



# Committee & Work Group Annual Reports

2017-2018

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## 2017-18 Annual Reports

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## State Bar of Michigan | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

### Article VI § 6, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

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### Professional Standards

- Jurisdiction:
- Work with our partners to effectively regulate the legal profession in Michigan
  - Educate members on ethical rules and regulations, and adopting them to eliminate barriers to innovation
  - Promote respect for diversity as an important element of professionalism
  - Support each active member's professional competence and continuing professional development

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

*\*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting	October 12, 2017	State Bar Building
Description	Introductions, purpose, and goals established. Overview reports received and discussed on C&F, CPF, Judicial Ethics, Judicial Qualifications, and LJAP Standing Committees.	
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting	March 8, 2017	State Bar Building
Description	Purpose and goals restated. Overview reports received and discussed on Professional Ethics and UPL Standing Committees; Payee Notification and Regulatory Objectives Workgroups; and Receivership and Tech Competence projects.	
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

The State Bar provides staff support via two staff counsel and administrative assistance by a legal secretary. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, Filr and hard copy material distribution, teleconferencing services, preparation of meeting materials, document production services, and scheduling services.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>Review and discussed the jurisdiction and operations of Standing Committees and workgroups. Began discussion of synergies and ways to enhance operations to maximize benefits to SBM membership. (Note only higher level goals checked since Steering Committee performs review and assessment rather than actually engagement function.)</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on April 16, 2018, to (1) complete its review of overview reports, (2) begin review and discussion of the 2017-18 Standing Committee and Workgroup Annual Reports, (3) begin consideration of whether Standing Committees, established Workgroups, and proposed Workgroups are meeting or positioned to meet established goals, (4) determine if additional information is needed to assess progress toward Strategic Plan goals, and (5) begin assessment of whether additional workgroups/projects are needed to carry out Strategic Plan goals and consider duplication of effort or cross-purpose concerns, if any.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

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Co-chair		
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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.

#### Chair

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P30047 Robert B. Ebersole, Holt  
P33132 William H. Fallon, Grand Rapids  
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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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*\*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Hearing		
Description	Hearings are scheduled as mutually convenient between the Presiding Committee Member, State Bar Counsel, and Applicant/Applicant's Counsel. Hearings are conducted in Lansing, Detroit, Southfield and Grand Rapids	
Meeting Type Business Meetings		
Description	Business meetings are conducted on an as-needed basis.	
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Six full-time staff members of the Character and Fitness department process and investigate all applications, favorably recommend applicants whose files did not reveal information considered significantly adverse, designate and prepare files to be referred to district committees, and assist assigned State Bar Counsel and the Standing Committee in conducting de novo hearings. The Director of Professional Standards and the Professional Standards Assistant Counsel also assist the Committee with legal and ethical matters. Meeting space at the Michael Franck Building is provided 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.

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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

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<p>The primary work of the Standing Committee on Character and Fitness (SC) 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 (BLE). This work is accomplished with the assistance of assigned State Bar Staff and the District Character and Fitness Committees (DC). One business-type meeting may be held during the year to address policy issues and train new members, if deemed necessary by the Chairperson.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>The SC members review recommendations submitted by the DCs, conduct confidential applicant hearings, and make recommendations to the BLE. The bar exam is administered by the BLE twice annually, and each first time examinee must complete an Affidavit of Personal History and submit all required background information. There were 814 examinees who filed Affidavits of Personal History for the July 2017 and February 2018 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.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>An applicant is recommended favorably to the BLE 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 DC for personal interview. Approximately 200 members of the Bar volunteer to serve on the nine DCs. The DCs issue a written report and recommendation on each applicant interviewed to the SC. Upon receiving a DC recommendation, the SC may: endorse the recommendation, take the recommendation under advisement pending additional information, remand the recommendation with instructions for further proceedings, or reject the recommendation and conduct a hearing de novo. All recommendations are ultimately transmitted to the BLE for final action.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>The District Committees conducted interviews for 49 applicants between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018. To date, 2 files have been referred for DC interviews for the February 2018 exam cycle. It is expected that up to 27 additional files may be referred prior to August 1, 2018, based on the information received to date. New member training for DC members was conducted on March 21, 2018, by members of the SC and SBM staff, and was attended by 39 new members.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>From April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018, the Standing Committee conducted 28 formal hearings before making recommendations to the BLE. Additionally, 25 applicant matters are currently on the hearing docket, and scheduled or expected to be conducted during the remainder of the fiscal year. Six hearings before the BLE 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. New member training for Standing Committee members was conducted on October 20, 2017, by members of the SC and SBM staff, and was attended by 6 new members.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>

**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

State Bar and Board of Law Examiners staff have been involved in automation to the Admissions process for the last several years, using a three phase plan. Phase 1 was finished effective with the February 2016 exam that enabled completed applications and payments to be submitted to the State Bar's eCommerce site.

Phase 2 is in progress and involves the development of an Applicant/SBM C&F Department/BLE Staff communication portal and database. These enhancements will further improve efficiencies in communication regarding an application. The portal will be accessible to applicants at their convenience and will allow them to check on the status of their application, including to confirm documents received and outstanding, and update their contact information without emailing or letter. Through the portal system, BLE Staff will be able to see the status of applicants in the C&F process (such as recommended for approval, closed for non-cooperation, referred to district committee, etc) to improve communication efficiencies. The portal will also allow applicants and third parties to upload documents, which will reduce processing lag time due to pending documents. The portal will allow State Bar Staff to enhance efficiencies when sending computer generated letters to third parties, among other things. Developmental efforts to complete phase 2 were delayed due to the need to transition the Affidavit of Personal History to the State Bar's server from the National Conference of Bar Examiners' server (NCBE), requiring programming development within a very narrow period of time.

Phase 3 will involve further enhancements to the portal to improve efficiencies in the hearings process via the electronic communication process and data sharing.

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.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

In addition to conducting hearings, from time-to-time 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.

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 the 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.

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Chair	3/27/2018	Robert B. Ebersole
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	3/27/2018	Diane K Van Aken
Other		

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### Client Protection Fund

- Jurisdiction:
- Make recommendations concerning the Client Protection Fund, including reimbursement of claims authorized by the Board of Commissioners, revision of rules and policies, and subrogation actions to recoup monies paid from the Fund.
  - Review and recommend loss prevention measures to minimize claims and public loss.

### Co-Chair

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### Member

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#### Term Ending: 2019

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 P57346 Thomas H. Howlett, Bloomfield Hills  
 P16887 John J. Lynch, III, Troy  
 P34301 Mark L. Teicher, Bloomfield Township

#### Term Ending: 2020

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 P49853 Jennifer Herrick Coles, Grand Rapids  
 P69809 Joseph L. Hohler, III, Kalamazoo  
 P40445 Diane Hutcherson, Detroit  
 P68477 RuShondra G. Jones, Farmington Hills  
 P41709 Richard J. Joppich, Okemos  
 P40407 Jennifer Jewell Kitzmiller, Lawton  
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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting. Description	May 11, 2017	Lansing, Michigan
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting. Description	August 3, 2017	Lansing, Michigan
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting. Description	November 2, 2017	Lansing, Michigan
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting. Description	February 1, 2018	Southfield, Michigan
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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.

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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

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<p>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 approval or denial of the claim and the reimbursement amount, if any.</p> <p>Complete Claims Activity: For the period April 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018, a total of 247 claims were processed, which consisted of 108 new claims and 139 claims which were pending at the beginning of this period. One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) claims remain pending.</p> <p>The CPF Standing Committee reviewed 81 claims during this time period. Seventeen claims were denied and 11 withdrawn. Sixty-Nine claims totaling \$876,131.32 were approved by the Board of Commissioners and paid and 15 claims totaling \$456,221.69 are pending review by the Board of Commissioners</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>CPF Rule Review - The CPF Committee has formed two subcommittees to review CPF Rule 10(A) as it pertains to providing claimants with a "smart" application while addressing current shortcomings and Rule 10(D) as it relates to attorney fees paid for representation in CPF matters.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Policy Review - The CPF Committee has formed three subcommittees to review the policies and rules as they relate to consequential or incidental damages; ADB/AGC final determination policy; and requiring a claimant to file a police report if allegations of embezzlement. Each subcommittee discussed the subject matter by conference call and drafted recommendations to be presented to the Committee at its May 2018 meeting.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The CPF Committee seeks to implement a new portal, similar to Character and Fitness, that will allow staff to streamline all processes, including notifications to Claimants, Respondents, and disciplinary authorities to advance Goal 4, Strategy 1, 2, and 3.

The CPF Committee will form a subgroup focused on promotion and marketing of the Fund to advance Goal 2 and Goal 4, Strategy 4.

The CPF Committee will reach out to the ABA to facilitate an audit of our CPF processes to advance Goal 4, Strategy 1 and 2.

