analysis of potential solutions. The original event had over 100 registered attendees and feedback can be found here: http://www.michbar.org/file/diversity/pdfs/binderfactsfeedback.pdf

on April 17, 2016 EAI in conjunction with DIAC presented the 2nd annual Brunch for Bars. There were over 70 people in attendance and the event received positive reviews. In addition to networking, discussions on bias, collaboration, and leadership were presented. We were also thankful to have ABA President Paulette Brown give the keynote address reviewing the ABA’s Diversity 360 efforts.
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Justice Initiatives: Justice Policy Initiative

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

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Future Goals and Activities:

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

The Initiative discussed twenty-six bills and proposed court rule amendments and offered several position recommendations to the Committee on Justice Initiatives.
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Jurisdiction: Encourages and coordinates free or discounted fees for civil legal services. Pro bono service is a way that Michigan attorneys assist low-income individuals in need of legal assistance.

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Benjamin Ensroth and Eisha Vatsal, law student interns with the PBI, also provided staff support.

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.
Committee Activities:

The PBI has numerous committees and workgroups, including:

1. ABA Day (Governmental Relations)
2. Assessment of Pro Bono in Michigan Report and Implementation
3. ATJ Fund Eligible/PBI Approved Organization—Application Review
4. Circle of Excellence—Yearly Application Review
5. Homelessness Workgroup
6. John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award
7. MI-LAPP Malpractice Insurance for Pro Bono Administration
8. MI-LAPP Patent Pro Bono Project Administration
9. MI-LAPP Tax Pro Bono Program Administration
10. MI-LAPP QDRO Pro Bono Panel Program Administration
11. Celebrate Pro Bono Month
13. Spring Pro Bono Workshop
14. Veteran Resources Workgroup

The 2015 John W. Cummiskey Award was presented to attorney Paul Scheidemantel of Clark Hill at the SBM awards dinner at the SBM Annual Meeting in Novi. The award included a $3,000 donation to an ATJ program to be made through the Access to Justice Fund. Paul asked that the award be designated to Legal Aid and Defender Association.

Nominations for the 2016 John W. Cummiskey Award were reviewed and a nominee identified in April 2016.

Michigan Pro Bono Assessment Report: The Assessment Report has been publicized and is now widely known by Michigan’s pro bono community and other key stakeholders. Members of the PBI have been pleased with the reaction to the report.

With the guidance and support of consultant John Tull, the group continues discussions and anticipates the development of a self-assessment tool which will allow each program to look critically at its own delivery of pro bono services, one of the recommendations contained in the Assessment Report.

The Seventh Annual October as Pro Bono Month Celebration occurred in 2015, which included more than 60 events throughout Michigan during the Pro Bono Month 2015 season. The Pro Bono Month website included a list of upcoming pro bono month events, talking points, a sample speech, and many other resources. Looking forward to 2016, the work group wants to continue to increase the number of pro bono events and the promotion of the need for pro bono legal services for the poor. The work group will also explore expanded collaboration with law firms, attorneys, and LSPs on pro bono events.

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder signed a proclamation declaring October 2015 as Pro Bono Month.

The Eighth Annual October as Pro Bono Month is set for October 2016.

The 2015 JI Kick-Off was held in conjunction with the Frank J. Kelley Lecture Series on October 28, 2015. The event was recorded and is available on the Justice Initiatives website. The keynote speaker was Judge Jonathan Lippman, the current chief judge of the state of New York. Judge Lippman gave a compelling and moving speech on the need for and some of the steps the ATJ community can take to ensure access to justice for all. Initiative members and staff were also very pleased with the large number of law students that attended the event.
Other Information:

The State Bar’s “A Lawyer Helps” website continued to highlight the good work of many Michigan attorneys, with 28 stories posted on the website in 2015. “A Lawyer Helps” focuses first on the legal profession’s priority of pro bono—free legal help for the poor and financial donations to help nonprofit legal aid agencies. But “A Lawyer Helps” also honors lawyers who additionally volunteer time to other efforts that benefit their communities. Please visit http://www.michbar.org/alawyerhelps for information on how to submit stories for inclusion on the website.

2015 was another successful year for MI-LAPP’s QDRO Referral Program. In 2015, the program closed more than 40 QDRO cases and received more than 50 cases referred to the QDRO program by Michigan legal services providers. The great success of the program in 2015 was due in very large part to the program’s dedicated volunteer drafters. In 2015, the program’s volunteers included Joseph Cunningham, Robert (Bob) Treat, Nancy Keppelman, David and Jackie Roessler, and John Mooney. Each QDRO case that is prepared by a drafter, on average, requires four hours to complete. MI-LAPP continues to rely on the leadership of the QDRO Administration Committee, spearheaded by Joseph Cunningham of Joseph W. Cunningham JD, CPA, PC and Bob Treat of QDRO Express LLC.

Expansion of the MI-LAPP Malpractice Insurance Program continued. Lawyers without malpractice insurance coverage can apply for coverage through the State Bar/MI-LAPP Malpractice Insurance Program. Also, lawyers that accept cases from ATJ & non-ATJ programs without malpractice insurance can also be provided coverage. In 2014, 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.

The Seventh Annual Spring Pro Bono Workshop, “The Power of Pro Bono,” occurred on May 19, 2015. More than 55 people attended the workshop, including pro bono attorneys and representatives from various legal aid agencies. The special guest speaker was State Bar of Michigan President-Elect Lori Buiteweg. The evaluations from the workshop were all very positive, with all attendees reporting that they would attend the 2016 workshop.

The Eighth Annual Spring Pro Bono Workshop is slated for May 24, 2016 at the State Bar building. The workshop sessions are designed to encourage interactive discussions, with increased opportunities for attendees to network to discuss strategies for increasing pro bono legal services in Michigan.

The 2015 Circle of Excellence has appeared in the Michigan Bar Journal multiple times throughout 2015. For the 2015 Circle of Excellence, which considers service and donations made in 2014, there were 50 firms and two corporations on the Circle. The 2015 COE also included the Leadership and Excellence Levels, which recognized firms whose aggregate financial contributions reflect $300 and $500 per lawyer, respectively. Of the 50 firms on the COE, about half of those firms are on the Leadership Level. In April 2016, personalized letters were mailed to law firms that have previously appeared on or applied to the COE. The letters, which included a message from SMB President Lori Buiteweg, were intended to advise firms of the 2016 COE applications, which were due on April 4, 2016.

