Committee 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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P55328 Hon. Melissa L. Pope, Fulton

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P27699 James A. Keedy, Traverse City
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P24837 Kathryn L. Tierney, Brimley
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

Phone conference capabilities, meeting space for one in person meeting, assistance of Gregory Conyers.
**Committee Activities:**

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<td>Monthly meetings, monitoring or compliance with ICWA, MIFPA, and court rule changes to implement MIFPA.</td>
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<td>Presentation of proposed amendment to court rule.</td>
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<td>Development and presentation of training on VAWA and TOLA.</td>
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<td>Working with the Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum regarding competing Tribal and State Court Orders.</td>
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<td>Reaching out to Tribes and Bar Associations where Tribal Courts are located.</td>
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<td>Updates on appellate court cases and the Tribal, State, Federal Judicial Forum.</td>
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Future Goals and Activities:

Continue to work with the Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum to find resolutions regarding the issues of jurisdiction and competing Trial and State Orders.

Continue to monitor court rules and cases regarding ICWA and MIFPA, and suggest changes if needed.

Build relationships with the tribal and state courts in reservation areas.
Other Information:

The Committee would like to encourage the appointment of someone from the Attorney General's office to the committee, as we feel it is important and necessary to have a diverse committee.
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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 vice-president is a member of this committee.

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P39817 Brian L. Morrow, Detroit
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Term Ending: 2019
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P41868 Margaret A. Costello, Detroit
P55501 Jennifer M. Grieco, Birmingham
P67570 Elizabeth A. Kitchen-Troop, Ann Arbor

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<td>Call to finalize outreach efforts</td>
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<td>Call to determine award winners in all categories but Liberty Bell</td>
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<td>Email/Conference Call after Liberty Bell deadline date</td>
<td>5.24.17</td>
<td>Call to determine Liberty Bell award winner</td>
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

- Staff contacts co-chairs to schedule meetings 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 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, SBM blog, social media sites and other publications.
- Prepares agendas and minutes and posts to SBM Connect prior to the meetings.
- Prepares tables 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 online survey to committee members to help streamline the decision-making process during the final teleconference by determining the extent of support for each nominee prior to the commencement of formal discussions and to ascertain the early formation of consensus 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 drafts emails to non-winner nominators.
- Prepares publicity for the award recipients and sends news releases and posts list on website, blog and social media sites.
- Orders Awards and oversees video production company to produce videos of each award winner for the 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 production portion of banquet.
- Drafts and designs an event program for the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.
Committee Activities:

Committee members seek high quality nominations for SBM awards.

For the coming year’s awards cycle, starting Oct. 1, 2016, and coming to an end at the 2017 Annual Meeting, where the awards will be handed out, there are 38 nominations to consider. Of these nominations, the committee can recommend eight award recipients.

In the last year’s cycle, commencing at the 2016 Annual Meeting, the Committee gave out awards to nine Michigan attorneys and one bar association, and the Liberty Bell Award to two non-attorneys (awards were not selected prior to the due date of last year’s 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: David Britten and Teresa Weatherall Neal
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. The committee will continue to work to achieve these goals into the future.
### Other Information:

Note: The Awards Committee has one co-chair ex-officio as the Vice President 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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Linda D. Johnson, Detroit
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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 for hearings conducted in Lansing, as are court reporting services for all hearings conducted throughout the state, along with 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.
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, as well as some applicants for admission without examination when designated by the Board of Law Examiners. This work is accomplished with the assistance of assigned State Bar Staff and the District Character and Fitness Committees. One business-type meeting may be held during the year to address policy issues and train new members, if deemed necessary by the Chairperson.

The Standing Committee members review recommendations submitted by the District Committees, conduct confidential applicant hearings, and make recommendations to the Board of Law Examiners. The bar exam is administered by the Board of Law Examiners twice annually, and each first time examinee must complete an Affidavit of Personal History and submit all required background information. The number of applications received has decreased over the past several years due to the decline in law school enrollment; there were 832 examinees who filed character and fitness Affidavits of Personal History for the July 2016 and February 2017 examinations. Applicants must be re-certified 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 47 applicants for the July 2016, exam cycle. To date, 2 files have been referred for District Committee interviews for the February 2017 exam cycle, and of those, 2 interviews have either been scheduled or completed. It is expected that up to 32 additional files may be referred for the February 2017 exam cycle, based on the information received to date. New member training for District Committee members was conducted on March 24, 2017 by members of the Standing Committee and State Bar Staff, and was attended by 32 new members.

From May 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, the Standing Committee held 32 formal hearings before making recommendations to the State Board of Law Examiners. Additionally, 22 hearings are expected to be conducted during the remainder of the fiscal year. Seven 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.

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 Advisor 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.
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.

A request for an increase in the investigation fee is currently pending before the Michigan Supreme Court; fees were last raised in 2001. The increase was requested to reduce the amount of member dues currently being allocated to the Character and Fitness process.

In addition to conducting hearings, the Committee continues to work on Law Student Outreach, and analyze current questions on the Affidavit of Personal History.
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 Discovery Court Rule Review
Jurisdiction: To review and propose revisions to the Michigan Court Rules dealing with the civil discovery process to address the expense and burden of civil discovery, including technology considerations on civil discovery and the organization of the rules.

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<td>General meeting via teleconference</td>
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The Civil Discovery Committee receives support from Katie Hennessey and Carrie Sharlow. SBM provided the following resources to the Civil Discovery Court Rule Review Special Committee:
-- Drafted a press release for the Committee, informing the public of the scope of the work and seeking nominations of members to serve on various subcommittees;
-- Tracked nominations for subcommittee members, and informed all nominees of whether they were placed on a subcommittee;
-- Reached out to SBM members to fill subcommittee vacancies;
-- Provided materials to Committee and subcommittee members by email and hard copy if requested;
-- Coordinated meetings of Committee and subcommittees, including scheduling times, informing and reminding members of meetings, arranging conference calls when needed, preparing agendas, and circulating materials for meetings;
-- Provided support during committee and subcommittee meetings, including taking notes during the meetings and circulating notes to members;
-- Tracked progress of subcommittee meetings;
-- Provided substantive research to subcommittees when requested; and
-- Ensured that all Committee and subcommittee members were informed of the progress of the various subcommittees to ensure that members were able to effectively and efficiently work toward goals.
Committee Activities:

On November 5, 2016, the Committee had its first meeting, in-person, at the University of Michigan. Members discussed the problems that they had experienced with civil discovery under the Michigan Court Rules and the goals that they would like the Committee to achieve. The Committee agreed to form subcommittees and invite other members of the Bar to serve on the subcommittees.

On November 29, 2016, SBM issued a press release informing the public of the Committee’s scope of work and inviting people to nominate members of the Bar to serve on subcommittees. SBM circulated the press release to SBM section leaders and affinity bar associations. After receiving numerous nominations and reaching out to other members of the Bar, the following subcommittees were formed: (1) e-discovery; (2) expert witness; (3) scope and course of discovery; (4) case management from the court’s perspective; (5) family, probate, juvenile and district court; and (6) alternative case management proposal. See Attachment A for a listing of subcommittee members. These subcommittees were tasked with reviewing the Michigan discovery court rules, proposing amendments based on their area of focus, and submitting their proposals to the Committee for consideration.

See Attachment B for Description of Subcommittee Meetings.

The Committee held its second meeting via teleconference on February 13, 2017. During this meeting, subcommittee chairs gave the Committee updates on subcommittee progress. Members agreed to merge the alternative case management subcommittee with the case management subcommittee. Members agreed to work toward a March 31, 2017 deadline for subcommittees to submit their proposals.
Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee expects to receive proposals from subcommittees by March or April 2017. The Committee will then review the recommendations from the subcommittees and work with the subcommittees to create proposals that are consistent and achieve the Committee's goals of making Michigan's civil discovery system more efficient and cost-effective, while increasing access to justice and modernizing the rules to better account for technological advances.

Once the Committee synthesizes the proposals from the subcommittees, the Committee will draft and report and proposed revisions. This work is expected to be completed in the spring or summer of 2017.

When the report is finalized, the Committee expects to circulate the report and proposed revisions to the Bar and various stakeholder organizations. The Committee also hopes to hold open hearings to present and receive feedback on its proposal. Based on feedback received, the Committee will revise the proposal. This review is expected to be completed by summer or fall of 2017.