The CPF Committee will form a subgroup to research potential implementation of ABA recommended client protection initiatives to advance Goal 4, Strategy 2.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

The payee notification workgroup is well underway, its report will follow.

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Chair		
Co-chair	3/30/2018	Mark L. Teicher
Staff Liaison	3/29/2018	Robin R. Lawnichak
Other		

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## State Bar of Michigan | 2015-2016 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

### Article VI § 6, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

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### Payee Notification

#### Member

##### Term Ending: 2018

P37914	Mark A. Armitage, Detroit
P68592	Julie H. Pfitzenmaier Cotant, Farmington Hills
P57346	Thomas H. Howlett, Bloomfield Hills
P40445	Diane Hutcherson, Detroit
P57430	Starr M. Hewitt Kincaid, Livonia
P16887	John J. Lynch, III, Troy
P68725	Peter M. Neu, Holt
P38854	Rhonda Spencer Pozehl, Detroit
P19560	Robert H. Roether, Saline
P34301	Mark L. Teicher, Bloomfield Township

#### State Bar Liaison

	Robin Lawnichak, Lansing
P62825	Alecia M. Ruswinckel, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

*\*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Email	various	
Description	Special committee members helped to prepare summary reports of its recommendations to the Board of Commissioners and facilitated discussion with relevant SBM Sections to determine support for this program.	
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

The State Bar provides staff support for the work of this special committee through one staff counsel and the Client Protection Fund Paralegal. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, teleconferencing services, meeting materials, dropbox, and other resources as needed to support the work of this special committee.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>The special committee discussed avenues for implementation of payee notification, researched support and opposition in other jurisdictions, identified supporters and opposition in Michigan, researched the impact of payee notification in other jurisdictions, assisted in determining the potential impact of payee notification in Michigan, presented a report of its work and recommendations to the BOC, reached out to relevant sections to garner support and give notice of the proposal, and has been charged by the BOC to present a proposal to the Representative Assembly in April, 2018 for approval.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>If the Representative Assembly passes the resolution to allow the State Bar of Michigan to support proposing legislation to enact payee notification in Michigan, the special committee will work with the Director of Government Relations to discuss the proposed legislation with identified Michigan congressional leaders to garner support and a plan for lobbying efforts as needed.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	3/29/2018	Alecia M. Ruswinckel
Other		

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## State Bar of Michigan | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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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, individual members of the State Bar inquiring about their own contemplated conduct, or on its own initiative.  
· 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.

#### Chair

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P32605 Hon. Terry L. Clark, Saginaw  
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##### Term Ending: 2020

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P33716 James B. Pahl, Mason

#### Michigan Probate Judges Association Member

P39644 Hon. Laura A. Frawley, Harrisville

#### Michigan District Judges Association Member

P40151 Hon. Louise Alderson, Lansing

#### Michigan Judges Association Member

P42275 Hon. Annette M. Jurkiewicz-Berry, Detroit

#### Referee Association of Michigan Member

P49526 Lorie Nancy Savin, Pontiac

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P38916 Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn, Lansing  
P62825 Alecia M. Ruswinckel, Lansing  
Karen Spohn, Lansing

#### State Bar Liaison Assistant



Amy Emmons, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	June 16, 2017	Teleconference
Description Discussion of unique ethics inquiries and direction to staff to provide an oral advisory opinion to each inquirer. The Committee also discussed possible amendments regarding political campaign donations.		
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	March 16, 2018	State Bar Meeting Room
Description Discussed ways to increase awareness of the ethics of handling excess judicial campaign committee funds, proposed amendments to Canons 3 and 7 on public comments by judges, and ABA Formal Opinion on Internet searches by judges.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>The Committee is focused on ways to enhance awareness of the FAQs that it prepared on judicial campaigns. The Committee is also considering additional options for increasing judicial awareness regarding the ethical use of the Internet and social media. The Committee continues to remain informed regarding proposed amendments to the Canons or legislation to make recommendations as needed.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

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

The Committee is scheduled to meet on May 18, 2018, and July 20, 2018, to continue work on ongoing projects to address any new ethics inquiries, as needed.

**Other Information:**

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Staff Liaison	s/	Danon D. Goodrum-Garland
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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.

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 P54852 Kiffi Y. Ford, Lansing  
 P33549 John C. Johnson, Saint Joseph  
 P27979 Mark J. Makoski, Warren  
 P37365 Kurt E. Schnelz, Birmingham  
 P26903 Daniel M. Share, Detroit  
 P20977 Daniel T. Stepek, Mount Clemens  
 P27961 Donald R. Visser, Kentwood  
 P32596 Betty R. Widgeon, Ann Arbor  
 P41181 Rock A. Wood, Lansing

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 P55429 Jeanine Monique Brunson, Detroit  
 P66816 James L. Liggins, Jr., Kalamazoo  
 P22796 Donald E. McGinnis, Jr., Troy  
 P34648 Jeffery V. Stuckey, Lansing  
 P40700 Judith A. Susskind, Southfield  
 P47004 Jessie Scott Wood, Bay City

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P38916 Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn, Lansing  
 Janna Sheppard, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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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.

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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

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<p>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.</p> <p>The Judicial Qualifications Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month and/or as requested. From April 2017 through March 2018, the Committee met 8 times and interviewed 88 candidates for judicial vacancies.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**Other Information:**

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The Committee wishes to thank long-standing Reporter Ruthann Stevens for her hard work and dedication, and welcome Emily Downey who will serve in that capacity beginning in April 2018.

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Staff Liaison	X	Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn
Other		

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Committee Meetings held from April 2017 – March 2018

April 11, 2017

May 9, 2017

June 13, 2017

September 12, 2017

October 10, 2017

November 14, 2017

February 13, 2018

March 13, 2018

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### Lawyers & Judges Assistance

Jurisdiction: · Recommend and support programs and educational presentations that provide assistance to law students, lawyers, and judges regarding substance use issues, mental health issues, and general wellness.  
· 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 mental health issues.

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Committee Meeting	11/2/17	State Bar of Michigan
Description	Introduced new committee members and had a discussion/brainstorming session on what the committee would like to accomplish this year. 15 members and advisors attended in person or via teleconference.	
Meeting Type Committee Meeting	2/1/18	State Bar of Michigan/Teleconference
Description	Members were tasked with finding/volunteering to be peer monitors for the LJAP program as well as trying to open doors into law firms/bar associations for LJAP presentations. 11 members/advisors attended via teleconference.	
Meeting Type Committee Meeting	5/4/18	State Bar of Michigan
Description	Agenda - Get updates on outreach efforts of the committee members, volunteers for the program list, and the 501c3. Assign new tasks if needed to committee members and create work groups if necessary.	
Meeting Type Committee Meeting	8/2/18	State Bar of Michigan
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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(s) 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.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>LJAC supports LJAP in outreach efforts to teach law students about healthy stress management, and the dangers of leaving substance use disorders and mental health conditions untreated. Members of the Committee make connections with legal educators and advocate for educational presentations.</p> <p>LJAC works to sponsor fun events for students and members that are alcohol free and include healthy activities.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>LJAC regularly communicates with other SBM Committees and regulatory entities about the education, information, consultation, assessments and monitoring agreements provided by LJAP to Michigan law students, lawyers and judges. An emphasis is placed on being fit to practice law, mentally and physically.</p> <p>During the past year a working group composed a communication to the Character &amp; Fitness Committee to inform that committee of all that LJAP has to offer.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 requires lawyers to obey the Rules of Professional Conduct. Substance use disorders, mental illness, and extreme stress reactions left untreated can result in lawyers violating their ethical responsibilities. LJAC through its support of LJAP provides attorneys in need of therapeutic intervention a diversion plan that can result in discipline being private and recovery being established. In this function this Committee educates about ethical rules and regulations and assists those who have been grieved to establish recovery and take responsibility for any errors they have committed.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>LJAC members serve as emissaries for the LJAP program as they go about their professional and personal lives. As they move about encountering other members of SBM they speak of the efforts supported by SBM to address the well-being of this membership. They secure speaking engagements and refer colleagues for services when needed.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT 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.