In September 2015, Circle of Excellence luncheon events were held in Detroit (09/22/15) and Grand Rapids (09/30/15). The COE luncheons were an effort championed by Thom Linn of Miller Canfield. The goal of the luncheons was to get the leaders at the larger law firms and corporations talking and more interested in the COE and pro bono. At the Detroit and Grand Rapids events, more than 30 firms were in attendance. At the Detroit luncheon, Thom facilitated a conversation among the group about the COE. At the Grand Rapids luncheon, Joy Fossel of Varnum facilitated the conversation. From the discussion, several thoughts and ideas were shared. There was a consensus that top management at firms and corporations must support pro bono for the effort to be successful. The Detroit and Grand Rapids luncheons were just the beginning of more COE discussions.


On April 25, 2016, a reception was held at the State Bar building to thank the members of the 21st Century Practice Task Force and its three committees, and to celebrate the incredible work of the task force.

The Patent Pro Bono Project continued to grow throughout 2015, receiving more than 50 requests for assistance. The Patent Project has been able to place 11 low-income inventors with patent pro bono attorneys to assist in patenting their inventions.

Robert Mathis attended the 2015 ABA Equal Justice Conference in Austin, Texas, along with Justin Sheehan (Michigan Community Resources). Erika Davis attended the Access to Justice Chair’s meeting on behalf of the CJI.

The Michigan Legal Help website (michiganlegalhelp.org) continued to help people handle simple legal problems without a lawyer. The website features articles for people to learn about a specific area of the law and toolkits to help them prepare for self-representation in court. Some forms available on the website are completed automatically once simple questions are answered. The Michigan Legal Help website does not provide legal advice, and it is not intended as a substitute for having a lawyer. PBI members applauded MichiganLegalHelp.org as an incredible service that has proven to be very helpful for people that cannot afford an attorney and cannot get assistance from an LSP. MLH recently surpassed seven million total page views and receives 23,000 page views per week. MLH also recently received an LSC Technology Initiative Grant to support the development of a triage module and a legal health check-up tool.

The Pro Bono Reference Manual continues to offer the searchable Michigan Law Related Organizations Search function which allows users to search by legal service area and county. The information in the search function is verified and updated frequently.

The Homelessness Workgroup continues to research and determine what legal resources are available for Michigan’s homeless, what barriers currently exist that prevent the homeless from accessing legal services, and suggest strategies for overcoming these barriers. The workgroup will continue to focus its attention on the coordination of efforts between pro bono lawyers and the existing legal services programs in each of the different areas of the state.

In March 2016, the PBI went live on the SBM Connect communication portal. SBM Connect is a program that allows sections, committees, and other organizations to share ideas and information. Connect will allow PBI members to access materials saved to the library. PBI members can also start discussion questions, and get notifications when discussion items are posted.
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Law and the Media

**Jurisdiction:**
- Develop, recommend, and support programs that promote a positive relationship between the legal community and the media, and accuracy in the reporting of news concerning the law.
- Study and identify sources of friction between the courts, lawyers, and the electronic and print press, and recommend solutions.

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Staff oversees the arrangement and coordination of seminars, preparing and providing materials for seminars, preparing media kits, and administering the Wade H. McCree Awards for the Advancement of Justice for journalists. This year the decision was made to transfer the McCree Awards to the Michigan Press Association Foundation. Wade H. McCree Awards for the Advancement of Justice process: November: Review, edit, update language and graphics of brochure announcing the McCree Awards competition and containing the entry form. Help committee find judges for the contest. Early December: Send press release containing a link to the McCree Award brochure and entry form to a list of journalists at over 400 media outlets, including dailies, weeklies, monthlies, legal news outlets, cable television outlets, local television stations, and radio stations across Michigan. Also mail printed brochures to 150 selected news outlets. Disseminate information via social media sites, SBM publications, SBM Blog, and the SBM website. Draft social media posts for committee members to share throughout the next few months to promote the contest. Early January: Extend formal invitation to judges. We have five judges – this year they included former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly, retired West Michigan newspaper publisher Paul Kepp, retired West Michigan TV anchor Susanne Gehr, retired WUJI news reporter Pat Steeving and journalism professor and former reporter and Detroit News executive Susan Bagnoli. Get in touch with contacts at the journalism school at MSU to touch base about the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Banquet, where the awards are handed out. February: Let awards supplier know that the awards are coming up. Awards made two weeks prior to banquet. Send out seminar news release about the upcoming submission deadline – give journalists one last chance to enter the contest. This year questions were raised by the Board about the contest in January - the Board felt all awards should be recommended to the Board, and the Board should be the final decision maker on the awards. The committee was concerned about having non-journalists judging a journalism contest. So in January staff helped the chairpersons look for another home for the awards. February: Awards were transferred to the Michigan Press Association Foundation. SBM staff continued to administer awards, but MPAF would take over financial responsibility of purchasing awards for journalists this year, and will run the contest moving forward. First week of February was submission deadline for awards. Staff gathers entries and posts them online for judges. Staff sends judging criteria and score sheet along with entries to the judges. Try to give judges about two to three weeks to judge. First week in March: When score sheets are back, total the number of points received by each entry. Refer to list on how winners are decided (based on point totals). Determine winners. Let committee members know the results at the teleconference. Let the judges know the results. Let MPAF board know winners so they could purchase awards for them. Inform winners they’ve won. Draft news release announcing winners and send to MPAF so they can make announcement. Work with Journalism Hall of Fame to get reservations made for winners and SBM leaders and MPAF leaders. April – Awards Banquet: Send memo detailing what to expect at banquet to committee members, judges and winners of awards. Educational event support: SBM staff provides publicity for all educational events in news releases, on SBM website, on SBM Blog, and on social media sites. Prepare handouts to be given out at educational events. Staff participates in the seminar by offering help as media relations staff to both report and attorneys. Staff handle whatever audio/visual needs there are for the seminar – setting up requests for AV equipment, and making sure it is all functioning on site. Staff makes videos and takes photographs of all seminars, and then does follow-up publicity in the Bar Journal, on the SBM website, SBM Blog, social media sites and elsewhere. Website support: SBM staff updated the Law & Media portion of the website for the committee to make it work better for visitors by adding a pdf of a Guide to Legal terms booklet that can be downloaded for free now, rather than only purchased in printed form. SBM Staff also made committees easier to find based on a suggestion made by this committee – by putting committees on the home page of the website, along with sections. Now both sections and committees are available to find from the home page of the website.

Future Goals and Activities:

Continue running, developing and updating educational events to keep them relevant and constructively achieving the goals of the SBM strategic plan into the future:

- Develop, recommend, and support programs that promote a positive relationship between the legal community and the media, and accuracy in the reporting of news concerning the law.
- Study and identify sources of friction between the courts, lawyers, and the electronic and print press, and recommend solutions.
Committee Activities:

This year the committee was divided into two subcommittees: the McCree Awards Subcommittee and the New Educational Programs Subcommittee.