The Committee will then submit its final report to the Representative Assembly for consideration.
The 46 Committee and subcommittee members engaged in the civil discovery court rule review project have contributed significant time, energy, creativity, and insightful ideas throughout this process. The Committee and subcommittees consist of a diverse range of lawyers, including appellate, circuit, and district court judges, legal academics, solo practitioners, small and large law firm litigators, and legal aid attorneys. Included among the members are experts in court rule amendments, civil discovery, and alternative dispute resolution; members who have served in leadership positions in the SBM Board of Commissioners and Representative Assembly; and various leaders of SBM sections and committees as well as affinity bar associations.

The Committee and subcommittees have worked diligently to meet tight time deadlines and remain committed to dedicating the resources needed to present an innovative and insightful proposal to amend the Michigan civil discovery rules to the Representative Assembly.

Throughout this project, members have focused on finding civil discovery solutions that fit the specific needs of Michigan. Members have not only focused on lowering costs and increasing efficiency of civil discovery, but they have also remained dedicated to creating a civil discovery system that is fair and increases access to justice for all, including the most vulnerable citizens of this State.
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ATTACHMENT B
MEETING FOR CIVIL DISCOVERY SUBCOMMITTEES

1. E-Discovery Subcommittee

On January 27, 2017, the subcommittee held its first conference call, during which the subcommittee agreed to split up the rules concerning e-discovery and create a chart comparing Michigan's rules with the federal rules and notable rules from other jurisdictions. The subcommittee has created a document to share member research. The subcommittee met again on March 22, 2017 to discuss changes recommended by the subcommittee members. The subcommittee expects to submit its final proposal to the Committee in April 2017.

2. Expert Witness Discovery Subcommittee

On January 26, 2017, the subcommittee held its first meeting via teleconference. The subcommittee agreed to review various rules related to expert discovery, including the federal rules, business court rules, and case law concerning privilege. The subcommittee held its second meeting on March 9, 2017 to further discuss changes to be made to expert witness discovery. The subcommittee met again via conference call on March 23, 2017 and discussed problems and recommended changes to the expert witness discovery. The subcommittee expects to conduct supplement research to ensure that it has fully considered all aspects of expert witness discovery and intends to submit a report with its final recommendations to the Committee in April 2017.

3. Scope and Course of Discovery Subcommittee

On January 25, 2017, the subcommittee held its first meeting via conference call. The subcommittee discussed the changes that it would like to see implemented regarding civil discovery. On March 3, 2017, the subcommittee held a 3-hour, in-person meeting in Southfield, Michigan, where it discussed various aspects concerning the scope and course of discovery, including differentiated discovery system based on the complexity of the case, the use of initial disclosures, and limiting certain discovery tools. The subcommittee agreed to split into three subgroups to focus on various aspects of scope of discovery. The subgroups met numerous times to develop proposals for subcommittee consideration and circulated drafts in advance of the subcommittee’s next meeting. The subcommittee met on March 28, 2017 to consider subgroup recommendations. After much discussion concerning various issues, the subgroups agreed to revise their draft proposals and circulate to the subcommittee. The subcommittee expects to discuss various issues over email, hold another conference call to finalize its proposal, and submit its proposal to the Committee in April 2017.

4. Case Management from the Court's Perspective Subcommittee

The subcommittee held its first meeting on February 9, 2017 via teleconference. The subcommittee compared Michigan's rules with the federal rules and thought that the Michigan rules provided greater flexibility, which the subcommittee found to be beneficial from a judicial perspective. The subcommittee also discussed how to best deal with discovery disputes, including the option of using a discovery facilitator/magistrate, limiting discovery tools, stiffening the meet and confer requirements, and allowing additional sanctions. During the subcommittee’s March 14, 2017 meeting, members discussed the major case management issues and agreed to
break up into subgroups to further explore each of these issues. The subcommittee formed the following subgroups: case management; discovery facilitators and other facilitation issues; and sanctions.

5. Family, Probate, Juvenile, and District Court Subcommittee

On January 24, 2017, the subcommittee held its first meeting via teleconference. The subcommittee discussed various discovery problems faced in Michigan courts and solutions to those problems, including the use of mandatory disclosures. The subcommittee decided to break up into four subgroups focusing on discovery in (1) domestic relations cases, (2) probate cases, (3) child abuse and neglect cases, and (4) district court cases. After the meeting, it was determined that additional expertise was needed in various areas, so the subcommittee recruited a number of additional members. On February 22, 2017, the subcommittee met again to consider and discuss the initial proposals from subgroups. After much substantive discussion, the subcommittee agreed to present detailed proposals at its next meeting. Prior to the meeting, subgroups circulated their detailed proposals to the subcommittee. The subcommittee met on March 21, 2017 via conference call to discuss the subgroup proposal. After much discussion, the subcommittee agreed, with the assistance of SBM staff, to combine the subgroup proposals into one proposal. The subcommittee intends on reviewing the combined proposal, discussing issues over email, and holding one conference call to finalize the proposal prior to submitting it to the Committee in April 2017.

6. Alternative Case Management Proposal Subcommittee

On January 9, 2017, the subcommittee held its first meeting via conference call, during which members discussed various discovery innovations, including broader use of early case management conferences, appointment of discovery masters, judges holding conference calls to address discovery disputes, and the use of facilitation tools to resolve discovery disputes. During the February 13, 2017 Committee call, the Committee determined that this subcommittee should be merged with the case management from the court’s perspective subcommittee.
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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The Civil Procedure & Courts Committee receives the following support from State Bar of Michigan (SBM):
-- Financial support is provided in the SBM budget under Governmental Relations. SBM provides the teleconference details, as well as meeting refreshments for in-person meetings.
-- Governmental Relations staff provides administrative support for the Committee, including polling for meeting dates and times and scheduling meetings, drafting agendas and meeting minutes, compiling a printed agenda book for the meetings, and circulating materials.
-- Staff refer relevant legislation and proposed court rule amendments to the Committee for its review and consideration. The agenda book for meetings includes staff research on the items, along with background materials and information to assist in the Committee's discuss.
-- Staff assist in drafting the Committee's public policy position statements for consideration by the SBM Board of Commissioners.
Committee Activities:

Civil Procedure and Courts Committee is comprised of dedicated leaders of the law in diverse practice settings and areas. These members meet on Saturdays for two hours in Troy, and most travel the distance to be there in person. Committees members come prepared and with additional materials.

Over the course of three meetings, the Committee discussed eleven proposed court rule amendments and one piece of legislation.

The Committee regularly offers recommendations on proposed court rule amendments published by the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Committee's recommendations are frequently adopted by the SBM Board of Commissioners.

For example, the Committee recommended two specific amendments to ADM File No. 2015-02, both of which were expressly mentioned in the State Bar's letter to the Court.

After discussing ADM File No. 2016-40 at its January meeting, the Committee formed a subcommittee to discuss the amendments to MCR 2.625 and 3.101 in great detail and provided a five page memo for consideration by the Board of Commissioners. This detailed recommendation was adopted by the Board as the official position of the State Bar.
Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee will continue reviewing proposed court rule amendments and legislation that fall under its jurisdiction. As the need and opportunity arises, the Committee may propose new court rule amendments for presentation before the Representative Assembly.
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Client Protection Fund
Jurisdiction: Make recommendations concerning the Client Protection Fund, including the investigation of claims, 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.
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.

In September, 2016, the Client Protection Fund hosted the National Client Protection Organization’s 2016 Fall Workshop at the Detroit Marriott in the Renaissance Center. The one-and-a-half-day Workshop was well attended by professionals and trustees of lawyers’ funds from the United States, the District of Columbia, and Canada to discuss current and emerging issues regarding losses caused by a lawyer’s misappropriation of client funds and methods to minimize these losses.

Payee Notification - A workgroup was formed to implement the proactive measure recommended by the 21St Century Task Force commonly referred to as Payee Notification.

CPF Rule Review - During the 2016/17 fiscal year, the CPF Committee reviewed CPF Rule 12(C) to consider revising the pro-ration formula by capping individual claimant’s total loss at $150,000. A workgroup was formed to review the single claimant maximum and aggregate maximum per Respondent identified in CPF Rules 12(B) & (C), which will review the maximums on a yearly basis. The Committee also began reviewing Rule 10(D) as it related to attorney fees paid for representation in CPF matters.

Policy Review - The CPF Committee began reviewing CPF policies regarding disgorgement of attorney fees, consequential or incidental damages, ADB/AGC final determination policy, and requiring a claimant to file a police report if allegations of embezzlement.