**Other Information:**

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Staff Liaison		Tish Vincent
Other	4/2/18	Jennifer Clark

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### Professional Ethics

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

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting	June 23, 2017	State Bar Building
Description Discussed SB 385, approved FAQs on disqualified lawyers, received report on LinkedIn to direct FAQs project, received report on alternate draft opinions on lien in divorce judgments, and directed handling of new opinion requests.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting	December 8, 2017	State Bar Building
Description Approved FAQs on LinkedIn, approved opinion on lien in divorce judgments, received progress report of tech competence subgroup, directed handling of new opinion requests, and created workgroup on MRPC 1.6(c) innocence exception.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting	February 2, 2018	State Bar Building
Description Approved FAQs on Facebook, received reports of tech competence and MRPC 1.6(c) innocence exception workgroups, made recommendations on court rules, received info on ABA activities, and formed project on MRPC 1.9, generally known.		
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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>Prepared and approved for distribution FAQs on disqualified lawyers, LinkedIn, and Facebook. Prepared and approved for distribution ethics opinions on ethical use of judicial titles by retired judicial officers and lien in judgments of divorce. At its meeting on April 6, 2018, the Committee is expected to approve ethics opinions on for-profit matching services and Rule 1.9 "generally known" exception for using former client confidences.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT 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. The Committee continues to review the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and proposed amendments to make appropriate recommendations. 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 performs most of its work through project workgroups that are formed as needed during meetings. With the assistance of staff, each project workgroup meets as needed to engage in research, discussion, and workproduct drafting to present to the Committee for review and approval. The Committee is engaged in an ongoing project to prepare FAQs on various social media platforms that are now more commonly being used by lawyers for communication about their law practice and/or with prospective and current clients. The Committee continues to review the use of technology by lawyers in their law practices and the ethical duties associated with such use.

The Committee's other scheduled quarterly meetings for this bar year are scheduled for April 6, 2018, June 1, 2018. The Committee has also reserved August 10, 2018, if a special meeting is needed to complete any ongoing projects or address new matters requiring attention before its fall meeting during next bar year.

**Other Information:**

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### Regulatory Objectives

- Jurisdiction:
- Identify and outline strengths and weaknesses of the existing regulatory framework of the legal profession in Michigan
  - Develop a regulatory purpose statement focused on protection of the public and promoting confidence in the legal profession
  - Recommend regulatory objectives reflective of the workgroup's stated purpose and goals

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Nov. 15, 2017	State Bar Building
Description The Co-Group Leaders facilitated member introductions, the review and discussion of background materials on purposes to be served by core values and regulatory objectives, and work on developing modern core values for Michigan.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Jan. 25, 2018	State Bar Building
Description Reviewed and discussed working draft of core values statement. Initial discussion of draft regulatory objectives.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Mar. 29, 2018	State Bar Building
Description Reviewed and finalized core values statement to be recommended. Ongoing discussion of working draft of regulatory objectives. Formed subgroup to prepare more comprehensive introduction and commentary for regulatory objectives.		
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Development of modern core values and regulatory objectives to be recommended to the State Bar. Project delivery expected late spring/mid-summer.	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6           </div> </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**Other Information:**

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The Special Committee (Workgroup) is schedule to meet again on May 17, 2018, to continue its work on the regulatory objectives. It will determine at that time if another meeting is needed to finalize its workproduct to present its recommendation to the BOC.

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Chair		
Co-chair	s/	Christopher G. Hastings
Staff Liaison	s/	Danon D. Goodrum-Garland
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### Unauthorized Practice of the Law

Jurisdiction:     · 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 filing and prosecuting actions to enjoin the unauthorized practice.

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 P75132     Kathleen M. Hawkins, Jackson  
 P68725     Peter M. Neu, Holt  
 P20667     James Albert Smith, Clinton Township

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 P58801     Lisa M. Robinson Martin, Novi  
 P74476     Jason Michael Renner, Troy  
 P29832     William D. Renner, II, Coldwater  
 P44184     Meghan Kennedy Riordan, Detroit  
 P53974     Kandra K. Robbins, Lansing  
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 P47904     Richard M. Delonis, Southfield  
 P66167     David R. Dyki, Troy  
 P59050     Katherine Sue Gardner, Frankenmuth  
 P72255     Ronald D. Griffith, Jr., Saline  
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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	April 27, 2017	State Bar Building
Description Made recommendations regarding UPL complaints, received detailed report on planning for the "Who Should You Trust?" senior education program scheduled for October 2017, and received reports of six other Subcommittees.*		
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	July 27, 2017	State Bar Building
Description Made recommendations on UPL complaints, received detailed report on planning for the "Who Should You Trust?" senior education program scheduled for October 2017, and received reports of five other Subcommittees.		
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	November 2, 2017	State Bar Building
Description Introductions and orientation of new members, received info on ABA UPL School, Senate Bill 385, and Regulatory Objectives Workgroup, made recommendations on UPL complaints, and received reports from six Subcommittees.		
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	February 1, 2018	State Bar Building
Description Adopted detailed report of UPL Strategic Planning Committee, made recommendations regarding UPL complaints, and received info on antitrust litigation and Regulatory Objectives Workgroup.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

The State Bar provides staff support via the administrative assistance of a paralegal and two staff counsel who provide legal services and manages the State Bar's UPL Department.

The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, 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.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>On October 11, 2017, as a result of the community outreach planning efforts of the UPL Trust Mills Subcommittee, the UPL Committee in conjunction with the SBM Probate and Estate Planning, Elder Law and Disability Rights, and the Consumer Law Sections presented the "Who Should You Trust?" seminar at 136 senior centers in 51 counties across Michigan to warn about estate planning scams and "trust mills" and provide practical estate planning information. This was a substantial expansion of the program first done in August 2012, at 28 senior centers, in 9 counties across Michigan.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Through its Subcommittee structure (see list under other information), the UPL Committee continues to prepare public and member educational materials on hot topic UPL subject matters and explore opportunities to participate in and/or develop meaningful outreach programming in partnership with relevant Sections and other professionals.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>The UPL Committee routinely reviews UPL complaints to determine follow-up needed, if any, and to make recommendations regarding matters that may require litigation to resolve.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The Committee is scheduled to meet on April 26, 2018, and July 26, 2018. The UPL Subcommittees develop their meeting schedules during the bar year based on ongoing projects.

The Committee will continue its focus on developing educational resources to further its goal of informing the public and SBM membership on UPL concerns. The Committee is actively using the "gold standard" senior education program, "Who Should You Trust?," to develop comparable outreach programming around its other subcommittee structure in partnership with SBM Sections and other relevant professionals.



**Other Information:**

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UPL Strategic Planning Subcommittee - convenes annually, typically in January

Co-Chairs: Barbara BakerOmerod and Sean Cowley

Members: David Dyki, Katherine Gardner, Philip Moilanen, Peter Neu, Meghan

Kennedy Riordan, James Smith

Purpose: To provide input to the UPL Committee regarding its focus for the bar year to meet its jurisdictional mandate.

UPL Family Law Outreach Subcommittee

Chair: Katherine Sue Gardner

Members: Barbara BakerOmerod, Nora Hudson, David McDaniel, William D. Renner, II, and Phillip Schaedler

Purpose: To educate and inform members and the public with regard to UPL issues in Family Law.

UPL Immigration Subcommittee

Chair: Meghan Kennedy Riordan

Members: Farah Raid Hashim Al-khersan, Howard Brauckmuller, Stephen Gobbo, Daniel Manville, Kandra Robbins

Purpose: To educate and inform members and the public with regard to UPL issues in Immigration Law.

UPL Real Property Outreach Subcommittee

Chair: David Brake

Members: Lisa Martin, David Dell, and Richard Delonis

Purpose: To educate and inform members and the public with regard to UPL issues in Real Property.

UPL Communication Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Peter Neu and Lisa Martin

Members: Sean Cowley, Katie Branigan Hawkins, James Booth Burr, Phillip Schaedler,

David Dyki, James Smith, and Nora Hudson

Purpose: To use effective communication tools to educate members and the public about UPL issues.

UPL Trust Mills & Estate Planning Outreach

Chair: Katie Branigan Hawkins

Members: James Booth Burr, Michael Gunderson, Nora Hudson, Elder Law

Section, Probate & Estate Section, and Consumer Law Section

Purpose: To warn and educate seniors about trust mills through the "Who Should You Trust? senior education program sponsored every other year.

UPL Social/Web-based Media Subcommittee

Chair: David Dyki

Members: Chris Hastings, Philip Moilanen, and Jason Renner

Communications 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.

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### Public Policy

Jurisdiction: · Encourage progress toward the public policy goals set forth in the strategic plan.  
· Help ensure that public policy work is carried out in a manner that effectively considers input from members, efficiently responds to public policy issues, encourages Keller-permissible proactive public policy work, and effectively communicates public policy issues and positions to our members.