McCree Subcommittee: The members found five judges for the contest, and worked to promote the contest to journalists across the state on social media, by making phone calls and sending emails to their journalism contacts, and by attending journalism conferences and passing on materials about the contest. Because of their efforts there was an outstanding turnout in the contest. Three teams won top honors in the contest: a Bridge Magazine team, Ron French and Ted Roelofs, for their series, "Investigating Michigan's past practice of housing some juvenile inmates in adult prisons"; a WDIV team, including Kevin Dietz, Ro Coppola, Vanessa Ogletree, Ben Bell and John Pompeo, for a series called, "A Journey to Justice"; a Michigan Radio team, Joe Linstroth and Kate Wells, for a series called "Sexual Assault Investigations at MSU: A Broken System, and Efforts to Fix It." An Honorable Mention Award went to Detroit Free Press reporter John Wisely for a story, "Criminal tethers save money, but what about lives?"

This year's McCree Award work was complicated by a decision the Board made in January to no longer allow the panel of judges recruited by the committee to grant awards. The Board wanted the judges to make recommendations of award winners to the Board, who would then make the final decision about awards. The committee members were concerned about this because the contest has always been a professional journalism contest, and has been judged by professional journalists. So they decided to find another home for the contest. A series of three teleconferences, on January 19, January 26, and February 8, were convened to make this process possible. After a lot of hard work, especially on the part of Chairperson Robin Luce-Herrman, a replacement host was found for the McCree Awards. The Michigan Press Association Foundation agreed to take over the awards immediately. They agreed to purchase the actual awards for the journalists. To help with the transition, the State Bar staff continued to run the contest for this year and will transition the administration of the contest to MPAF next year, and the State Bar purchased the tables for contest winners, to support law-related journalism.

Ron Dzwonkowski, vice president of the Michigan Press Association Foundation, presented the McCree Awards at the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on April 17 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The McCree Awards are given each year to foster greater public understanding of the inherent values of the legal and judicial system. The 2016 McCree Awards were judged by former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly, retired West Michigan newspaper publisher Paul Keep, retired West Michigan TV anchor Suzanna Geha, retired WWJ new reporter Pat Sweeting and journalism professor and former reporter and Detroit News executive Susan Bursynski. The Wade H. McCree Jr. Awards for the Advancement of Justice are named for one of the most venerable lawyers and judges in Michigan's history. During his remarkable career, Wade H. McCree Jr. served as a federal judge, University of Michigan law professor, and solicitor general of the United States.

Educational Program Subcommittee: Hosted a panel discussion called "Body Cams: Competing Issues of Transparency, Privacy and Constitutional Rights" from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on March 9 at the Spencer M. Patrich Auditorium at Wayne State University in Detroit. The Wolverine Bar Association co-sponsored the discussion. A panel moderated by chair, Robin Luce-Herrmann and comprised of M.L. Elrick, reporter for Fox 2 Detroit; Rodd Monts, field director for ACLU of MI; Benny Napoleon, Wayne County Sheriff; Mickey Osterreicher, general counsel of the National Press Photographers Association; and Christopher White, member of Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality, discussed issues police departments face when creating policies to govern the implementation of body cameras. The panel addressed how the use of body cams could affect law enforcement, privacy protection for people caught on body camera footage, access to captured footage, costs related to handling the footage, rules for the proper use of the body camera by police officers and how to handle violations of those rules.
Other Information:

The committee reviewed proposed amendments of MCR 3.925, MCR 8.119 and MCR 8.302 and New MCR 5.133 and decided not to submit comments.

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Law Related Education & 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.

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This committee has four subcommittees: Michigan Legal Milestones, Law Day, Constitution Day and Law Related Education. The State Bar of Michigan provides a great deal of monetary, organizational and administrative support to the committee and its subcommittees. Such support includes: For the Michigan Legal Milestones Subcommittee: Staff, with assistance of the subcommittee, prepares the text for the milestone plaque; orders the bronze plaque; drafts language for and designs the invitations and programs; assists the subcommittee in contacting key players, including local bar association partners, speakers, and other local dignitaries; compiles guest addresses; mails the invitations; investigates and helps determine site of milestone ceremony and where plaque will be placed; writes speeches for the president and introductions for other speakers; finds a location for a reception/lunch after the dedication; works with the vendor on menu; drafts news releases, blog posts and social media posts; works with local news media to cover the event and the history behind it; creates video of event; takes photos; assures preview/and or follow-up coverage of milestone in the Michigan Bar Journal. For the Law Day Subcommittee: Posts a list of local bar association Law Day community events to the website, offers advice and assistance with outreach to schools and local bar associations to encourage participation in Law Day; posts materials gathered for lawyers to use in classrooms on Law Day and to the Law Day portion of www.michbar.org; assists committee with creation of new online Law Day resources; creates and disseminates news release about participation in Law Day. For the Constitution Day Subcommittee: Creates and disseminates press release reminding people to participate in Constitution Day; posts social media updates about Constitution Day; offers advice and assistance with outreach to schools and local bar associations to encourage participation in Constitution Day; posts materials gathered for lawyers to use in classrooms on Constitution Day and to the Constitution Day portion of www.michbar.org. For the Law Related Education Subcommittee: Continues efforts to communicate the value of LRE to others; publicizes the Michigan High School Mock Trial Competition with news releases, social media posts, blog posts; designs brochure for each of the Mock Trial local rounds, as well as the statewide final round of mock trial tournament; hires and assigns a photographer to capture the state final round of mock trial tournament; crafts post-mock trial news coverage and Michigan Bar Journal coverage. Works to assure more cooperation between LREPO Committee and Michigan Center for Civic Education. Maintains and improves the online Clearinghouse resource.

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, and by extension the State Bar of Michigan’s strategic plan. 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 among lawyers and educators, review the best methods of communicating the value of LRE in promoting an educated citizenry, as well as implementing evaluation strategies to gain input and feedback on LRE programming. Each of these efforts is aimed at developing a phased in process of implementing highly effective LRE programming. The LRE-PO committee continues to support and implement the SBM Diversity Pledge to ensure that individuals in all 83 Michigan counties have access to SBM activities and meaningful opportunities to participate.
Committee Activities:

Michigan Legal Milestones Subcommittee: Since 1986 the Michigan Legal Milestone program has recognized significant individuals, places and events in the state’s legal history. Bronze plaques commemorating the milestones are located throughout the state – there are even a few up in the U.P. Committee members with the assistance of the State Bar staff write texts for these plaques, and prepare articles for the Bar Journal about each milestone dedication. They also vet speakers for the dedication ceremony, and help determine which speaker will cover what topic, to make for the most interesting dedication ceremonies possible. The 40th Michigan Legal Milestone plaque commemorating The Kalamazoo Case: “Establishing High School For All” will be dedicated on June 21, 2016, and the plaque will be permanently placed in Kalamazoo outside of the Kalamazoo Courthouse. The next milestone will commemorate the fact that Michigan was the first English-speaking territory to ban the death penalty. The subcommittee had three teleconferences throughout the year to plan the next milestone, drafted and edited plaque text, selected speakers for the dedication ceremony, and assigned a Bar Journal article on the topic.