Complete Claims Activity: For the period April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017, a total of 244 claims were processed, which consists of 111 new claims and 133 claims which were pending at the beginning of this period. One hundred forty (140) claims remain pending.

The CPF Standing Committee reviewed 68 claims during this time period. Eight claims were denied. Fifty-eight claims totaling $667,516.79 were approved by the Board of Commissioners and paid, three claims totaling $43,728.74 have been approved by the Board of Commissioners and await executed subrogation agreements; and 17 claims totaling $291,764.36 are pending review by the Board of Commissioners. Claimants submitted six requests for review regarding claims denied and two regarding claims recommended for approval by the CPF Committee, two were submitted by respondents regarding claims recommended for approval, all have been reviewed by the Board of Commissioners’ Professional Standards Committee.

Since the inception of the Fund, 1,295 claims have been paid totaling $8,631,832.58, while 1,926 have been closed administratively, denied, or withdrawn.
Future Goals and Activities:

SBM Rule Proposal - CPF hopes that proposed SBR 20 will be submitted to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Payee Notification - A workgroup will work to implement the proactive measure recommended by the 21St Century Task Force commonly referred to as Payee Notification.

CPF Rule Review - A workgroup will review the single claimant maximum and aggregate maximum per Respondent identified in CPF Rules 12(B) & (C), which will review the maximums on a yearly basis. The Committee will also review Rule 10(D) as it related to attorney fees paid for representation in CPF matters.

Policy Review - The CPF Committee will review CPF policies regarding disgorgement of attorney fees, consequential or incidental damages, ADB/AGC final determination policy, and requiring a claimant to file a police report if allegations of embezzlement.

The Committee will investigate and work to implement additional proactive client protection initiatives such as random audits, fiduciary bonding, and fee arbitration/mediation.
Other Information:

Financial Activity – As of February 28, 2017, the Fund received $268,265.00 from the 2016/17 membership dues assessment, $5,280.00 in Pro Hac Vice fees, and $7,751.60 reflecting contributions of abandoned lawyer trust funds and judicial campaign funds. In addition, the Fund received subrogation payments from respondents totaling $24,023.70 during the period April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017. The unaudited Fund balance as of February 28, 2017, was $2,370,419.
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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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The Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee receives administrative support from State Bar staff, as well as financial support from the State Bar budget.
Committee Activities:

From May 2016 to February 2017, the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee reviewed two pieces of legislation, three proposed court rule amendments, and ten model criminal jury instruction proposals.

This Committee has recently (within the last year) taken the initiative to review and discuss proposed model criminal jury instructions posted by Michigan Supreme Court Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions at http://courts.mi.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/criminal-jury-instructions/Pages/Proposals%20Published%20for%20Comment.aspx. The Committee is, at this time, the only State Bar entity that reviews these instructions and presents recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Most of the Committee’s recommended edits on the proposals have been adopted by the Board.
Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee will continue to review proposed court rule amendments and legislation that fall under its jurisdiction. The Committee expects to meet in April, May, and June.

The Committee is also exploring working on a proposal with the Criminal Issues Initiative to present a proposal to the Representative Assembly at its September 28, 2017 meeting.
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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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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

Staff provides an annual budget and support for meetings and events. Resources and staff time are allocated for annual events including the Celebrating Diversity Reception, Brunch for Bars and usually at least one other substantive program. Members of the committee receive assistance with workgroup tasks, sharing and promoting relevant diversity events and promoting the work of the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DIAC) at other appropriate opportunities.
Committee Activities:

This year's workgroups are: Committees Sections & Bar Associations, Law School, and Evaluation work groups. Committees Sections & Bar Association work group is active in planning the annual Brunch for Bars event and is working towards an Affinity Bar Summit. The Law School workgroup is gathering demographic information for analyzing and compiling a report on the state of diversity in the law schools in Michigan. The evaluation workgroup has analyzed data gathered over the last several years regarding diversity and is working on creating benchmarks and a plan for moving forward with evaluation efforts to gauge volunteer satisfaction with participation and effectiveness of the work for the profession in Michigan.

The DIAC sponsors an annual Brunch for Bars which will be held on April 9. Saeed Khan, an expert in Middle and Near East history and politics who lectures at Wayne State University, and Howard Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, will share perspectives fresh from their lecture series regarding the rise of xenophobia. The two of them also appeared recently on the Detroit Public Radio program “Detroit Today” with Stephen Henderson. They will be discussing how to hold collaborative conversations despite disagreements and differences.

There will also be discussion of an Affinity Bar Summit planned for sometime in the fall calendar.

Additionally, the DIAC will be co-presenting a panel presentation September 29 at Next Conference, the Annual Meeting, focusing on relevant legal topics and the middle eastern community. As always there will be a Celebrating Diversity reception at Next Conference/Annual Meeting as well.

The DIAC is also planning to publish a new law school report identifying and analyzing diversity and inclusion at law schools in Michigan.
Future Goals and Activities:

The DIAC continues to complete an evaluation of the group and its work. Diversity is an ever changing topic and the Committee wants to make sure that their work is making an impact and is the best use of their time. In the future they aim to create benchmarks for comparing diversity and inclusion data and provide continued training and support to lawyers who aim to increase diversity and inclusion.

An Affinity Bar Summit has been in the planning stages and will continue to be developed. A discussion of the Summit is on the agenda at the upcoming Brunch for Bars in order to learn more about what Bar Associations need to help support their diversity and inclusion efforts. The goal of the summit will be to gather leaders to identify ways to address their efforts collaboratively.
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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.
Committee Activities:

The Domestic Violence Committee is an 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 by the DV Committee, with the general article topic, for Family Law Journal editions from May 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, are as follows:

- May 2016 Issue: LJAP and Services to Attorney-Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- June/July 2016 Issue: Parental Alienation and Domestic Violence
- August/September 2016 Issue: Domestic Violence in the LGBT Community
- October 2016 Issue: Trauma Informed Practice
- November 2016 Issue: Title IX and Stalking on Campus
- December 2016 Issue: Proving Non-Physical Domestic Violence
- January 2017 Issue: Custody Evaluation Research Biases
- February 2017 Issue: Title IX for Family Law Attorneys
- March 2017 Issue: Domestic Violence in the Elder Community
Future Goals and Activities:

• **Pro Bono Family Law Training – October 2017**
  The committee is finalizing plans to conduct a pro bono training for attorneys who are new to the area of domestic violence and 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
Public Policy Positions – Below are positions taken by the Domestic Violence Committee, but not necessarily positions taken by the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners.

1.) MCR 3.705, In accordance with MCR 2.407, the court may allow the use of videoconferencing technology by any participant as defined in MCR 2.407(A) (1).
   DV Committee Position: The DV Committee supported the proposed amendments to MCR 3.705.

2.) MCR 3.708, As long as the respondent is either present in the courtroom or has waived the right to be present, on motion of either party, the court may use telephonic, voice, or videoconferencing technology to take testimony from an expert witness or, upon a showing of good cause, any person at another location.
   DV Committee Position: The DV Committee supported the proposed amendments to MCR 3.708.

3.) MCR 3.708(H)(2), The respondent has the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses
   DV Committee Position: The DV Committee opposed the proposed amendments to MCR 3.708(H)(2), and suggested alternative language requiring courts to balance factors set forth in MCR 2.407.

4.) MCR 3.203 and MCR 3.208, The proposed amendment of MCR 3.203 would allow the friend of the court to use automated databases such as the United States Postal Services' National Change of Address database to identify outdated addresses and update them to correct addresses.
   DV Committee Position: The DV Committee did not take a position.

5.) MCR 3.216, Parties who are subject to a personal protection order or other protective order, or who are involved in a child abuse and neglect proceeding, may not be referred to mediation without a hearing to determine whether mediation is appropriate.
   DV Committee Position: The DV Committee supported the proposed amendments to MCR 3.216, with the addition of several necessary amendments that were outlined when the public policy position was submitted to the State Bar.
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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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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.
Committee Activities:

The committee met in person on June 11 following the UMLI & BLF at the Grand Hotel to review UMLI evaluations and determine which speakers to invite back and what topics to include in the 2017 program.

The committee met via conference call on December 16, 2016 to discuss the full evaluation reports of the Bar Leadership Forum, the Upper Michigan Legal Institute, and the 2016 Annual Meeting. In addition, the committee discussed the draft program for the 2017 UMLI event, changes to the 2017 Annual Meeting format, and locations for Annual Meeting through 2025. The committee made recommendations for the future locations of the Annual Meeting to bring before the Programs & Services commissioner committee.