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P56521	Stephen J. Gobbo, Lansing
P55501	Jennifer M. Grieco, Birmingham
P76599	Laura M. Kubit, Caro
P61654	Hon. Angela Kay Sherigan, Shelby Township
P28417	Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens, Detroit

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Public Policy Steering Committee - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Description Initial meeting of full committee.	10/03/17	State Bar of Michigan
Meeting Type Timely & Responsive Public Policy - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Description Subcommittee meeting.	10/30/17	Teleconference Only
Meeting Type Communicating Public Policy Issues to Members - 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Description Subcommittee meeting.	11/13/17	Teleconference Only
Meeting Type Timely & Responsive Public Policy - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Description Subcommittee meeting.	01/11/18	Teleconference Only
Meeting Type Communicating Public Policy Issues to Members - 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Description Subcommittee meeting.	01/17/18	Teleconference Only
Meeting Type Public Policy Steering Committee - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Description Meeting of the full committee.	02/15/18	Teleconference Only

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

The committee receives the following support from the State Bar of Michigan (SBM):

- Financial support is provided in the SBM budget under Governmental Relations.
- SBM staff provides support preparing for meetings, including polling for meeting dates and times, scheduling meetings, providing teleconference numbers, preparing and circulating materials for meetings (including a printed agenda book), and drafting agendas.
- SBM staff provides support during meetings, including taking notes, preparing minutes, ensuring quorum, tracking votes, and providing refreshments for in-person meetings.

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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

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<p>The Steering Committee met and discussed various issues concerning public policy and decided to break into the following 3 subcommittees: (1) Timely &amp; Responsive Public Policy Positions; (2) Proactive Public Policy Work; and (3) Communicating Public Policy Issues to Members.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div>
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<p><b>TIMELY &amp; RESPONSIVE PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS</b>          After meeting multiple times, the subcommittee agreed to the following recommendations:          1. Use technology to give sections and committees a series of best practices concerning public policy positions and present these best practices to section and committee leaders at the BLE and Annual Meeting.          2. Explore a rule a change to allow the EC to take legislative public policy positions if members are unanimous and the legislation affects the functioning of the courts.          3. Set placeholder monthly Board meetings to consider public policy issues via conference call.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div>
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<p><b>PROACTIVE PUBLIC POLICY WORK</b>          The subcommittee met once to discuss how the Representative Assembly and Board could improve its consideration of proactive public policy work. Due to separate discussions between RA and Board members on the same subject, the subcommittee disbanded and members joined the Timely &amp; Responsive Subcommittee.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div>
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<p><b>COMMUNICATING PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES TO MEMBERS</b>          After multiple meetings, the subcommittee agreed to the following recommendations:          1. Review and make recommendations on public policy website.          2. Utilize the e-Journal to promote the Public Policy Update.          3. Utilize Twitter more effectively for public policy issues.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div>
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<p>The steering committee met in February to have an initial discussion of the subcommittee recommendations.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The steering committee will meet as a whole in April to discuss and finalize its recommendations to the Board. In addition, the steering committee will review the public policy committees' annual reports and evaluate our progress toward Strategic Plan goals and effectiveness of new committee structure.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

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Chair	3/28/18	Jennifer Grieco
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	03/27/18	Peter Cunningham and Kathryn Hennessey
Other		

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### Access to Justice Policy

Jurisdiction: · Analyze and make recommendations for positions on proposed legislation, court rules, and other policies for the effective delivery of high quality legal services in Michigan, equal and fair to all.  
· Make recommendations regarding collateral civil consequences of criminal convictions and issues of adequate representation for adults and juveniles in the criminal justice system.

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Meeting Type In-Person	11/01/17	State Bar of Michigan
Description Initial meeting		
Meeting Type Teleconference	01/11/18	State Bar of Michigan
Description Teleconference meeting to discuss public policy items.		
Meeting Type Teleconference	03/09/18	State Bar of Michigan
Description Teleconference to discuss urgent public policy matters.		
Meeting Type In-Person (expected)	04/04/18	State Bar of Michigan
Description Meeting to discuss public policy items.		
Meeting Type In-Person (expected)	05/16/18	State Bar of Michigan
Description Meeting to discuss public policy items.		
Meeting Type In-Person (expected)	07/10/18	State Bar of Michigan
Description Meeting to discuss public policy items.		

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

The committee receives the following support from the State Bar of Michigan (SBM):

- Financial support is provided in the SBM budget under Governmental Relations.
- SBM staff provides support preparing for meetings, including polling for meeting dates and times, scheduling meetings, providing teleconference numbers, preparing and circulating materials for meetings (including a printed agenda book), and drafting agendas.
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- SBM staff refers 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.
- SBM staff also assists with taking e-votes when necessary, including emailing motions to committee members and tracking votes.
- SBM staff assists in drafting the Committee's public policy position statements for consideration by the SBM Board of Commissioners.

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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p><b>COURT RULES</b></p> <p>The committee reviewed and made recommendations to the Board a wide range of court rule proposals, many of which the Board adopted, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- ADM 2002-37: electronic filing procedures;</li> <li>-- ADM 2015-26: notice of child support obligations when parent voluntarily terminates rights;</li> <li>-- ADM 2016-13: transcripts for indigents in termination of parental rights (TPR) proceedings;</li> <li>-- ADM 2016-25: appellate appendices;</li> <li>-- ADM 2017-08: requiring complete transcripts to be provided in criminal and TPR appeals;</li> <li>-- ADM 2017-18: making juvenile guardianship information public;</li> </ul>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- ADM 2017-19: child protective mediation procedures;</li> <li>-- ADM 2014-36: reflecting changes to the MAACS process;</li> <li>-- ADM 2016-07: clarifying criminal process to protect defendants represented by assigned counsel; and</li> <li>-- ADM 2016-42: creating prison-mailbox rule to post-sentencing motions;</li> </ul>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p><b>LEGISLATION</b></p> <p>The committee reviewed a number of legislative policy items, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- HB 4433: expedited juvenile expungement procedures;</li> <li>-- HB 5244 and 5246: competency examination process; and</li> <li>-- SB 771, 772, 775 and 776: extending statutes of limitations for criminal sexual assault against minors.</li> </ul>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p><b>OTHER POLICY ITEMS</b></p> <p>The committee also considered a number of other policy items as they arose, including: (1) the Civil Discovery Rules proposed by the Civil Discovery Rule Review Special Committee and (2) the Michigan Indigent Defense Standards.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p><b>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b></p> <p>In addition, committee members participated in Michigan Supreme Court public administrative hearings, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- addressing access to justice concerns with the Court's proposed amendment to the e-filing rules in ADM 2002-37; and</li> <li>-- addressing access, domestic abuse, and procedural concerns with proposed rules concerning child protective mediation.</li> </ul>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>

**Future Goals and Activities:**

The committee will continue to review and take positions on relevant reactive public policy items. In addition, the committee will continue to advocate for proactive public policy as issues arise, including proposing court rule amendments to the Representative Assembly.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

This is the first year for this committee. The committee is largely composed of former members of the Justice Policy Initiative, Criminal Issues Initiative, and the Domestic Violence Committee, as well as a number of new members.

The committee considers a wide breadth of public policy items, including criminal, civil, domestic relations, and juvenile issues. The committee has been able to review a large number of public policy items due to the members' commitment to the committee and preparedness for meetings. Prior to committee meetings, the committee assigns liaison teams tasked with researching a particular public policy item and presenting a recommendation to the committee during the meeting. The liaison reports have been thoughtful and thorough, which is ultimately reflected in the quality of the committee's recommendations to the Board.

The diversity on the committee has also contributed to many thoughtful discussions on public policy items.

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair	3/28/18	Lorray S.C. Brown
Co-chair	3/30/18	Valerie R. Nemwan
Staff Liaison	3/26/18	Peter Cunningham / Kathryn Hennessey
Other		

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### American Indian Law

Jurisdiction:     · Identify the most effective role of the State Bar of Michigan in advancing the interests of the sovereign tribal courts.  
                           · Facilitate and encourage the relationship between tribal courts, state courts, and federal courts, and the promotion of positive relationships between the lawyers of Michigan and the American Indian Community.

#### Chair

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#### Member

##### Term Ending: 2018

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                       P56903           Roy R. Kranz, Bay City  
                       P24837           Kathryn L. Tierney, Brimley  
                       P52802           Leslie E. Van Alstine, II, Manistee

##### Term Ending: 2019

P66299           Kirsten Matoy Carlson, Detroit  
                       P31762           Hon. Timothy P. Connors, Ann Arbor  
                       P57750           James M. Kinney, Hastings  
                       P61654           Hon. Angela Kay Sherigan, Shelby Township

##### Term Ending: 2020

P75985           Elaine Margaret Barr, Lansing  
                       P68122           Hon. Holly T. Bird, Traverse City  
                       P76418           Brooke Bradley, Mount Pleasant  
                       P71403           Cameron Ann Fraser, Traverse City  
                       P55328           Hon. Melissa L. Pope, Fulton

#### Supreme Court Representative Member

P68975           Maribeth Dickerson Preston, Lansing

#### State Bar Liaison

Gregory P. Conyers, Lansing

#### State Bar Liaison Assistant

Michelle Erskine, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Monthly meeting via teleconference held the first Friday of each		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Phone conference capabilities, assistance of Gregory Conyers, assistance from staff to the Representative Assembly

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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

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<p>Goals:</p> <p>G1,S4 - Outreach to the Michigan Indian Judicial Association. Working with the Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum.</p>	
<p>G2,S2 - Continue to monitor and update members on ICWA and MIFPA appellate court cases.</p> <p>The Committee submitted to the Representative Assembly September 2017 Meeting proposed changes to MCR 3.993 regarding direct appeals. The Assembly approved the proposal and the matter was submitted to the Michigan Supreme Court for its consideration.</p>	
<p>G2S4 - diversity of committee</p>	

### **Future Goals and Activities:**

Continue to work with the Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum as its implementation partner.