Law Day Subcommittee: Proposed permanently discontinuing the Law Day contest, and instead creating a new web page with links to lesson plans and educational materials so attorneys can grab the resources quickly and go into a classroom on Law Day. Potential resources include those prepared by the National Center for State Courts, iCivics.org, and some materials from the State Bar’s website, including a comic book that received an award in the Law Day contest.

Constitution Day: The subcommittee is looking for ways to get more attorneys and schools involved in Constitution Day activities. The subcommittee has prepared a letter to the state superintendent of schools in order to open a dialogue. The subcommittee also plans on sending a survey to local bar associations in order to determine how this committee can better assist them in their Constitution Day programs in the future.

Law Related Education: The Faces of Justice Program is based on a program conducted by the National Association of Women Judges. The program has recruited the Equal Access Initiative, the Law Related Education Subcommittee and Greg Conyers for this effort. A pilot program with the Lansing School District and the Hall of Justice will be developed. The program will attract young people to meet lawyers, judges and law enforcement officers and learn about legal careers from them. The LRE subcommittee works to maintain and update the clearinghouse of law-related education links and resources. Members are going to work more closely with the Michigan Center for Civic Education to evaluate their clearinghouse, and see if the two clearinghouses can work better in closer collaboration. The subcommittee budget also supports the efforts of the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament, run by the Michigan Center for Civic Education. This past year, four preliminary rounds were held across the state and a state final competition took place in Lansing. Many members of the committee serve as judges and volunteer in other capacities in the competition.
Other Information:

Each of the subcommittee chairs provide regular (typically quarterly) written reports related to the activities and progress of their respective subcommittees and provide a verbal report at each of the four regular committee meetings.

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Law School Deans
Jurisdiction:
· Confer on issues and subjects that affect the law schools of Michigan and the practicing lawyers of Michigan and make recommendations.
· Make recommendations concerning legal preparation, law school admissions, education, standards, and testing of candidates for admission to the bar.
· The committee consists of the deans of the law schools in Michigan, the officers of the State Bar, and the chair of the Representative Assembly.

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Future Goals and Activities:
It is anticipated that the Law School Deans will meet during the 2016-17 year.
Committee Activities:

This committee meets on an as-needed basis. Committee members were involved in the 21st Century Practice Task Force and will continue to advise on the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force.
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Lawyers & Judges Assistance

Jurisdiction:
- Recommend and support programs that provide assistance to lawyers and judges faced with personal and professional problems related to substance use disorder and stress.
- Review and make recommendations concerning proposed statutes and court rules affecting assistance to lawyers and judges faced with personal and professional problems related to substance use and stress.

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The State Bar of Michigan provides the services of the Staff Liaison to report on LJAP’s activities and assist in leading the meeting, a room, a spider phone and sound system for the purpose of facilitating a conference call for those committee members who cannot attend in person, a meal, administrative services by the LJAP Administrative Assistant, email notification of scheduling of the meeting, emailing of agendas and minutes after the meeting. The State Bar of Michigan provides all administrative functions in support of the committee throughout the year.

Future Goals and Activities:

* Complete establishment of Lawyer Wellness Foundation treatment fund, a 501(c)(3) entity.
* Host second annual Lawyer Wellness Foundation Fun Run this time with a professional organizer.
* Host other special events to raise money for the Lawyer Wellness Foundation.
* Continue efforts to have law student representatives on the committee.
* With input from the Executive Director of SBM consider communication with the AGC about the advisability of limiting the monitoring of impaired attorneys to the LJAP program.
Committee Activities:

• Increase outreach to Affinity Bars to educate on Wellness and Stress Management while putting a face on LJAP and decreasing resistance to reaching out for help.
• Increase outreach to the judiciary by contacting administrators and working with judges on the committee.
• Suggest topics for Wellness articles for The Michigan Bar Journal.
• Increase outreach to law students in the State of Michigan to raise awareness of wellness and stress management issues while providing a personal encounter with LJAP staff to decrease stigma and encourage communication of needs.
• Finalize the establishment of a 501(c)(3) entity that can serve to house and administer a Treatment Fund for attorneys in need of services who do not have the financial means to pay for the services.
• Facilitate communication and integration of services between LJAP and the AGC.
• Work on establishing an Alcoholics Anonymous rapid response team by recovering committee members to individuals calling in distress.
• Work on soliciting student representatives from the state’s law schools.
• Work on developing a collection of law school courses for the Professional Responsibility course on Substance Use Disorders and Mental Illness.
Other Information:

With the input from the Lawyers & Judges Committee the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program has provided presentations on stress management, dealing with depression and suicide, wellness, conducting evaluations of people in need, monitoring people on contractual probation, and assisting law students who are facing inquiries with Character & Fitness and placing them in monitoring contracts as needed.
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Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications

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

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Committee Meeting Schedule:
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Regular Meeting, November 21, 2015, Michael Franck Bldg., Lansing
Virtual Meeting, February 27, 2016
Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:
Use of meeting room for the November meeting for the year, provision of continental breakfast for the onsite meeting, provision of IT support for the onsite meeting, staff assistance with arrangements, staff assistance with updating the Committee web page and the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center.

Committee Activities:
Members and Committee advisors write a monthly column in the MBJ supporting legal research based on the theme of the monthly issue. Articles written in the past year include:

May 2015: Jan Bissett & Margi Heinen, “The Shoulders on Which We Stand”
June 2015: Kim Breitmeyer, “Removing “Bureaucratese” from Government Agency Documents and Orders”
September 2015: No article
October 2015: Janice Selberg, “The 1972 No-Fault Act: Revisiting the Literature”
November 2015: Jan Bissett & Margi Heinen, “Accurately Instructed in the Law”
January 2016: Randy E. Davidson, “Michigan Appellate Practice Resources”
February 2016: No article
March 2015: No article
April 2015: Bernadette Bartlett, Directory Issue

The Committee updated and made revisions to the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center and added a section on Veterans’ Law.

This year, the Committee completed gathering information and discussing the lack of availability of ICLE e-books to libraries and wrote a letter to ICLE requesting discussion on this issue. The Committee also continued our discussion of UELMA (Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act).