SBM & ICLE staff have communicated with the committee via email with updates on the UMLI program to finalize the presenters and topics.
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 Next Conference (Annual Meeting.) Committee will continue to look at changes for the 2017 Next Conference and future meetings with the focus on goals of the 21st Century Task Force report and Strategic Plan.
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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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Committee Activities:

Not applicable.
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.
Other Information:

The Judicial Ethics Committee has not needed to engage in an in-person meeting this bar year as the few requests it has received have been handled via the ethics helpline after communications with the Committee Chair. A conference call is planned within the next two months.

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

In support of the work of this Committee, the State Bar of Michigan provides a meeting room in the Michael Franck Building as well as 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 for the Committee as necessary.
Committee Activities:

As requested by the Governor, the Judicial Qualifications Committee interviews and rates candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies. Representatives 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.

The Judicial Qualifications Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month and/or as requested. From May 2016 through March 2017, the Committee met 8 times and interviewed 61 candidates for judicial vacancies.
Future Goals and Activities:
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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:
   o Analyzing and making recommendations for positions on proposed legislation, court rules, and other policies relevant to the committee's jurisdiction.
   o Developing policies and programs to benefit underserved populations, including juveniles and those with special needs.
   o Encouraging and coordinating free or discounted civil legal services.
   o Raising money for and otherwise working to increase resources for civil legal aid programs.
   o Examining collateral civil consequences of criminal convictions and representational issues in the criminal justice system.
   o Recommend recipients of the John W. Cummiskey Award.

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<td>10.10.2016</td>
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<td>Annual meeting of all JI members in partnership with Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee members, this gathering includes an orientation for new members. The audience received remarks from Janet Welch on the importance of futures work to access, received information on the Bar's Justice for All grant proposal, a Keller review and political landscape update. Lunchtime round tables included Justice Innovations Guidelines, developing JI leaders, collaborative opportunists, and more. The meetings calendar for the year was established.</td>
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<td>Members received report on futures progress, strategic planning update, ABA Day conversations, modest means work group, Justice Innovations Guidelines, and limited scope representation. Reports were received from each of the initiatives, and from the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Ideas for the 2017 JI Summit were encouraged.</td>
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<td>The new strategic plan was introduced, information on the Public Online Legal Resource and Referral Center, and the LRS Steering Committee was presented, an update on MI Free Legal Answers was provided, a modest means work group report was received, and an update on the Justice Innovations Guidelines was presented. Reports from the initiatives were received.</td>
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NOTE: Meetings set for April 19 and June 14 2017

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

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 on 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 report of those initiatives, including information on policy positions taken by CJI, are included with this cover report.
Committee Activities:

Activities of the committee are described in the meeting notes above. In addition, the committee provides a written report of its work to the Board of Commissioners for each Commission meeting.
Future Goals and Activities:

The Justice Initiatives community will continue to look for opportunities to expand access to justice for all through its existing initiatives and through development of recommendations in the 21st Century Practice Task Force, and the State Bar’s new Strategic Plan.
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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 Criminal Issues Initiative received the following support from State Bar of Michigan (SBM):
1. Financial support from the SBM budget, including Collateral Consequences Program funding.
2. After discussion with the co-chairs of the Committee on Justice Initiatives, relevant legislation and proposed court rule amendments were referred to the Initiative for its review and consideration, including background materials and information and conducting additional inquiries and research when requested.
3. SBM staff coordinated the Initiative meetings, including scheduling times, informing and reminding members of meetings, arranging conference calls, preparing agendas, and circulating materials for meetings.
4. SBM staff provided support during Initiative meetings, including taking attendance, ensuring quorum, taking notes, and drafting minutes, and arranging e-voting when quorum was not reached.
5. SBM staff also provided assistance in drafting Initiative’s public policy position statements for consideration by the Committee on Justice Initiatives and the SBM Board of Commissioners and carrying out the necessary review by the Committee on Justice Initiatives.
Committee Activities:

Over the past 10 months, Criminal Issues Initiative met on the following dates:
May 12, 2016 - Teleconference only
October 10, 2016 - In person and teleconference at the Justice Initiatives Kick-off
November 17, 2016 - Teleconference only
December 6, 2016 - Teleconference only
January 5, 2017 - Teleconference only
February 6, 2017 - Teleconference only
March 3, 2017 - Teleconference regarding March 25th program
March 6, 2017 - Teleconference only

In between meetings, various discussions were held over email concerning programing, projects, and public policy.

From May 2016 to March 2017, the Initiative discussed four proposed court rule amendment orders and two pieces of legislation.

In addition, the Initiative proactively worked on a number of projects. The Initiative is currently exploring how to change the law to allow criminal cases where a conviction was based in part on scientific expert testimony to be reopened when new scientific information indicates that the prior scientific expert testimony is not reliable. The Initiative is currently researching this topic with the assistance of various Innocence Project groups and expects to present a proposal for consideration at the Representative Assembly meeting on September 28, 2017.

The Initiative also organized and co-sponsored a follow-up program to the Collateral Consequences for Juvenile Adjudication, which was presented during the 2015 Annual Meeting. This year’s program was co-sponsored with the Equal Access Initiative and the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. On Saturday, March 25th, around 80 individuals met at the Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor for a presentation on the juvenile justice system. A group of panelists was moderated by Judge Mabel Johnson Mayfield and included the following participants: Jason Engram (a local attorney), Heather J. Garretson (CII co-chair), Gennelia C. Laluna-Schaeffer (a local attorney), Mark D. McWilliams (director of public policy at Michigan Protection & Advocacy), Russell W. Szwabowski (a county prosector), and Beth Zilberman (a teaching fellow with MSU College of Law's immigration law clinic). The program was a success and the Initiative hopes for a repeat performance in the future. Additional materials from the program are attached.
Future Goals and Activities:

The Initiative expects to meet in April, May, June, and September to discuss various projects and public policy. The Initiative will continue to review proposed court rule amendments and legislation that fall under its jurisdiction. It also plans to work to present a proposal to the Representative Assembly at its September 28, 2017 meeting.
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What Do You Mean I Can’t Do That?
The Collateral Consequences of a Juvenile Adjudication

Youth in the juvenile justice system often face issues and challenges that extend beyond the courtroom. This presentation shows how juvenile adjudications may impact children and families long after the court case has closed. Fines, housing, employment, and education opportunities are among the topics to be highlighted in this informative presentation. A panel will examine real-life experiences illustrating the need for systemic change.

Saturday, March 25
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lake Michigan College
2755 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Register here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/collateralcon

Discussion topics:
• Juvenile pleas and their long-term impacts
• Alternatives to formal court involvement
• The school-to-prison pipeline
• The importance of collateral consequences
• Ideas for systemic change
• Interactive question-and-answer session

Moderator:
Hon. Mabel Johnson Mayfield, Judge, Berrien County Probate Court

Program Co-Sponsors
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Justice Initiatives: Equal Access Initiative

Jurisdiction: Develops policies and programs to benefit underserved populations, including those with special needs, cognitive disabilities, and juveniles.

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Staff provides an annual budget and support for meetings and events. Resources and staff time are allocated for programs including the Face of Justice, and collaborations like the Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Convictions program. Members of the committee receive assistance with workgroup tasks, sharing and promoting relevant equal justice events and promoting the work of the Equal Access Initiative at other appropriate opportunities.
Committee Activities:

The work of the EAI is done by workgroups.

The Disabilities workgroup is focused on issues that impact lawyers with disabilities and those representing people with disabilities. The work that has been done over several years on school to prison pipeline informed the program with CII on juvenile convictions that was held in Berrien county.

The Juvenile Outreach workgroup provided planning and developed content for the Face of Justice program that offered over 70 Lansing area high school students the opportunity to meet with lawyers, legal professional and law enforcement professionals at the Hall of Justice and tour the Learning Center, the court of appeals and experience mentoring.

The Underrepresented groups workgroup is currently working to develop programming focused on the issues surrounding jury pool diversity.
Future Goals and Activities:

The collaboration with CII is designed to be a "roadshow" so other opportunities to present the information across the state will be explored.

The Face of Justice program is also planned to be replicated in other areas of the state. Currently the group is exploring options including Flint and Detroit.

An Annual Meeting program is planned to address legal matters facing Middle Eastern communities and the EAI will collaborate with the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee to develop the event.