Outreach to Tribal Courts and bar associations that are near reservation land.

Continue to review court forms and court rules and suggest amendments/changes if need.



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**Other Information:**

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Workgroup: VAWA/UMLI, no report.

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair	X	Hon. Angela Sherigan
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	X	Gregory Conyers
Other		

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### Civil Procedure and Courts

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

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#### Member

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P72367 Tobijah B. Koenig, Grand Rapids  
P66292 Sean P. McNally, Southfield  
P55180 Marcileen C. Pruitt, Southfield  
P51317 Karen H. Safran, Bloomfield Hills  
P41613 Alan R. Sullivan, Bay City  
P71282 Matthew Arthur Tarrant, Saginaw

##### Term Ending: 2019

P61545 Nicholas S. Ayoub, Grand Rapids  
P74222 Elisa M. Gomez, Detroit  
P34150 Ann Victoria Hopcroft, Oscoda  
P55480 Joey Scott Niskar, Farmington Hills  
P31139 Gary R. Peterson, Portage  
P69751 Thomas Daniel Siver, Grand Rapids  
P58546 Hon. Victoria A. Valentine, Pontiac  
P48783 Peter H. Webster, Troy  
P76022 Lyonel Evans Woolley, Lansing

##### Term Ending: 2020

P75744 Brooke Lauren Archie, Detroit  
P34225 Daniel J. Bernard, Clinton Township  
P30246 Richard D. Bisio, Troy  
P71350 Nancy Katherine Chinonis, Flint  
P41430 Elizabeth J. Fossel, Grand Rapids  
P43509 Lori J. Frank, Southfield  
P36759 Darleen Lynn Petrosky, Farmington Hills  
P65638 Dawn M. Prokopec, Grosse Pointe Farms  
P28837 Alan M. Valade, Brighton  
P57556 Randy J. Wallace, Berkley

#### Advisor

P64680 Pamela C. Dausman, Lansing  
P59649 George M. Strander, Lansing

P48109 Daniel D. Quick, Troy

**State Bar Liaison**

Peter Cunningham, Lansing  
P79603 Kathryn Hennessey, Lansing

**State Bar Liaison Assistant**

Carrie Sharlow, Lansing

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## STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In-person committee meeting	06/03/17	Troy, MI
Description The committee met to discuss various public policy items.		
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Meeting Type In-person committee meeting	11/11/17	Troy, MI
Description The committee met to discuss various public policy items.		
Meeting Type In-person committee meeting	12/09/17	Troy, MI
Description The committee met to discuss draft civil discovery proposal.		
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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>The committee continued to advocate for a number of court rule amendments that it had proposed and the RA approved.</p> <p>For ADM 2014-29, the committee created a compromise position between its original position and an alternative proposed by MDJA and MCBA. The Court adopted this compromise rule proposal, which will be effective on May 1, 2018.</p> <p>For ADM 2016-20, the committee continued to advocate for changes to MCR 8.119 concerning the sealing of documents.</p> <p>For ADM 2016-19/2016-28, the committee continued to advocate for changes to MCR 5.125(C)(23).</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p><b>COURT RULE AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p>The committee reviewed a number of court rule proposals and made recommendations to the Board, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- ADM 2002-37: electronic filing procedures;</li> <li>-- ADM 2016-25: appellate appendices;</li> <li>-- E.D. Mich Local Rule 5.3: civil materials filed under seal</li> </ul>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p><b>LEGISLATION</b></p> <p>HB 4754: inter-circuit concurrent jurisdiction plans;</p> <p>HB 4797: municipality-wide jury pools;</p> <p>HB 5073: mandatory mediation; and</p> <p>SB 872, 875, and 876: extending SoL in civil cases involving CSC with a minor.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p><b>OTHER PUBLIC POLICY PROJECTS</b></p> <p>The committee dedicated an entire in-person meeting to providing feedback on the Civil Discovery Court Rule Review Special Committee's proposed amendments to the civil discovery rules.</p> <p>The committee is currently considering a new proactive court rule amendment that would require responses to requests to admit and requests for production of documents to be signed by the client.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p><b>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b></p> <p>Committee Chair Karen Safran represented SBM at two Michigan Supreme Court public administrative hearings concerning ADM 2014-29 and ADM 2016-20.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>

**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The committee will continue to review and take positions on relevant reactive public policy items. In addition, the committee will continue to advocate for proactive public policy as issues arise, including proposing court rule amendments to the Representative Assembly. The committee is currently exploring a rule proposal that would require a client to sign responses to discovery requests, including requests to admit and requests for production of documents, as is already required in interrogatory responses.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

Typically, the committee meets on Saturdays for two hours in Troy, Michigan to discuss proposed legislation and court rule amendments. 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.

The committee is comprised of attorneys committed to improving the functioning of civil courts in Michigan. Members specialize in a broad range of civil practice, including negligence, labor and employment, business, appellate, consumer, creditor-debtor, elder and disability, real property, entertainment, intellectual property, and probate law. Members also have diverse practice settings, including solo practices, small law firms, large multi-state law firms, government, public interest, and legal aid.

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair	03/28/18	Karen Safran
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	03/26/18	Kathryn Hennessey
Other		

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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.

#### Chair

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P43992	Anne M. Boomer, Lansing
P60753	Lorray S.C. Brown, Ann Arbor
P45374	David E. Christensen, Southfield
P12204	Edward H. Cooper, Ann Arbor
P30369	Hon. Elizabeth L. Gleicher, Detroit
P45391	Mathew Kobliska, Farmington Hills
P66816	James L. Liggins, Jr., Kalamazoo
P48109	Daniel D. Quick, Troy
P51317	Karen H. Safran, Bloomfield Hills
P59649	George M. Strander, Lansing
P27165	Valdemar L. Washington, Flint
P41017	Hon. Christopher P. Yates, Grand Rapids

#### State Bar Liaison

P79603 Peter Cunningham, Lansing  
Kathryn Hennessey, Lansing  
Carrie Sharlow, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

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Meeting Type	Date	Location
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Meeting Type In-Person	05/15/17	Ann Arbor, MI
Description Civil Discovery Steering Committee Meeting		
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Meeting Type In-Person	02/10/18	Ann Arbor, MI
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

The Civil Discovery Court Review Special Committee receives support from Katie Hennessey and Carrie Sharlow. SBM provided the following resources to the Special Committee:

- Financial support under the Governmental Relations budget;
- Support preparing for meetings, including polling for meeting dates and times, scheduling meetings, providing teleconference numbers, preparing and circulating materials for meetings;
- Created and Implemented Stakeholder Outreach Plan;
- Drafted messages to stakeholder organizations and bar members soliciting feedback on rule proposals;
- Tracked and organized rule feedback;
- Assisted RA in organizing review of rule proposal;
- Organizing committee and subcommittee meetings and reporting on progress of meetings;
- Assisted with subcommittee feedback on comments; and
- Assisted with drafting RA proposal.

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## Committee Activities:

Once the Committee approved the September 25, 2017 draft report and proposal, these materials were distributed to Representative Assembly (RA) members. Committee Chair Dan Quick presented the civil discovery project to the RA at its September 28, 2017 meeting and invited members to review the materials and submit any feedback to the Committee.

After the Committee had presented the draft proposal to the RA, the Committee conducted expansive outreach to relevant stakeholders. The Committee made the draft report and proposal publicly available to all State Bar members and invited them to submit comments and offer feedback. In addition, the Committee requested feedback from almost 50 stakeholder organizations, including relevant State Bar sections and committees, special purpose bars, local bar associations, and other organizations.

Based on its extensive outreach efforts, the Committee received feedback from a diverse range of perspectives, including solo practitioners, large corporations, law firms, bar associations, State Bar sections and committees, and organizations representing specific components of the judicial system. After a review of the proposal, the following organizations expressed general support for the proposal:

- Michigan District Judges Association
- Michigan Judges Association
- Michigan Creditors Bar Association
- Michigan Defense Trial Association
- State Planning Body
- Legal Services Association of Michigan
- SBM Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- SBM Business Law Section
- SBM Civil Procedure & Courts Committee
- SBM Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee
- SBM Negligence Section

In addition to general support for the proposal, a number of individuals and organizations offered feedback. Although some organizations certainly have differing opinions on aspects of the proposed rules (which are noted in the proposal itself, where applicable), all of the comments have been carefully considered by the Committee in drafting the final proposal under consideration by the RA. In addition, the Committee solicited further feedback from subcommittee members with specialized knowledge of certain areas of the rules. Notably, no organization, section, or committee has voted to oppose the proposal.