Future Goals and Activities:
The Committee is concerned with the transition of primary legal documents and information to electronic-only formats. We will continue to discuss UELMA and possible steps the Committee might be involved with that can help to maintain the availability of legal information.

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

The Committee will continue to write a monthly column for the Michigan Bar Journal.
Other Information:
None.
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Membership Services
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.

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Kari Thrush, Lansing

State Bar Liaison Assistant
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Tracy L. Sproul, Lansing
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<td>Committee Meeting</td>
<td>The committee met to review the yearly program report and to discuss new developments in membership services.</td>
<td>1/7/16</td>
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<td>Committee Meeting</td>
<td>Reviewed new programs to bring to Programs &amp; Services Committee for approval by the BOC.</td>
<td>4/22/16</td>
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The Membership Services Committee has worked with State Bar Liaisons, Kari Thrush and Nancy Brown. 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. In addition, staff have performed administrative assistance in scheduling meetings and circulating information to committee members for our meetings. Through the collective efforts of the State Bar staff, they have ensured preparation of meeting agendas, minutes, and detailed reports, and they have gathered information to facilitate committee meetings. They have also promptly responded to action items articulated during our meetings to facilitate further committee action.

Future Goals and Activities:

To continue to provide quality programs, services, and discounts to State Bar members by making recommendations concerning the selection, retention, development and marketing of State Bar services and products.
Committee Activities:

On January 7, 2016 the committee met to review the yearly program report and to discuss new developments and programs to work on for the upcoming year.

Committee met on April 22 to discuss 3 new programs: Credible, a one-stop-shop for student loan refinancing. This program would allow members to search different loan option on one website. It allows the borrower to customize their student loan terms and payment amount based on their individual circumstances allowing them to find the best fit for their needs; Hartsville Pet Insurance, a program that allows members to purchase pet insurance at group rates; LawPay, credit card processing program developed specifically for lawyers that integrates with some of the law practice management software currently being used by our members.
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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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<td>Annual Meeting</td>
<td>The SBM Past Presidents Advisory Council met during the SBM Annual Meeting in Novi, MI. At the meeting they received information on past presidents' involvement in the 21st Century Practice Task Force, and on the termination of the SBM Short Story Contest.</td>
<td>10/8/2015</td>
<td>Surburban Collection, Novi</td>
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

With the assistance of the Chair, prepared the agenda, notified the members of the meeting, and prepared materials. Arranged members' attendance at the Annual Meeting Inaugural Luncheon.

Future Goals and Activities:

The SBM Past Presidents Advisory Council plans to meet during the 2016 Annual Meeting.
Committee Activities:

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

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<td>Regularly scheduled quarterly meeting</td>
<td>The committee reaffirmed its opposition to value-added provisions in family law matters, approved two draft opinions, formed a workgroup to consider recommendations of the ABA 20/20 Commission, and decided on how to respond to new opinion requests.</td>
<td>May 8, 2015</td>
<td>State Bar building</td>
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<td>Regularly scheduled quarterly meeting</td>
<td>The committee was updated on the BOC's decision declining further communication on the value-added amendments to MRPC 1.5, discussed two workgroup reports regarding draft opinions in progress, and decided on how to respond to new opinion requests.</td>
<td>June 26, 2015</td>
<td>Teleconference</td>
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<td>Specially scheduled meeting</td>
<td>The Committee received an update on the 21st Century Practice Task Force, approved one draft opinion, and discussed three workgroups reports regarding draft opinions in progress and revisions to the MRPC based on the ABA 20/20 Commission proposals.</td>
<td>Sept. 25, 2015</td>
<td>State Bar building</td>
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<td>Regularly scheduled quarterly meeting</td>
<td>Brief new member orientation occurred, overview of 21st Century Practice Task Force work was given, discussion of two workgroups reports regarding draft opinions in progress, and approved recommendations to adopt ABA Model Rules 1.18 and 4.4(b).</td>
<td>Oct. 25, 2015</td>
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<td>Regularly scheduled quarterly meeting</td>
<td>Brief update on the BOC's consideration of a proposed formal opinion was given, discussion of two workgroups reports regarding draft opinions in progress and the ABA proposal to amend Model Rule 8.4, and decided how to respond to new opinion requests.</td>
<td>Mar. 4, 2016</td>
<td>State Bar building</td>
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<td>Regularly scheduled quarterly meeting</td>
<td>Reviewed BOC modifications to a proposed formal opinion, discussed two workgroup reports on a draft opinion and FAQs, formed a workgroup for a new opinion request, and received an update on the ABA's work on proposed amendments of Model Rule 8.4.</td>
<td>Apr. 22, 2016</td>
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The State Bar provides staff support for the work of the Committee through three staff counsel and the administrative assistance of a legal secretary. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, SharePoint, SBM Connect, teleconferencing services, meeting materials, document production services, and other ethics resources as needed to support the work of the Committee.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee continues to identify issues of interest to Michigan lawyers based on questions presented by letter or through the ethics helpline that might be the appropriate subject of an opinion either because the topic has not previously been addressed, changes in the area requires updates to existing opinions, and innovative use of technology to enhance the delivery of legal services. 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. The Committee’s last quarterly meeting for this bar year is scheduled for June 24, 2016. The Committee has also reserved August 12, 2016, if a special meeting is needed to complete any ongoing projects or address new matters requiring attention before its fall meeting.
Committee Activities:

During each committee meeting, members discuss proposed topics for ethics opinions to decide whether to prepare an opinion or other response; receive updates about pending matters; and discuss and debate opinions in progress. Additionally, members receive information about and discuss inquiries received through letter requests and the State Bar’s ethics helpline and address other matters as they arise, such as proposed changes to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. Between meetings, workgroups (identified during meetings) research and review materials on identified topics, meet by teleconference, and prepare memos and/or draft opinions for review, debate, edits, and action by the committee.

Since its last Annual Report, the committee has approved a recommendation to the BOC to amend the MRPC to include Model Rules 1.18 and 4.4(b) with relevant revisions and approved four ethics opinions for publication addressing the ethical concerns described below.

Where a lawyer enters into a contingent-fee agreement with a client in a personal injury case—and charges the maximum one-third fee permitted by law—the lawyer may not ethically charge an additional contingent fee for resolving a related medical lien. Resolving a medical lien is part of the same “claim or action” as the underlying personal injury case under MRPC 1.5(c) and MCR 8.121 and is therefore covered by the original contingent fee.

Internet domain names and website addresses are a form of public communication concerning legal services that must comply with MRPC 7.1.

A lawyer representing a client in a matter seeking recovery of personal protection No-Fault benefits may submit proof of loss on the client’s behalf to the insurer, even when the insurer is represented by counsel without running afoul of MRPC 4.2. Any communications with a represented insurer beyond submission of the proof of loss violate MRPC 4.2.