The Underrepresented Groups workgroup is hoping to have a program on the issues surrounding jury pool diversity will likely be in the Fall of 2017.
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Committee Activities:

Over the course of this year, the Initiative discussed several proposed court rule amendments and pieces of legislation affecting the delivery of quality legal services in Michigan. The initiative took positions and made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on a number of issues, including supporting with conditions the expanded use of videoconferencing in court proceedings, opposing allowing the Friend of the Court to use text messaging as a form of alternative electronic service to send notices and court documents; opposing removing the requirement that the Friend of the Court seek a court order in order to schedule a contempt hearing; and opposing changes to the procedural rules for taxing post-judgment costs.
Future Goals and Activities:

The Justice Policy Initiative will continue reviewing proposed court rule amendments and legislation that fall under its jurisdiction. The Initiative will continue be proactive and consider projects that it can initiate or partner with other groups or organizations to further its goals of achieving the effective delivery of high quality of legal services to all of the people of Michigan.
Other Information:

The Justice Policy Initiative consists of leaders in a diverse spectrum of practice settings, including legal service organizations, serving both urban and rural communities, government, in-house, and private practice. Members have a broad range of expertise, including consumer protection, landlord-tenant litigation, family law, appellate practice, criminal law, elder law, disability rights, military and veterans' law, and alternative dispute resolution. This diversity within the Initiative helps ensure that each piece of legislation and proposed court rule amendment is analyzed from multiple perspectives to provide the Initiative with a deep understanding of the impact that the proposed legislation or court rule amendment will have on the delivery of legal services in Michigan.

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

SBM liaisons to the PBI are Candace Crowley and Robert Mathis. Jennifer Williams (administrative assistant), Eisha Vatsal (legal intern), and Jeffrey Barker (law student intern) provide additional staff support to the PBI and its numerous programs.
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. Online Pro Bono/MI Free Legal Answers Workgroup
12. Celebrate Pro Bono Month
14. Spring Pro Bono Workshop
15. Veteran Resources Workgroup

The 2016 John W. Cummiskey Award was presented to attorney Leo Goddeyne of Miller Canfield at the SBM awards dinner at the SBM Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids. The award included a $3,000 donation to an ATJ program to be made through the Access to Justice Fund. Leo asked that the award be designated to Legal Aid of Western Michigan.

Nominations for the 2017 John W. Cummiskey Award will be reviewed and a nominee identified in April 2017.

The Eighth Annual October as Pro Bono Month Celebration occurred in 2016, which included more than 50 events throughout Michigan during the Pro Bono Month 2016 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 2017, 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 2016 as Pro Bono Month.

The Ninth Annual October as Pro Bono Month is set for October 2017.

The State Bar’s “A Lawyer Helps” website continued to highlight the good work of many Michigan attorneys, with 15 stories posted on the website in 2016. “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.

2016 was another successful year for MI-LAPP’s QDRO Referral Program. In 2016, the program closed more than 50 QDRO cases and received 57 cases referred to the QDRO program by Michigan legal services providers. The great success of the program in 2016 was due in very large part to the program’s dedicated volunteer drafters. In 2016, the program’s volunteers included Joseph Cunningham, Robert (Bob) Treat/QDRO Express, 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 are encouraged to apply for coverage through the State Bar/MI-LAPP Malpractice Insurance Program. Lawyers that accept cases from ATJ & non-ATJ programs without their own malpractice insurance are eligible to request coverage. In 2016, the MI-LAPP malpractice insurance program provided coverage to attorneys for 10 pro bono cases ranging from patent law to landlord/tenant issues. In each of the circumstances where malpractice coverage was provided, if not for the malpractice insurance program, the attorneys would have probably not been to offer pro bono legal services due to their lack of malpractice insurance.

The Eighth Annual Spring Pro Bono Workshop, “The Power of Pro Bono,” occurred on May 24, 2016. 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 Executive Director, Janet Welch. The evaluations from the workshop were all very positive, with all attendees reporting that they would attend the 2017 workshop.
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.
The Ninth Annual Spring Pro Bono Workshop is slated for May 23, 2017 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 2016 Circle of Excellence has appeared in the Michigan Bar Journal multiple times throughout 2016. For the 2016 Circle of Excellence, which considers service and donations made in 2015, there were more than 50 firms and corporations on the Circle. The 2016 COE also included the Leadership and Excellence Levels, which recognized firms whose aggregate financial contributions reflect $300 and $500 per lawyer, respectively. The COE was also redesigned in 2016 to more easily identify those firms qualifying for the Leadership Level. In March 2017, personalized letters were mailed to law firms that have previously appeared on or applied to the COE. The letters, which included a message from SBM President Larry Nolan, were intended to advise firms of the 2017 COE applications, due on April 7, 2017.

Tax Pro Bono Referral Panel Program. On Tuesday, June 21, 2016, attorneys participated in the fourth annual program training. The training was offered via webinar. There are currently more than 100 attorneys on the Tax Program’s pro bono panel. The program opened 27 case in 2016. Another tax training webinar is slated for June 27, 2017.

The implementation of Limited Scope Representation (LSR) in Michigan was a recommendation that of the State Bar’s 21st Century Practice Task Force. At its September 2016 meeting, the Representative Assembly approved, by an overwhelming majority, proposed court and ethics rule amendments which would allow more meaningful LSR in Michigan. The proposal was the product of an unbundling work group appointment by Lori Buiteweg at the end of the June 2016, JI Summit on unbundling. The work group was chaired by PBI member, Linda Rexer.

The Patent Pro Bono Project continued to grow throughout 2016, receiving more than 70 total requests for assistance. The Patent Project has been able to place 17 low-income inventors with patent pro bono attorneys to assist in patenting their inventions. The Patent Project currently only accepts clients that meet income (at or below 200% of federal property guidelines) and asset (less than $5,000 in liquid assets) guidelines and have filed a provisional application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. There are currently other pro bono and clinical programs in Michigan that provide assistance to a limited number of clients needing services beyond what the Patent Project is currently able to provide. As the Patent Project expands, the Patent Project’s Steering Committee may consider accepting clients needing assistance beyond what is currently offered.

Robert Mathis attended the 2016 ABA Equal Justice Conference in Chicago, along with Wendy Richards (Michigan Community Resources). Erika Davis attended the Access to Justice Chair’s meeting on behalf of the CJJ.

The Michigan Legal Help website (michiganlegalhelp.org) continued to help people handle simple civil 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 is also now available in Spanish.

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 by SBM staff.

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.

The SBM/PBI partnered with Legal Services of Eastern Michigan and the Genesee County Bar Association to plan and roll-out of the “MI Free Legal Answers” pro bono website in Genesee County. More information about this project is provided in the Online Pro Bono Workgroup Ad Hoc Committee report.

The Veterans Resources Workgroup was formed in late 2016. Workgroup members include Khalilah Spencer, Wendy Richards, Peggy Costello, Heidi Naasko, Ashley Lowe, Michele Hall, Todd Morgan, Daphne Cunningham, Jeff Barker, and Robert Mathis. The workgroup is looking at how legal services for veterans can be more effectively coordinated in Michigan.

At the 2016 SBM Annual Meeting, representatives from the PBI (staff and members) help staff a booth to promote the work and programs of the PBI. The PBI booth also provided a video presentation promoting recent “A Lawyer Helps” stories and law firms and corporations that qualified for the 2016 COE.

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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 contacts chair to schedule meetings, sends future meeting dates via email to committee members and posts them in SBM Connect. Staff prepares agendas and minutes and posts to SBM Connect prior to meetings.

This year, the Michigan Press Association Foundation took over the Wade H. McCree Jr. Awards for the Advancement of Justice, which had traditionally been overseen by this committee. SBM staff gathered all materials created for the last McCree Award contest, including a nomination brochure, news release and details of how the contest has run, and sent them to the MPAF so they could continue the contest in a smooth manner, without interruption. Staff assisted committee members in gathering judges for the contest, which was part of the agreement for the MPAF to take over the awards. Staff put contact information for judges into a document and sent it to MPAF. Staff crafted a series of social media promotional messages so that committee members could help promote the contest and contact journalists to encourage them to submit entries into the contest.

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 presentations and handouts to be shown and given out at educational events. Staff handle whatever audio/visual needs there are for the seminar – setting up requests for A/V equipment, and making sure it is all functioning on site. Staff makes videos and takes photographs of all sessions, and then does follow-up publicity in the Bar Journal, on the SBM website, SBM Blog, social media sites and elsewhere.
Committee Activities:

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

McCree Subcommittee: The subcommittee members found five judges for the McCree Award contest to help the Michigan Press Association Foundation run the contest. They also 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. Committee members were also on stand-by to answer any questions MPAF may have about the contest as they run it for the first time this year.