To add to the Committee's outreach efforts, the RA also conducted its own internal review. RA Chair Joseph P. McGill encouraged all members to review and provide feedback on the draft proposal. Intensive review efforts were conducted by the RA Drafting Committee, the RA Special Issues Committee, and individual RA members.

On March 10, 2018, the Committee submitted its final proposal to the RA for consideration at its April 21, 2018 meeting.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

The Committee will present the rule proposal at the RA's April 21, 2018 meeting. Assuming that the RA approves the rule proposal, the Committee will work with SBM to submit the proposal to the Michigan Supreme Court for its consideration.

**Other Information:**

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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Chair	03/23/18	Daniel D. Quick
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	3/23/18	Kathryn L. Hennessey
Other		

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## State Bar of Michigan | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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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.  
· Make recommendations concerning the establishment and operation of systems for the representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses.

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	6/16/17	State Bar of Michigan
Description Reviewed and made recommendations on legislation, proposed court rule amendments, and criminal jury instructions.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	10/20/17	State Bar of Michigan
Description Reviewed and made recommendations on legislation, proposed court rule amendments, and criminal jury instructions.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	12/8/17	State Bar of Michigan
Description Reviewed and made recommendations on legislation and proposed court rule amendments.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	1/12/18	State Bar of Michigan
Description Reviewed and made recommendations on legislation and proposed court rule amendments.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	2/9/18	Teleconference
Description Reviewed and made recommendations on legislation and proposed court rule amendments.		
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	3/9/18	Teleconference
Description Reviewed and made recommendations on legislation and proposed court rule amendments.		

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

The committee receives the following support from the State Bar of Michigan (SBM):

- Financial support is provided in the SBM budget under Governmental Relations.
- SBM staff provides support preparing for meetings, including polling for meeting dates and times, scheduling meetings, providing teleconference numbers, preparing and circulating materials for meetings, and drafting agendas.
- SBM staff provides support during meetings, including taking notes, preparing minutes, ensuring quorum, tracking votes, and providing refreshments for in-person meetings.
- SBM staff refers 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.
- SBM staff also assists with taking e-votes when necessary, including emailing motions to committee members and tracking votes.
- SBM staff assists in drafting the Committee's public policy position statements for consideration by the SBM Board of Commissioners.

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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p><b>COURT RULES</b>            The committee reviewed and made recommendations to the Board a wide range of court rule proposals, many of which the Board adopted, including:            -- ADM 2002-37: electronic filing procedures;            -- ADM 2016-25: appellate appendices;            -- ADM 2017-08: requiring complete transcripts to be provided in criminal and TPR appeals;            -- ADM 2014-36: reflecting changes to the MAACS process;            -- ADM 2016-07: clarifying criminal process to protect defendants represented by assigned counsel;            -- ADM 2016-42: creating prison-mailbox rule to post-sentencing motions;</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>-- ADM 2016-08: eliminate a conflict between MCR 6.610(E)(4) and MCR 6.610(E)(7);            -- ADM 2016-31: procedures to withdraw as counsel;            -- ADM 2017-06: clarify e-filing practices and procedures in the Supreme Court;            -- ADM 2015-11: reasonable notice of evidence prior to trial;            -- ADM 2017-10: allow for comments on a proposed order of mistrial; and            -- ADM 2015-04: correcting erroneous judgments of sentencing</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p><b>LEGISLATION</b>            The committee reviewed a number of legislative policy items, including:            -- HB 4433: expedited juvenile expungement procedures;            -- HB 4797: jury pool selection;            -- HB 5244 &amp; HB 5246: mental health competency exams;            -- SB 381: service of notices to surety bonds;            -- SB 871: statute of limitations for certain criminal sexual conduct violations.            The Committee takes the review of Keller permissibility of legislation seriously and has twice determined that legislation is not Keller-permissible.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p><b>OTHER POLICY ITEMS</b>            The committee has discussed thirteen model criminal jury instruction packages relating to organized retail crime, child abuse, human trafficking, controlled substances crimes, unlawful police conduct, and chemical irritant offenses. The committee reviewed and recommended a position on one standard issued by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. Finally, the committee reviewed the Civil Discovery Rules proposed by the Civil Discovery Rule Review Special Committee.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </p> <p><b>Reset Section</b></p>
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**REPORT 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.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

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Chair		Nimish Ganatra
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Staff Liaison		Peter Cunningham
Other		

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### 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.

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regular Committee Meeting	10/11/2017	State Bar of Michigan
Description In-person/phone participation		
Meeting Type Regular Committee Meeting	11/08/2017	State Bar of Michigan
Description In-person/phone participation		
Meeting Type Regular Committee Meeting	01/10/2018	State Bar of Michigan
Description In-person/phone participation		
Meeting Type Regular Committee Meeting	03/14/2018	State Bar of Michigan
Description In-person/phone participation		
Meeting Type Bench-Bar Committee Dinner	05/10/2018	Detroit
Description Annual Bench-Bar Dinner at Giovanni's with Eastern and Western District Judges in attendance.		
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Description		

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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.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>Continue to review proposed federal rule amendments (civil, bankruptcy, and criminal) and to submit comments when appropriate.</p> <p>Continue to monitor federal rule amendment proposals submitted in previous years.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Promoted the exchange of information between the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan regarding operation and administrative functions and procedures and opportunities for cooperation.</p> <p>Facilitated an outreach effort to provide attorneys newly admitted to the Eastern District of Michigan with information on becoming admitted to the Western District.</p> <p>Continued consulting with representatives from both Districts and each corresponding Federal Bar Association to develop beneficial common programs.</p> <p>Brainstormed ways to create a Boot Camp program for new attorneys with Judges in each District.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>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).</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>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.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>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.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>

**REPORT 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:**

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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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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair		Adam Strauss
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		Clifford T. Flood and Janna Sheppard
Other		Members

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### Communications/Member Services

- Jurisdiction: · Promote greater member engagement to connect members with the bar, its resources, each other.
- Help new lawyers to be practice ready.
  - Engage members in learning about and implementing innovative delivery methods.
  - Provide timely, targeted messages to promote understanding of the rule of law, role of judicial and legal profession.
  - Create and maintain an accessible, coordinated online foundation of legal resources for the public.
  - Create and maintain greater public awareness and competence around legal issues that affect them.
  - Target communications to build awareness of bar programs and initiatives among members and the recipient community.

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Nancy Brown, Lansing  
 Kari Thrush, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In-Person	10/9/2017	SBM Building
Description	The committee met and reviewed new committee structure, committee jurisdiction/previous committee involvement by members and, steering committee job description. Staff gave reports on current status of committees and projects.	
Meeting Type In- Person	2/7/2018	SBM Building
Description	Staff reported on progress since last meeting, and committee reviewed annual report template. Committee also reviewed strategic plan goals to ensure committees where in line with goals and strategies.	
Meeting Type Teleconference	3/26/2018	
Description	Teleconference to review and discuss committee annual reports. Reviewed strategic plan and jurisdiction of committees. Solicited feedback from committee regarding the work of this group, asked for suggestions for future plans.	
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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

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<p>Goal: The State Bar of Michigan provides resources to help all of its members achieve professional excellence and success in the practice of law.</p> <p>Strategy 1: Helping new lawyers to be practice ready. Strategy 2: Supporting each active member's professional competence and continuing professional development. Strategy 3: Engaging members in learning about and implementing innovative delivery methods. Strategy 4: Promoting greater member engagement to connect members with the bar, its resources and each other.</p> <p>This goal and all strategies were accomplished by the Awards Committee, Michigan Bar Journal Committee, Public Outreach and Education Committee and the Professional Education &amp; Events Committee.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Goal: The State Bar of Michigan champions access to justice, and builds public trust and confidence in the justice system in Michigan.</p> <p>All strategies were accomplished under this goal.</p> <p>This goal and all strategies were accomplished by the Awards Committee, Michigan Bar Journal Committee, Public Outreach and Education Committee and the Professional Education &amp; Events Committee.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>GOAL: The State Bar of Michigan maintains the highest conduct among its members, and initiates and advocates for improvements that facilitate accessible, timely justice.</p> <p>Strategy 2: Educating members on ethical rules and regulations</p> <p>Strategy 6: Promoting respect for diversity as an important element of professionalism</p> <p>This goal and strategies indicated were accomplished by the Michigan Bar Journal Committee and the Public Outreach and Education Committee.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>GOAL: The State Bar of Michigan structures itself to achieve its strategic goals in a responsive and cost-efficient manner.</p> <p>Strategy 4: Targeting the State Bar of Michigan's communications to build awareness of bar programs and initiatives among members and the recipient community.</p> <p>This goal and strategy indicated was accomplished by the Michigan Bar Journal Committee and the Public Outreach and Education Committee.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The committee agreed that this year's experience was worthwhile and served two clear purposes: (1) it provided valuable insight to members into the important work of the committees and work groups under our jurisdiction; and (2) we were able to ensure that the activities of such committees and work groups remain laser focused on the strategic goals of the State Bar.