Michigan lawyers are strongly encouraged to prepare a comprehensive succession plan specific for their law practices to protect their clients and to uphold their duties under the MRPC should they become unavailable due to death, disability, discipline, disappearance, or any other circumstance.

The committee also recommended two of its opinions for approval as formal opinion by the Board of Commissioners (BOC). The BOC approved formal opinion R-22 which opines that a lawyer cannot ethically abdicate the lawyer’s responsibilities under MRPC 1.15 and 1.15A by establishing and relinquishing control of a dedicated client trust account to a client. The BOC continues to consider a proposed formal opinion pertaining the issue of a lawyer including provisions in their fee agreements to require arbitration of future disputes regarding the representation and shortening the statute of limitations within which the client might assert a malpractice claim.
Other Information:

Not applicable.

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Publications and Website Advisory
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.  
• Provide guidance to the Practice Management Resource Center (PMRC) in the development, maintenance and evaluation of resources, programs, and services designed to help members build and strengthen their law practices, with particular emphasis on the use of online resources as the primary vehicle to market and disseminate PMRC services.

Chair

Member

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P24871  Stephen D. Conley, Jackson
P41868  Margaret A. Costello, Detroit
P66167  David R. Dyki, Troy
P70937  Jessica S. Fox, Eaton Rapids
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<td>The committee held only one meeting during the past year. Meetings are usually scheduled by the chair, and the committee was hampered during the past year by the absence of a chair following Francine Collier's resignation in September. Nevertheless, the committee continued its work seamlessly.</td>
<td>9/16/15</td>
<td>Teleconference</td>
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The SBM staff is nothing short of incredible, providing consistent, timely service to PWAC. The committee has had services beyond the call of duty from the following staff members this year:

- Nancy Brown, Director of Member & Communications Services, continued excellence on a professional and personal level.
- Linda Vanek, Editor, the one-and-only queen of the Michigan Bar Journal
- Diane Blasnik, Law Practice Solutions columnist
- Mike Estobbe, Copy Editor/Writer and PWAC reporter, who takes flawless minutes and has edited many legal brochures this year.
- John Harkavy, Law Practice Solutions column
- Chelsea Hult, Chatlos Support
- Sony Mitchell, Advertising
- Samatha Mikes, Communications Manager
- Joyce Niemiec, Editorial Assistant
- Sarah Nolasco, Contributing Graphic Designer
- Sue Oosterhuis, April Directory
- Carl Shadbolt, editorial; Michigan Lawyers in History articles
- Ron Van Fold, member services assistant
- Meeting materials
- Tim Visard, Practicing Well

The SBM also provides a website for members, publications for members and the public, and a PWAC web forum for committee work in addition to teleconferencing capability, meeting rooms, and refreshments.

Future Goals and Activities:

On August 5, 2015, Nancy Brown and Jim Horsch issued a report and recommendation entitled "Alternatives to a Free Printed Bar Journal Directory as a Standard Member Benefit, and Recommendation to Change this Member Benefit" (attached). A poll of PWAC members was taken and the committee narrowly favored recommended Option 3. The committee will undoubtedly be involved in implementing this change during the remainder of 2016 and during early 2017.
Committee Activities:

The committee is a recommending body to the SBM Board of Directors and staff regarding many print and online services and communications to members. PWAC continually monitors and updates the SBM website, develops the Bar Journal, the Practice Management Resource Center, the April Directory, and various legal publications of the Bar.

In 2015–2016, SBM President Lori A. Buitleweg appointed three new members with exceptional credentials to PWAC: David Dyk of Troy, Neal Nusholtz of Troy, and Rebecca Schneitz of Pontiac. Vice Chair John Runyan also received the Distinguished Service Award from the SBM Labor and Employment Law Section.

WEBSITE

The new SBM website was fully implemented in May 2016. The new site offers a fresh look and feel, 100 percent mobile-friendly web pages, three main-content buttons for easy navigation, a home-page banner carousel, management tools for multiple administrators, and load balancing servers for peak usage time.

The online member directory is used as a trusted resource for accurate information. Through the SBM partnership with Zawicki, members can build an expanded profile, pull in a profile already built on LinkedIn, add videos and articles, and link to blogs and websites—all for free. When SBM rolled out the new member directory in January 2015, staff heard positive and negative comments from many members about the new design. Since that time, significant improvements have been made: searches are faster, the directory is easier and more intuitive to navigate, it is cleaner in appearance, and members can choose the format of the search results that best fit individual preferences.

The PWAC Web Subcommittee, composed of Brendan Frey and John Mayer, completed a review of the new website and reported on the positive changes to the full PWAC at the September 2016 meeting.

BAR JOURNAL

Under the continued unparalleled editorship of Linda Novak, MBJ published four general issues* and seven theme issues this year, including:

- Public Corporation Law (September 2015)
- Master Lawyers (October 2015)
- Young Lawyers (November 2015)
- Aviation Law (December 2015)
- Appellate Practice (January 2016)
- Intellectual Property Law (February 2016)
- Marijuana Law (August 2016)

*In August 2015, the Bar Journal published the top four entries in the biennial short-story contest. The contest was later discovered when it was discovered that one of the entries—not included in the Journal but a link to which was briefly published on the website—was written by an admitted white supremacist. PWAC deeply regrets any embarrassment or damage to the reputation of SBM caused by the situation briefly afforded this story.

Various committee members have written articles or column and edited theme issues:

**Authors:** Margaret Costello, "The Evolution of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association" (February 2016); Francine Cullari, "Local and Special Purpose Bar Associations, Introduction" (February 2016); Richard Kraus, "Appellate Practice Theme Introduction" (January 2016); Gerard Mantese, "Lights, Cameras, Action: The Power of Video Depositions in Business Litigation (February 2016); John Runyan, Do The Right Thing: Make Ethics Your Brand, book review (October 2016)

**Column Editors:** Joseph K immutable, Plain Language; and Gerard Mantese, Trial Practice

**General Issue Editors:** Richard Kraus (March 2016); John Mayer (March, May, and July 2016); Christopher Trudeau (June 2016)

**Theme Issues Editors:** William Ard (November 2015); Jessica Fox (November 2015); John Juroszek (December 2015); Richard Kraus (January 2016); John Runyan (October 2015)

In 2015–2016, committee members reviewed 31 unsolicited articles, with Richard Kraus at the helm of the review process, identifying subject matters experts and secondary reviewers for each article.

PMRC

The Practice Management Resource Center manages an Overdrive Digital Library and a hardcover library, adding several new titles this year.