Educational Program Subcommittee: The subcommittee has been working this year to host a panel discussion called Ethical and Legal Implications of Media "Fact Checking" to be held in October of 2017 at the Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in Lansing, and simulcast to Cooley's campuses in Auburn Hills and Grand Rapids. The subcommittee is working to contact panelists to for the event in October.
Future Goals and Activities:

The committee will continue to plan educational events into the future.
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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.
· Recommend Michigan Legal Milestones that commemorate significant cases, events, places and people in the state’s legal history.

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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 to promote the milestone event; 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 and on www.michbar.org.

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; aids in the planning and promotion of Faces of Justice program, 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 state 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.
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 text 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 41st milestone will commemorate the fact that Michigan was the first English-speaking territory to ban the death penalty. The subcommittee had four teleconferences throughout the year to plan the milestone, drafted and edited plaque text, selected speakers for the dedication ceremony, and assigned a Bar Journal article on the topic.

Law Day Subcommittee: In 2016 the subcommittee proposed permanently discontinuing the Law Day contest, and instead created 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. Staff sent an email blast to the Local and Special Purpose Bar Associations to see if they were hosting Law Day events and we than list to our website.

Constitution Day: The subcommittee is looking for ways to get more attorneys and schools involved in Constitution Day activities. The subcommittee 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 was developed and the program had a great turnout. The program attracted young people to meet lawyers, judges and law enforcement officers and learn about legal careers from them. The LRE subcommittee also 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.
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.
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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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

After the meeting in January, the Dean's received a list of contact information for the State Bar staff in attendance. SBM staff will respond to any questions or requests that are received from the Law School Deans.
Future Goals and 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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Lawyer Referral Service Steering
Jurisdiction: An advisory committee to work with State Bar staff during the LRS pilot project to modernize lawyer referral services in Michigan.

Member
Term Ending: 2017
P25508 Robert A. Buchanan, Grand Rapids
P55501 Jennifer M. Grieco, Birmingham
P65419 James W. Heath, Detroit
P68863 Daniel Waino Linna, Jr., East Lansing
P49710 John F. Reed, Bloomfield Hills
P26723 Donald G. Rockwell, Flint
P66964 Angela S. Tripp, Ann Arbor
P53594 Dana M. Warnez, Center Line
P49219 Erane C. Washington, Ann Arbor

State Bar Liaison
Nancy Brown, Lansing
P32078 Candace A. Crowley, Lansing
P37083 Clifford T. Flood, Lansing
Anne M. Vrooman, Lansing
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This was the in-person inaugural meeting of the steering committee.

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

The State Bar provided the vision for a modernized lawyer referral service in its 21st Century Practice Task Force work, and especially through the information in Problem One of the report "a dysfunctional legal marketplace." With the Bar's online member directory as a foundational piece, it provides staff resources to build a comprehensive marketplace around the directory.
Committee Activities:

The committee met on January 20 to receive an overview of the committee purpose, background on the initiative to modernize the State Bar Lawyer Referral Service including commercial entities in the find-a-lawyer space, current statistics of the State Bar LRS, focus group outcomes, survey results of current LRS panel members, connection to the 21st Century Practice Task Force Report, and the role of Michigan Legal Help. It received information on the vision to provide access to appropriate legal services for all. It received information on the pilot project using the current telephone-based system to test various aspects of the proposed system and to gather data, integration with the online directory, triage, economic models, streamlined practice areas, geographic areas, expanding lawyer participation and expanding consumer participation. It received preliminary information on the development of a modest means program and an update on the online Michigan Free Legal Answers pro bono resource.
Future Goals and Activities:

The LRS Steering Committee will continue to provide input on the development of the modernized lawyer referral service and public online legal resources and referral center.
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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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P69133  Larissa Ann Overley Zubac, Lansing

Term Ending: 2018
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P26320  Jacqueline George, Saint Clair Shores
P62781  Kevin Lynn Laidler, Lake Orion

Term Ending: 2019
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P30043  Marc T. Dedenbach, Grayling
P61493  Francis X. Hathaway, East Lansing
P37717  Erwin F. Meiers, III, Flint
P40890  Amy Neville, Detroit
P75766  Robert Keith Oehodnicky, Lansing
P55768  Sean M. Siebigteroth, Grand Blanc

Advisor
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Law Student Liaison
Linda Girard, Lincoln

State Bar Liaison
P71317  Tish Vincent, Lansing

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Jennifer Clark, Lansing
Molly Ranns, Lansing
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The State Bar of Michigan provides the services of the Staff Liaison to report on LJAP’s activities and assist in leading the meeting, reserving a room, 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 Clinical/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.
Committee Activities:

* Host second Lawyer Wellness Foundation Fun Run this time with a professional organizer.
* Consider hosting other special events to raise money for the Lawyer Wellness Foundation.
* 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.
* Continue to attempt to have a law school student member from each Michigan law school on the Lawyers & Judges Assistance Committee.
* Continue outreach to Michigan law schools to educate about Stress Management and Wellness for law students, our future attorneys.
  • Work on developing a collection of law school courses for the Professional Responsibility course on Substance Use Disorders and Mental Illness.
  • 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.
  • 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.

*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.
Future Goals and Activities:

The Lawyers & Judges Assistance Committee through the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program under Goal 1 of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan contributes to the resources provided by SBM to help new lawyers be practice ready, professionally and personally by managing stress in a healthy manner. Our educational outreach helps new lawyers recognize that help is available to them if they find themselves overwhelmed by a behavioral medicine condition. In this effort LJAP supports each new member's ability to develop professional competence.

Through its monitoring agreements and coordination of efforts with the Attorney Grievance Commission and Attorney Discipline Board LJAP contributes to the regulatory goal described in Goal 3 of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. The availability of contractual probation offers attorneys a diversion program that allows them to keep their discipline private if they successfully complete a monitoring agreement with LJAP.

It is the goal of LJAC to educate Michigan attorneys about the availability of specialized help through programming at LJAP.
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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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P32147  Ruth S. Stevens, Grand Rapids
P21970  George E. Ward, Canton
P59227  Thomas H. Weiss, Mount Pleasant

Term Ending: 2018
P30207  Randy E. Davidson, West Bloomfield
P38851  Janice K. Selberg, Lansing

Term Ending: 2019
P60678  Kimberly A. Breitmeyer, Lansing
P44139  Marlene W. Coir, Bloomfield Hills
P73826  Audra Rose McClure, Grand Rapids
P38378  Heather J E Simmons, Champaign
P64719  Lance M. Werner, Comstock Park

Advisor

P67601  Geraldine Anne Brown, Lansing
P57505  Kincaid C. Brown, Ann Arbor
P32689  Barbara H. Garavaglia, Ann Arbor

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Jan Bissett, Detroit
Laura Mancini, Pontiac
Virginia C. Thomas, Detroit

State Bar Liaison

P56508  Lynn P. Ingram, Lansing
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<td>A virtual meeting for the committee, KDL Service Center</td>
<td>February</td>
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

Use of meeting room for the Fall committee meeting, provision of communication and IT support for the meeting, staff assistance with arrangements, staff assistance with updating the Committee page on the Bar website, and updating the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center.
Committee Activities:

Members and committee advisors are able to submit a column to the MBJ for monthly articles. Typical articles focus on support the theme for each month's issue, focusing on legal research. Articles from the past year are listed below:

March 2016: No article.
May 2016: Barbara Garavaglia, "Sources of Information on the Trans-Pacific Partnership."
July 2016: Jan Bisset and Margi Heinen: Decoding Legislation: "Finding Historical Acts and Codes"
August 2016: Nancy Ballast: "Marijuana’s Changing Legal Status in Michigan -- Or, Michigan as a Legal Pioneer"
September 2016: Jan Bisset and Margi Heinen: Taxing Research: Finding the Starting Point for Your Tax Questions
October 2016: Virginia C. Thomas, "Of Plain English and Plain Meaning"
November 2016: Janice Selberg, "The development of a Department of Labor"
December 2016: Mariene Coir, "Women in the Law -- A History of Endurance"
January 2017: No article.
February 2017: Kimberly Breitmeyer, "Business Entities Associated With Learned Medical Professions: An Evolution of Law and Policy"

The committee also updates regularly to the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center.

The committee continues to gather information on the lack of electronic access to ICLE materials to libraries. Another discussion the committee has regularly is on the UELMA (Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act.)