Looking to the 2018-2019 bar year, it seems both of these purposes may be accomplished with a more streamlined process. The future goal of this committee is to do exactly that, streamline the process. Therefore, this committee will recommend to the BOC that a Communications and Member Services Steering Committee for the 2018-2019 bar year be formed however, schedule only one meeting, early in the bar year, probably in October or November. We would also ask that steering committee to review the proposed structure, goals, objectives, and activities of all committees and work groups under its jurisdiction, and ensure that all of these continue to align with and advance the strategic goals of the State Bar. From that point through the remainder of the bar year, the Communications and Member Services Committee Commissioner committee would oversee the activities of the committees and work groups. However, in the spring, steering committee members would receive draft copies of the annual reports and will be invited to provide feedback.

In adopting this proposal, we meet the two purposes outlined in the first paragraph above and, in addition, we provide a mechanism for State Bar members who are not commissioners to continue serving a role in ensuring that the State Bar's work with respect to the bar journal, professional education and events, public outreach, awards, and communications always align with, support, and promote the State Bar's strategic plan.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

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Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		
Other		

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## State Bar of Michigan | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

### 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.*

### 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.

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#### Term Ending: 2019

- P31358 Nan Elizabeth Casey, Petoskey  
P55501 Jennifer M. Grieco, Birmingham  
P67570 Elizabeth A. Kitchen-Troop, Ann Arbor

#### Term Ending: 2020

- P52978 Kent A. Bieberich, Battle Creek  
P29176 Nancy J. Diehl, Detroit  
P66947 Thomas N. Doty, Burlington  
P39644 Hon. Laura A. Frawley, Harrisville  
P79611 Robert A. Haertel, Roscommon  
P25664 Hon. Richard B. Halloran, Detroit  
P68691 Daniel Andrew Klemptner, Farmington Hills  
P38750 Hon. David A. Perkins, Detroit  
P77123 Choi Tanaha Portis, Detroit  
P41321 Victoria A. Radke, Escanaba  
P81341 Joni Lynn Roach, Byron Center  
P76293 Kristen D. Simmons, Lansing  
P46863 Thomas K. Thornburg, Saint Joseph

### State Bar Liaison

- PL1077 Darin Alan Day, Lansing

Samantha Meinke, Lansing

**State Bar Liaison Assistant**

Joyce Nordeen, Lansing

Anne M. Smith, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

*\*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Conference call	11.21.17	
Description Introductory call explaining annual process		
Meeting Type Conference call	1.16.18	
Description Call to finalize outreach efforts		
Meeting Type Conference call	3.20.18	
Description Call to determine award winners in all categories but Liberty Bell		
Meeting Type Email/conference call after Liberty Bell deadline Date	TBD	
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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, SBMblog, 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.

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## Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>Committee members seek high quality nominations for SBM awards from other members and bar associations.</p> <p>For the coming year's awards cycle, which started Oct. 1, 2017, and ends at the 2018 Annual Meeting at the end of September in 2018, where the awards will be handed out, there are 34 nominations to consider. Of these nominations, the committee can recommend eight award recipients.</p> <p>Liberty Bell nominations have not yet been received. Local and special purpose bar associations send their local Liberty Bell Award winners on to the State Bar for consideration. Most of these bar associations present their Liberty Bell Awards on Law Day, on or around May 1 each year. So the deadline for them to nominate winners is later in May.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>In the last year's cycle, commencing at the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Committee gave out awards to eight Michigan attorneys, and the Liberty Bell Award to one non-attorney (awards were not selected prior to the due date of last year's annual report).</p> <p>2017 Award Winners:            Roberts P. Hudson Award: Gerard Mantese            Frank J. Kelley Award: Hon. Robert Holmes Bell, Hon. Bernard A. Friedman and Barbara L. McQuade            Champion of Justice Award: Michael C. McDaniel and Hon. Kelly Ramsey            Kimberly M. Cahill Award: Patrick J. Wilson            John Reed Award: Professor Alan S. Schenk            Liberty Bell Award: Annemarie Conway</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Committee members review nominations submitted by other attorneys, as well as local and special purpose bar associations, and decide which nominees to recommend become award recipients. When doing so, they are always very aware of the importance of diversity and inclusion among award winners, and whenever possible they strive to grant awards to diverse nominees.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**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:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

**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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Chair	X	Dennis Barnes and Dana Warnez
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	X	Darin Day, Samantha Meinke
Other	X	Liaison Assistant Anne Smith

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### Michigan Bar Journal

Jurisdiction: · Provide editorial guidance concerning the Michigan Bar Journal.

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P55883	David M. Cohen, Detroit
P41868	Margaret A. Costello, Detroit
P66167	David R. Dyki, Troy
P70937	Jessica S. Fox, Eaton Rapids
P70893	Brendan Henry Frey, Southfield
P37042	John O. Juroszek, Haslett
P34018	Joseph Kimble, Lansing
P27553	Richard C. Kraus, Lansing
P34424	Gerard V. Mantese, Troy
P17238	John P. Mayer, Grosse Ile
P80712	Michael Keith Mazur, Sterling Heights
P47213	Kathleen A. Metzger, Farmington Hills
P70103	Joseph Anthony Novak, Ionia
P30223	Neal Nusholtz, Troy
P69025	Amanda A. Page, Royal Oak
P36474	Antoinette R. Raheem, Bloomfield Hills
P19763	John R. Runyan, Jr., Detroit
P55685	Rebecca A. Schnelz, Lansing
P32615	Shelley R. Spivack, Flint
P32147	Ruth S. Stevens, Grand Rapids
P59649	George M. Strander, Lansing
P79652	Vani G. Verkhovsky, Plymouth
P57129	Tyra L. Wright, Detroit

#### State Bar Liaison

Linda Novak, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

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Meeting Type	Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type	General Meeting	2/28/18	Teleconference
Description	Discussion of upcoming theme and general issues of MBJ, scheduling new themes for remainder of 2019, unsolicited article review, monthly columns, Citizen Lawyer series, and ongoing talks with perma.cc		
Meeting Type	General Meeting	12/6/17	Teleconference
Description	Discussion of upcoming theme and general issues of MBJ, unsolicited article review, monthly columns, Citizen Lawyer series, and collaborating with perma.cc		
Meeting Type	General Meeting/New-Member Orientation	10/4/17	SBM, Lansing
Description	Orientation and introduction of new members, discussion of upcoming theme and general issues of MBJ, unsolicited article review, monthly columns, restarting Citizen Lawyer series, and collaborating with perma.cc.		
Meeting Type	General Meeting	6/7/17	Teleconference
Description	Discussion of upcoming theme and general issues of MBJ, unsolicited article review, monthly columns, website and PMRC activities overview, diversity efforts, print publications, and collaborating with perma.cc.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

As in the past, the SBM has continued to provide consistent, timely service to the Michigan Bar Journal Committee. 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 column  
 Chelsea Huber, citation support  
 Michael Braem, 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 teleconferencing capability, meeting rooms, and refreshments.