The following seminars, webinars, and podcasts were held:

- 45 in 45! Tips, Sleek, Gadgets, Tools for Your Firm—UMLI 05/11/15
- 21st Century Boot Camp—State Bar of Michigan 09/11/15
- How to Do More in Less Time—Webinar 06/10/2015
- The Paperless Office: No Document Left Behind!—2015 SBM Annual Meeting/SF 09/15
- Matpractice Insurance for Lawyers—UDM College of Law 10/28/15
- Voice Recognition Technology for Lawyers—Webinar 11/10/15
- Digital Dictation for Lawyers—11/17/15
- What Paralegals Need to Know About Going Paperless—Legal Talk Network 02/17/16
- 21st Century Boot Camp—MSU Law School 01/15/16
- Law Practice Technology Essentials: Young Lawyers Oakland County—Bloomfield Hills 02/04/16

Upcoming:

- iPad and iPhone Tips, Apps, and Accessories for the Indispensable Paralegal—NBI, Inc. 04/27/16
- iLitigate on My iPad—SBM/UMU 09/10/16
- Cybersecurity Insurance for Lawyers—2016 SBM Annual Meeting/SF 08/16
- The Road Warrior's Briefcase—2016 SBM Annual Meeting/SF 09/16

In addition to general training, the PMRC conducted mandatory practice management consultations at the request of the AGC or ADB for members in the disciplinary process.

In partnership with the ABA Law Practice Division, the PMRC syndicates and sends to its mailing list the e-zine Law Practice Today. It also oversees and authors monthly articles for the Law Practice Solutions column in the Michigan Bar Journal.

Additionally, the PMRC has updated its website with more than 100 resources (purging and adding) and revitalized its "opt-in" e-mail list for practice management updates.

Legal Publications

As part of an ongoing effort, PWAC members and SBM sections and staff members continued updating the collection of more than 20 print brochures, which cover topics ranging from probate matters to serving on a jury. Most notably, the brochures were completely redesigned; a system was also created to better track publication dates.

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Alternatives to a Free Printed Bar Journal Directory as a Standard Member Benefit, and Recommendation to Change this Member Benefit

Currently, a printed directory is distributed for free to all members, law students and affiliates. The printed directory consists of name and contact information listings of all members, as well as the following information:

- Advertising (Lawyer to Lawyer referral ads – fields of practice)
- Lawyer Associations
- Listing of Michigan Law Schools
- Lawyer Discipline
- ICLE information
- Sections of the State Bar (web addresses)
- Dispute Resolution Programs
- Foreign Consular Offices
- Geographic Roster (both inside and outside of Michigan)
- Legal Programs by County
- Litigator’s List
- Michigan Courts Directory
- Federal Courts and agencies
- Tribal Courts
- Michigan Government
- Michigan Lawyer Distribution
- Military Legal Assistance

The number of pages in the member directory for the current year totals 646 pages (85%) and the additional information as noted above consists of 118 pages (15%), out of a total of 764 pages.

A total of 30,132 members (60%) and 566 (87%) of law students and affiliates still receive the printed April directory, and the remainder have voluntarily “opted out” of the printed directory. All members have access to and are included in the on-line member directory powered by ZeekBeek (which provides for pictures, bios and other enhanced directory information), as well as the online “classic” SBM directory. The additional information provided in the April print directory can also be located on the SBM website.

In past surveys, some members have reported they find the print directory valuable, while others (especially those who have opted out) do not value the print directory. A vast majority of members have online access, as about 96% of dues paying members (active and inactive) have e-mail addresses.

The main problem with the printed directory of members is that as soon as the list of members is compiled in January for publication in April, the directory is out of date due to new members, deceased members, status changes (including going on or coming off of disciplinary status, and changes between active, inactive, emeritus and resignation status), address and contact information changes, changes of firm, name changes, and other changes.

The other issue with the printed directory is that its direct revenues does not cover its direct costs. For the FY 2016 budget, the revenue totals $81,500, (including display and classified ads of $47,000, fields of
practice of $20,000, and sales of directory of $14,500); whereas the expense is $151,000, (including artwork, illustration and typesetting of $16,000, printing, addressing and mailing of $40,000, paper of $60,000, and postage of $35,000), not including staff time, for a net cost of $69,500.

A number of other state bars have eliminated their printed member directory, including Wisconsin, Oregon, and Minnesota.

In response to the review by the Finance Committee during their meeting on July 7, 2015, there are some viable alternatives to the printed directory as a standard member benefit that would help address these issues:

Option 1 - Discontinue printed directory as a free member benefit. Members would have the option to use the online member directory, as well as view the additional information online, or purchase a printed directory for a fee.

Option 2 - Continue providing a printed version of the additional information as a repackaged publication, without the member directory, as a free member benefit. Members would be able to use the online member directory only.

Option 3 - Continue providing a printed version of the additional information as a repackaged publication, without the member directory, as a free member benefit. Members would have the option to use the online directory, or purchase a printed directory for a fee.

A financial and member impact analysis for each option is shown below:

**Option 1 - Discontinue printed directory as a free member benefit. Members would have the option to use the online member directory, as well as view the additional information online, or purchase a printed directory for a fee.**

This option would significantly reduce the advertising revenue. If we assume that the cost of paper, printing and mailing is reduced by 100%, and only 10% of the current ad revenue is retained, and that the revenue from directory sales covers the cost of paper, printing and mailing the directories, then the net cost would be reduced by over $60,000 annually. From a member standpoint, it is likely that there would be some members who complain, as there were with other bars when they discontinued the paper directory, but that over time the complaints have subsided.

**Option 2 - Continue providing a printed version of the additional information as a repackaged publication, without the member directory, as a free member benefit. Members would be able to use the online member directory only.**

This option would retain the advertising revenue, and reduce the cost of printing, paper and mailing by about 80% based on the pages. With these assumptions, the net cost would be reduced by about $108,000, making the publication profitable on at direct cost net of direct revenue basis. From a member standpoint, the member would still be receiving a publication with information they may find helpful, but would need to be comfortable using the online directory.
Option 3 – Continue providing a printed version of the additional information as a repackaged publication, without the member directory, as a free member benefit. Members would have the option to use the online directory, or purchase a printed directory for a fee.

This option would retain the advertising revenue, and reduce the cost of printing, paper and mailing by about 80% based on the pages. In addition, it is assumed that the revenue received from purchase of a printed directory would cover the direct cost of paper, printing and mailing. With these assumptions, the net cost would be reduced by about $108,000, making the publication profitable on a direct cost net of direct revenue basis. From a member standpoint, the member would still be receiving a publication with information they may find helpful, and if they wanted a paper member directory, they could order it for a fee. This option would be the best option from a financial and member standpoint.

Conclusions

From a financial and member benefit standpoint, it is recommended that option 3 be considered.