Another recent discussion is on legislation surrounding public libraries and funding at the state level.
Future Goals and Activities:

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<th>The committee remains concerned about the transition of traditional legal materials, to electronic-only formats. We will continue to discuss UELMA and possible steps that the committee can take to help maintain the availability of legal information to all users.</th>
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<td>The committee will continue to update the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center.</td>
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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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P23199 Max R. Hoffman, Jr., Lansing
P69809 Joseph L. Hohler, III, Kalamazoo
P47181 Robert C. Rutgers, Jr., Grand Rapids

Term Ending: 2019
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P42906 Peter R. Tochman, Southfield

State Bar Liaison
Kari Thrush, Lansing

State Bar Liaison Assistant
Amy J. Castner, Lansing
Tracy L. Sproul, Lansing
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Description: The committee met to review the yearly program report and to discuss new developments in membership services.

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

The Membership Services Committee has worked with State Bar Liaison, Kari Thrush. 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.
Committee Activities:

On November 15, 2016 the committee met to review the yearly program report and to discuss new developments for the upcoming year. New this coming year is the development of a member newsletter that will be sent to members highlighting the many benefits of membership. This will include new promotion offerings from our partners, webinars/ training materials and articles and other information about the member benefits.
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. A focus area will be partnering with PMRC to bring more practice management programs to the members keeping in line with the 21st Century Task Force report concentrating on the future of the practice of law.
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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.

Chair

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P19808 Thomas J. Ryan, Sylvan Lake
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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.
Committee Activities:

This committee meets on an as-needed basis. Committee members provide guidance throughout the year on various issues.
Future Goals and Activities:

The SBM Past Presidents Advisory Council plans to meet during the 2017 Annual Meeting in Detroit, MI.
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Professional Ethics
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- 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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Committee Activities:

A workgroup of the Committee has been reviewing and researching ABA Model Rule 8.4(g), adopted in August of 2016, which makes it an ethical violation for a lawyer to engage in conduct that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know is harassment or discrimination on the basis of a protected status related to the practice of law. Previously, these concerns were generally addressed only in the comments, so they were not necessarily a rule violation. The Committee has authorized the workgroup to continue efforts to gather information on this issue by active involvement in planning a law school symposium(s) that will include this topic. The law school symposium project will be coordinated by the Standing Committee on Law School Deans and funded by the Michael Franck Fund created by the Michigan State Bar Foundation.
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 23, 2017. The Committee has also reserved August 11, 2017, if a special meeting is needed to complete any ongoing projects or address new matters requiring attention before its fall meeting.
The Committee workgroups assigned to work on assignments continue to regularly meet via teleconference facilitated by staff counsel in between regularly scheduled quarterly meetings.

Oct. 26, 2016 Committee Meeting: After a brief new member welcome, Chair Mogill updated the Committee on the Representative Assembly's treatment of proposals to amend the MRPC pertaining to 1.18, 4.4(b), 7.2, Comment to 1.2; amended ABA Model Rule 8.4(g); the JTC Rules workgroup, and the BOC's approval of Formal Ethics Opinions R-23 and R-24. Committee workgroups gave reports on ongoing projects as follows: draft ethics opinion on use of domain names; draft ethics opinion on use of judicial imagery by former judges; draft FAQs on ethical use of Facebook; and research on including liens in judgments of divorce. Staff reported on the amended lien chart, which was approved by the Committee for posting to the ethics webpage. Staff counsel provided an overview of six new opinion requests (for-profit client-lawyer matching services, self-help center operated by a legal aid provider, potential limitation on the right to practice via protective orders, indigent defense at criminal arraignments, lawyers paying to give legal information presentations, lawyer asking who is the client, lawyer charging client an administrative fee, lawyers presenting information on prepaid legal services plan, and disposition of old files) and received direction from the Committee for handling them.

Dec. 1, 2016 Committee Meeting: Chair Mogill reported on the BOC's approval of the report proposed by the JTC Rules Workgroup. The Committee approved informal opinions on use of domain names, succession planning, use of judicial imagery by former judges, and FAQs on Facebook. Via Committee consensus, the social media workgroup's next social media project on FAQs will be on use of LinkedIn, followed by Twitter, and Snapchat. The Committee gave direction to the workgroups on for profit lawyer/client matching services and protective orders restricting the right to practice after receiving updates. The Committee formed a workgroup to prepare FAQs on UPL for suspended and disbarred lawyer and to review several old ethics opinions on UPL for possible updates, a workgroup to research and study ABA Model Rule 8.4(g) for possible amendment of MRPC 8.4 to include a similar provision, and reviewed favorably ADM File No. 2016-24 regarding proposed revisions to MCR 9.115(F)(5) pertaining to consent discipline orders, deciding no action was needed. Staff counsel summarized their handling of uncommon calls to the ethics helpline on workers' compensation lawyer hiring investigator to gather information to defend a claim, client agreeing to not post disparaging statements on Facebook to receive reduction in attorney's bill for fee, and defense counsel contacting class action plaintiffs. The Committee agreed with Staff counsel's approach and that no further action was needed.

Jan. 27, 2017 Committee Meeting: The Committee received updates and discussed workgroup projects on liens in judgment of divorce, possible adoption of ABA Model Rule 8.4(g), FAQs on ethical use of LinkedIn, and for profit lawyer/client matching services. Based on the workgroup update and after discussion, the Committee voted to issue a letter response rather than an ethics opinion on the issue of protective orders restricting the right to practice. The Committee reviewed and discussed the working draft of the FAQs on UPL for suspended and disbarred lawyers directing the workgroup to prepare a final draft for review during the next Committee meeting. The Committee voted to recommend support of ADM File No. 2015-18 regarding the proposed amendment to MCR 9.108 to clarify the Michigan Supreme Court's authority to enjoin a lawyer from practicing law even if a disciplinary proceeding concerning that conduct is not pending before the ADB.

Mar. 31, 2017 Meeting: Chair Mogill facilitated a discussion of the APRL proposal to simplify and consolidate the attorney advertising rules as comments under an amended Rule 7.1 being considered by the ABA, proposed modification of the ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools to reduce the credits hours requiring a full-time professor to teach, and the Representative Assembly proposed amendment of Rule 8.2 for use of titles by former judges. The Committee received an update and gave directions to two workgroups preparing draft opinions on liens in judgment of divorce and for-profit lawyer/client matching services, respectively. The Committee also reviewed and discussed FAQs on UPL for disqualified lawyers that will be approved via an electronic vote after final revisions and started review on FAQs on ethical use of LinkedIn. The Committee approved the workgroup's proposal to support a law school symposium that will include the topic of ABA Rule 8.4(g). The Committee agreed staff counsel's handling of a new opinion request regarding a withdrawing counsel's motion for a money judgment via guidance through the ethics helpline.

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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.

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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 staffers this year:

Nancy Brown, director of Member & Communications Services
Linda Novak, editor of the Michigan Bar Journal
Mike Eidelbes, copy editor/writer and PWAC reporter
JoAnn Hathaway, Law Practice Solutions columnist
Chelsea Huber, citation support
Stacy Marciniak, advertising
Samantha Meinke, communications manager, MBJ Up Front
Joyce Nordeen, editorial assistant
Sarah Nussbaumer, contributing graphic designer
Sue Oudsema, April Directory
Carrie Sharlow, Michigan Lawyers in History articles
Kari Thrush, member services ads/Annual Meeting materials
Tish Vincent, Practicing Wellness column

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.
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 provides editorial assistance concerning the Michigan Bar Journal, April Directory, and various legal publications and offers guidance to the Practice Management Resource Center.

In 2016–2017, SBM President Lawrence Nolan appointed two new members with exceptional credentials to PWAC: Brian C. Draper of Lansing and Vani Chandrasekhar Gujuluva of Royal Oak. John Runyan was appointed chairperson.

WEBSITE

All section websites have been migrated to the new, interactive SBM Connect platform. SBM Connect allows members to interact with their sections and each other using the discussion area, library, and member-only pages. Each BOC committee will also have a community in SBM Connect with a discussion area and library for its members.

After much discussion of which platform and technology should be used for the new SBM website, the design phase began in June 2014 using .Net technology with a robust content management system. The website was soft-launched on April 28 with a complete transition estimated for May 15. 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 Zeekbeek, 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, staff heard positive and negative comments from many members about the new design. Since that time there have been significant improvements 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, will review the new site to suggest further refinements.

BAR JOURNAL

Under the continued unparalleled editorship of Linda Novak, MBJ published two general issues and nine theme issues this year, including:

- Tax Tips (September 2016)
- Plain Language (October 2016)
- Labor and Employment Law (November 2016)
- Business Litigation (January 2017)
- Healthcare Law (February 2017)
- Antitrust and Franchising Law (May 2017)
- Future of the Legal Profession (June 2017)
- Family Law (July 2017)
- Lawyers in Nontraditional Roles (August 2017)

Several committee members have written articles and edited theme issues and columns:


Column editors: Joseph Kimble, Plain Language; Gerard Mantese, Trial Practice

General issue editors: John Mayer (December 2016 and March 2017)

Theme Issue Editors: David Cohen (September 2016); Chris Trudeau (October 2016); John Runyan (November 2016); Gerard Mantese (January 2017); Richard Kraus (February 2017)

In 2016–2017, committee members reviewed 33 unsolicited articles, with Richard Kraus at the helm of the review process, identifying experts and secondary reviewers for each article.
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 Recommendations to Change this Member Benefit.” PWAC voted for “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.” Option 3 was subsequently approved by the SBM Board of Commissioners and is being implemented by SBM staff for the 2017 directory.
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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.
Committee Activities:

On July 13, 2016, UPL Staff along with the UPL Immigration Subcommittee Chair Meghan Kennedy Riordan attended the USCIS Common Ground Conference in Detroit. Several state agencies reported on the issues they face and their efforts to remedy illegal activities including, but not limited to, immigration, mail fraud, etc.
Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee will continue to expand its community outreach activities to educate the public and State Bar members regarding the UPL and develop and use creative and proactive measures in addressing the UPL. The UPL Committee once again embraced educational and outreach efforts through UPL Subcommittees as part of its strategic planning process in August 2014. The current Subcommittees are as follows: UPL Trust Mills/Estate Planning Outreach (Chair Kathleen M. Hawkins), UPL Family Law Outreach (Co-Chairs Katherine Sue Gardner and Barbara BakerOmerod), UPL Immigration Subcommittee (Chair Meghan Riordan Kennedy), UPL Real Property Outreach (Chair David Brake), UPL Communication (Chair Sean Cowley), UPL Social/Web-based Media (David Dyki), and Strategic Planning Subcommittee (UPL Standing Committee Co-Chairs for next bar year). All of the Subcommittees have regularly met telephonically and are actively working on educational materials that will be disseminated in a variety of ways in the upcoming months.

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 UPL Trust Mills/Estate Planning Outreach Subcommittee reconvened summer of 2016. This senior education program has traditionally be offered in conjunction with the Probate & Estate, Elder Law & Disability Rights Section. The Consumer Law Section has expressed an interest in joining this project.

The UPL Committee is scheduled to meet on April 27, 2017, with it’s last quarterly meeting for this bar year scheduled for July 27, 2017.
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.

July 21, 2016, Meeting Description: The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints, requested additional follow-up by staff counsel on one matter (with possible PR opportunity), recommended one matter for litigation and two matters to close the files. 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, Meghan Kennedy Riordan for UPL Immigration, and Katherine Gardner for UPL Family Law gave a brief overview of activities and projects underway.

October 27, 2016, Meeting Description: Co-Chairs reviewed the quarterly meeting dates and gave an overview of goals to be achieved during the bar year. The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints, requested additional follow-up by staff counsel on two matters, recommend one matter for litigation and six matters to close the files. 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. The Committee reviewed and discussed UPL complaints, requested additional follow-up by staff counsel on one matter (with possible PR opportunity), recommended one matter for litigation and two matters to close the files.

The UPL Committee fulfills its educational purpose through its outreach efforts as approved by the Committee. The attached strategic planning document provides an overview of the subcommittees and their intended purposes.
Planning Document for UPL Strategic Planning Subcommittee

UPL Committee Jurisdictional Statement

- Propose and support measures to educate the public and the legal profession about unauthorized practice of law issues.
- 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.

BOC Strategic Plan 2017-2020 (excerpt)

The goals were refined as follows:

Goal 1: The State Bar of Michigan provides resources to help all of its members achieve professional excellence and success in the practice of law.

Goal 2: The State Bar of Michigan champions access to justice, and builds public trust and confidence in the justice system in Michigan.

Goal 3: The State Bar of Michigan maintains the highest conduct among its members, and initiates and advocates for improvements that facilitate accessible, timely justice.

Goal 4: The State Bar of Michigan structures itself to achieve its strategic goals in a responsive and cost-efficient manner.

Notes from September 17, 2015 Meeting of Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Co-Chair Cowley reported that the Strategic Planning Subcommittee will meet once a year to ensure the Standing Committee is fulfilling its jurisdictional mandate. The Subcommittee proposed that the Committee’s jurisdictional statement be reorganized so that the educational outreach efforts be listed first and the purpose of the Subcommittee on Petitions for Guardianship has been fulfilled and it be retired with ongoing monitoring of the concerns by Staff. In addition, the Subcommittee recommends that the “Who Should You Trust?” senior education program be held again during the summer of 2017.

List of UPL Subcommittees

1. UPL Strategic Planning Subcommittee

   Co-Chairs: Barbara BakerOmerod and Sean Cowley

   Members: Robert Anderson, Katherine Gardner, Philip Moilanen, Peter Neu, James Smith
Purpose: To provide input to the UPL Committee regarding its focus for the bar year to meet its jurisdictional mandate.

2. **UPL Family Law Outreach Subcommittee**
   
   Chair: Katherine Sue Gardner
   
   Members: Barbara BakerOmerod, Nora Hudson, David McDaniel, Phillip Schaedler
   
   Purpose: To educate and inform members and the public with regard to UPL issues in Family Law.

3. **UPL Immigration Subcommittee**
   
   Chair: Meghan Kennedy Riordan
   
   Members: Farah Raid Hashim Al-khersan, Howard Brauckmuller, Stephen Gobbo, Kandra Robbins
   
   Purpose: To educate and inform members and the public with regard to UPL issues in Immigration Law.

4. **UPL Real Property Outreach Subcommittee**
   
   Chair: David Brake
   
   Members: Lisa Martin, David Dell, Richard Delonis, and Jeffrey Kemm
   
   Purpose: To educate and inform members and the public with regard to UPL issues in Real Property.

5. **UPL Communication Subcommittee**
   
   Chair: Sean Cowley
   
   Members: Bob Anderson, Katie Branigan Hawkins, James Burr, Lisa Martin, Phillip Schaedler, David Dyki, Peter Neu, James Smith and Nora Hudson
   
   Purpose: To use effective communication tools to educate members and the public about UPL issues.

6. **UPL Trust Mills & Estate Planning Outreach**
   
   Chair: Katie Branigan Hawkins
   
   Members: Robert Anderson, James Booth Burr, Michael Gunderson, Nora Hudson, Elder Law & Disability Rights Section, Probate & Estate Section, Consumer Law Section
   
   Purpose: To warn and educate seniors about trust mills.
7. **UPL Social/Web-based Media Subcommittee**

   Chair: David Dyki

   Members: Chris Hastings, James Renner, and Phillip Moilanen

   Staff Participation: Samantha Meinke

   Purpose: To seek out and develop educational materials for dissemination through Social Media, seeking content and input from other sub-committees.
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.

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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Committee Meeting Schedule:
Please attach any additional information needed regarding Committee meetings as an addendum.
*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.

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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 will incur the expenses for the Annual Bench Bar dinner.
Committee Activities:

1. Continue to review proposed federal rule amendments (civil, bankruptcy, and criminal) and to submit comments when appropriate.
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.
3. Drafted an article that was published in the MBJ regarding en banc opinions of the 6th Circuit during the previous term (Committee member John Ferroli has single-handedly undertaken this project for several years).
4. Continued consulting with representatives from both Districts and each corresponding Federal Bar Association to develop beneficial common programs.
5. Developed a plan to have the respective Court Clerks from each district draft and publish an article in the Michigan Bar Journal discussing relevant local practices and providing useful information for the benefit of practitioners.
6. Worked with judges from both Districts in co-drafting articles for publication in the Michigan Bar Journal.
7. Brainstormed ways to create a Boot Camp program for new attorneys with Judges in each District.
8. 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 18, 2017 in Grand Rapids. The dinner is intended to provide an opportunity for the judges and Committee members to meet and discuss common issues.
9. Continue to monitor federal rule amendment proposals submitted in previous years.
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.
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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