Implementation

We recommend reviewing the recommendation with the BOC Finance Committee and the BOC Programs and Services Committee (as well as the Publications and Website Advisory Committee and Membership Services Committee that feed into the Programs and Services Committee). The Finance Committee and Programs and Services Committee would present their final recommendation to the BOC at its November or January meeting for approval. Assuming approval, the membership would be notified in early 2016 that this would be the last printed free member directory, and explain the reasons for the change which is not only financial and environmental, but for more accuracy of the attorney information, as the printed directory is out of date before it is printed, and may provide erroneous attorney status and contact information. The communication of the change and the reasons for the change would continue in FY 2016 and early FY 2017, and then preorders could be taken for the printed member directory for a fee in January 2017. The repackaged informational publication would be printed in April, 2017, and would end the free printing of the member directory as we know it today.

Sincerely,

Nancy Brown, Director of Member Services and Communications

Jim Horsch, Director of Finance & Administration

August 5, 2015
Article VI § 6, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

No later than May 1 of each year, the chair of each committee and sub entity 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 sub entity.

Unauthorized Practice of the Law

Jurisdiction:
- Provide guidance concerning matters involving the alleged unauthorized practice of the law, including the filing and prosecution of actions seeking to enjoin the unauthorized practice.
- Propose and support measures to educate the public and the legal profession about unauthorized practice of law issues.

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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 paralegal and two staff counsel who provide legal services and manages the State Bar’s UPL Department.

The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, SharePoint, SBM Connect, teleconferencing services, meeting materials, document production services, and a small budget to support the UPL Committee’s community outreach projects. 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 UPL.

Future Goals and Activities:

As result of the efforts of Member Meghan Riordan, the Committee has formed an active partnership with USCIS – Detroit Office to address persons engaged in the unauthorized practice of law regarding immigration matters. The USCIS’ fraud unit does the initial investigation based on information presented to it and then submits the UPL Complaints to the State Bar with its investigative information. Plans for a community outreach program focusing on a specific immigrant community is underway.

In preparation of the 2017 "Who Should You Trust" seminar, the will subcommittee reconvene Summer of 2016.

The UPL Committee’s last quarterly meeting for this bar year is scheduled for July 21, 2016.
Committee Activities:

On July 22, 2015, the UPL Immigration Subcommittee met with ACCESS (a nonprofit organization focusing on community service, cultural and social entrepreneurship, healthy lifestyles, education, and philanthropy) representatives at its facilities in Dearborn sharing purposes and goals for providing assistance to immigrants and discussed possible outreach efforts, such as town hall forums, local television and talk radio programming, and communication in community-based newspapers and newsletters.
Other Information:

July 23, 2015, Meeting Description: The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints, requested additional follow-up by staff counsel on a two matters to informally resolve them, and recommended two matters for litigation. The six subcommittee chairs, David Dyki for UPL Social Media and Web-based Media, Sean Cowley for UPL Communications, Christine Heckler and Barbara BakerOmerod for Guardianships Petitions, Patsy Holmes for UPL Real Property, Megan Kennedy Riordan for UPL Immigration, and Katherine Gardner for UPL Family Law gave a brief overview of activities and projects underway. After review and discussion of a letter from the Elder Law & Disability Rights Section requesting an opinion or adoption of the Florida UPL opinion regarding nonlawyer Medicaid planners, the Committee declined to take any action as the request exceeded its jurisdiction.

October 22, 2015, Meeting Description: Co-Chairs reviewed the quarterly meeting dates and gave an overview of goals to be achieved during the bar year. The UPL Strategic Planning Subcommittee Chaired by Co-Chairs Sean Cowley and Barbara BakerOmerod gave a brief overview of the strategic goals for the bar year and its recommendations regarding subcommittees to continue activity during the new bar year. Staff Counsel gave an update on the work of the State Bar's 21st Century Practice Task Force and the possible implications of the work of the UPL Committee. Staff Counsel discussed accessibility of meeting materials on SBM Connect and SharePoint.

December 3, 2015, Meeting Description: Co-Chairs conducted new member orientation and reviewed the quarterly meeting schedule. The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints, directed additional follow-up by staff counsel on several matters to informally resolve them, and recommended three matters for litigation. Staff counsel gave a brief update on the “Future of Legal Services” program. The five subcommittee chairs, David Dyki for UPL Social Media and Web-based Media, Sean Cowley for UPL Communications, David Brake for UPL Real Property, Megan Kennedy Riordan for UPL Immigration, and Katherine Gardner for UPL Family Law gave a brief overview of activities and projects underway.

April 21, 2016, Meeting Description: The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints, requested additional follow-up by staff counsel on several matters to informally resolve them, and recommended four matters for litigation. The five subcommittee chairs, David Dyki for UPL Social Media and Web-based Media, Sean Cowley for UPL Communications, David Brake for UPL Real Property, Megan Kennedy Riordan for UPL Immigration, and Katherine Gardner for UPL Family Law gave a brief overview of activities and projects underway. Staff counsel gave an overview on several ABA Futures reports, the SBM 21st Century Practice Task Force recommendations and reveal reception, and several articles.
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Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan
Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2” x 11” pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

United States Courts
Jurisdiction:
· 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 are judges designated by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and one member is a judge designated by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

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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 Janna Sheppard 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:

The Committee will continue to:
1. review and, when appropriate, comment on proposed amendments to the Federal Rules and to local rules.
2. educate members of the Bar of significant rule changes through articles or other means.
3. review 6th Circuit en banc opinions and when appropriate, publish a summary in the Michigan Bar Journal.
4. promote a statewide Bench/Bar Conference by coordinating activities of the Eastern and Western Districts FBA chapters.
5. sponsor an Annual Bench Bar dinner with judges and magistrate judges of the Eastern and Western Districts.
Committee Activities:

1. Reviewed proposed federal rule amendments and with approval of the State Bar, submitted to the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules, a proposed amendment to the FRCP 45(b)(1).
2. Promoted the exchange of information between the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan regarding operation and administrative functions and procedures and opportunities for cooperation.
4. Drafted an article that was published in the MBJ regarding en banc opinions of the 6th Circuit during the previous term.
5. Sponsored an annual bench-bar dinner with judges and magistrates of the Eastern and Western Districts (alternates yearly between the two Districts), currently scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016 in Detroit. The dinner is intended to provide an opportunity for the judges and Committee members to meet and discuss common issues.
Other Information:

To promote continuity and assist in an orderly transition from year to year, the Committee will continue to elect a committee vice-chairperson at the first meeting of each year and at the appropriate time, respectfully request that the incoming SBM President appoint the vice-chair as the Committee's chairperson for the ensuing year.

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