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## Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>Under the leadership of Editor Linda Novak, the Michigan Bar Journal published two general issues and nine theme issues, including Prisons and Corrections (September 2017), Young Lawyers (November 2017), Diversity in the Law (December 2017), Elder Law and Disability Rights (January 2018), Immigration Law (February 2018), Women in the Law (May 2018), Negligence Law (June 2018), Animal Law (July 2018), and Marijuana Law (August 2018).</p> <p>The Michigan Bar Journal published the following articles during the past year that support the indicated goals and strategies of the strategic plan.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>September 2017: Roberta Gubbins, "How to Write a Winning Lawyer Profile"; Jennifer S. Bentley and Linda K. Rexer, "A Foundation for Justice: The Michigan State Bar Foundation's 70 Years of Public Service"; Gyi Tsakalakis, "How to Choose a Good SEO Company for your Law Firm"; Rhonda Spencer Pozehl, "Improper Uses of a Lawyer Trust Account" (AGC Practice Pointers); 2017 Pro Bono Circle of Excellence</p> <p>October 2017: Steven Susser, "Rules for Successful Cross-Examination"; Chadwick C. Busk, "Using Shall or Will to Create Obligations in Business Contracts: Once More unto the Breach"; Joseph Kimble, "The Old Contest"; John R. Trentacosta and Nicholas J. Ellis, "Best Practices for Drafting Supply Chain Contracts"; Jennifer Rosa, "Flipped Learning: Promoting Collaboration, Cooperative, and Civility"</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>November 2017: Randy S. Gillary and Kevin P. Albus, "Michigan's Sales Representative Commission Act: A Primer"; Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, "Cultivating Legal Research Skills"; Joseph Kimble, "Revisiting the Writing Contests (On Ambiguity)"; John F. Reed, "Does Your Marketing Contest Contribute to Information Overload?"; Roberta Gubbins, "Lawyers Are Great Sources of Referrals"</p> <p>December 2017: Geoffrey Fieger, "Being a Trial Lawyer"; JoAnn Hathaway, "Practice Management Software: A Law Firm Essential"; Joseph Kimble, "Revisiting the Writing Contests (On Boilerplate)"; Cara Cunningham Warren, "Client Interview Training: A Reflection on the 'Quantum Shift' in Legal Education"</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>January 2018: Joseph Kimble, "Revisiting the Writing Contests (On Structure)"; Jesse M. Reiter, Rebecca S. Walsh and Emily G. Thomas, "Best Practices in Birth Injury Litigation: Timing Hypoxic-Ischemic Fetal Brain Injury"; Laura Mancini, "Elder Law and Disability Rights: Resources to Assist the Attorney in the Age of the Silver Tsunami"; Teresa Matich, "What You can Learn About Law Firm Management from Shark Tank"</p> <p>February 2018: Monea, Nino, "Summary Jury Trials, How They Work and How They Can Work for You"; Joseph Kimble, "Revisiting the Writing Contests (On Wordiness)"; Toree S. Randall, "New Lawyer Development Tips from the Law School Trenches"; Liz Balck Monsma, "Resources for the Immigration Law Practice Novice"; Tom Lambotte, "How to Make Sure ABA Techs How is Not a Complete Waste of Time"</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>March 2018: John W. Allen, "The New Uncertainties of ADM 2016-41 'Informed Consent' and 'Confirmed in Writing'"; Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, "Research Mash-Up: 'Disparate Approaches'"; Richard L. Hurford, "Is it Time for Litigators to Reconsider The Benefits of Legal Process Improvement?: Take a Lead from Michigan Courts"; Heidi S. Alexander, "Essential Apps to Increase Efficiency in Your Law Practice"</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1           <input type="checkbox"/>G2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3           <input type="checkbox"/>G4         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1           <input type="checkbox"/>S1         </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2           <input type="checkbox"/>S2         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3           <input type="checkbox"/>S3         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4           <input type="checkbox"/>S4         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S5           <input type="checkbox"/>S5         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/>S6           <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>

**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

With the influx of new talent on the Michigan Bar Journal Committee, our objective is to improve the quality of the Journal by making it better written, better edited, and more timely. Our recent theme issue on Immigration Law (February 2018) is an example of how we hope to bring timely and relevant information to the 45,000 members of the State Bar of Michigan.



**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

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## State Bar of Michigan | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

### 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.*

### Professional Education & Events

Jurisdiction:     · Provide assistance developing educational events for State Bar members that include, but are not limited to, the Bar Leadership Forum, Upper Michigan Legal Institute, and the Annual Meeting.  
                           · Assist in improving access to legal information for members through resources at libraries and legal publications, and methods of conducting legal research.  
                           · 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.  
                           · Supporting mentorship opportunities by helping design, develop, and evaluate mentorship programs

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

*\*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Committee Meeting	11/30/17	Conference Call
Description	The committee reviewed the event summaries for the 2017 UMLI, BLF, and NEXT Conferences, and discussed future planning and work for the committee. Votes on 2018 BLF Keynote speaker and 2023 NEXT Conference location.	
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

The State Bar staff provides the coordination of the meetings, preparation of meeting minutes, preparation of notices to be sent, development and design of 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 sending 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, and being on-site for the events themselves.

The committee has had services beyond the call of duty from the following staffers this year:

Amy Castner, Member Service Representative - BLF, UMLI & NEXT Conference planning, coordination  
 Sandi Barger, Webmaster & Digital Media Manager - NEXT Conference website design  
 Darin Day, Director of Outreach & Constituent Development - mentor work group coordination  
 Mike Eidelbes, Copy Editor - promotional material editor  
 JoAnn Hathaway, Practice Management Advisor - PMRC reporting  
 Samantha Meinke, Communications Manager - social media promotion of all events & PMRC activities and services  
 Joyce Nordeen, editorial assistant - promotional material and report editor  
 Linda Novak, Bar Journal Editor  
 Sarah Nussbaumer, Graphic Designer - Design of all brochures and BJ ads for promotion of events  
 Stacy Oudsema, Sales Representative - Coordination of NEXT Conference exhibitors  
 Tracy Sproul, Member Services Representative - BLF, UMLI & NEXT Conference planning, coordination  
 Kari Thrush, Assistant Division Director, Member Services - event coordination and management

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>Helping new Lawyers to be practice ready. Achieve this goal through the PRMC. The partnership with Michigan Legal Talk radio and development of the new podcasts focused on topics of lawyer wellness and practice management.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Promoting member engagement to connect members with the bar, its resources and each other. Achieve this goal through creating engaging education events that encourage interaction amongst attendees, educate members on the resources of the SBM at all events, and design appealing interactive networking events.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Expanding collaboration with professional organizations and communities outside the legal community. Achieved this goal through the partnership of the MMA, the SBM</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Targeting the State Bar of Michigan's communications to build awareness of bar programs and initiatives among members and the recipient community. Achieved this goal through promotion of events via mailing and eblasts.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Engage members in learning about and implementing innovative delivery methods. Achieved this goal through launch of new legal tech competency assessment and learning resource available through the PMRC.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>

**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

This committee will meet again in the spring via teleconference for an update on all events and the progress of the work groups. We will also review any new developments in the Practice Management Resource Center to evaluate the need for a work group in that area.

**Mentorship Work Group:**

The work group has had one conference call to discuss the goal of assessing what mentor programs are currently active in Michigan. They will develop and conduct a survey of all local bar associations, law schools and ancillary groups to identify current mentor programs. Once complete, this work group will follow-up with each program so that we can link their information to the SBM website.

**Large Meetings Review:**

This committee will take this effort up in the next fiscal year.

## Other Information:

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### Work Groups:

#### Upper Michigan Legal Institute

The mission of this work group is to provide assistance developing the annual legal education seminar especially targeted to the practice needs of northern Michigan practitioners. This work group has met once via teleconference and communicated via email on various occasions. The program for the Upper Michigan Legal Institute was finalized in late December, 2017.

This work group consists of the following members:

Anne McNamara  
David Peterson  
Hon. Thomas Phillips  
Jeff Kirkey  
Karl Weber  
Kim Coggins  
Leanne Barnes Deuman  
Ronald Keefe  
Timothy Quinnell  
Victoria Radke  
Kari Thrush, State Bar of Michigan

#### Mentorship Work Group

This work group will collect information on mentorship programs available throughout the state and will make recommendations on how the State Bar can help facilitate those efforts. They will also explore whether the State Bar needs to be more involved in creating a mentoring program at the state level and/or should be more active supporting local efforts.

This work group has met one time via conference call. They discussed how they will proceed in collecting mentor program information from organizations throughout Michigan - see future goals and activities.

This work group consists of the following members:

Darin Day, State Bar of Michigan  
Barbara Bosler  
Opolla Brown  
Jeff Kirkey, ICLE

Additional work that has been accomplished in all areas of this committee over-site:

- Upper Michigan Legal Institute and Bar Leadership Save the Date postcards were designed in December, printed and mailed in January.
- Upper Michigan Legal Institute program was designed in January, printed and mailed in March to 3200 northern Michigan attorneys.
- Bar Leadership Forum program was finalized by staff in February, speakers confirmed and programing finalized in February.
- Bar Leadership Forum program was designed, printed and mailed in March to 375 section and bar leaders.
- NEXT Conference Exhibitor on-line registration opened in March
- NEXT Conference section invitations were sent to section leaders in February.
- NEXT Conference: Seven sections have committed to sponsor the NEXT Conference 2018
- NEXT Conference: Twenty six sections and eight ancillary groups have confirmed that they will hold meetings at the Next Conference
- The State Bar of Michigan partnered with the Michigan Manufacturers Association on a Law Summit to be held at Ford Conference and Event Center on Thursday, Feb. 22 in Dearborn. Registration for this event was offered to our members at a discounted rate. The Summit will address the legal challenges of manufacturing. Keeping up with emerging issues involving autonomous vehicles, intellectual property protection, cyber security and potential changes to NAFTA all require new knowledge. The Law Summit was aimed at in-house counsel for manufacturing operations and any other legal professions working with Manufacturers. Eight members of the State Bar of Michigan attended this Summit.
- The Practice Management Resource Center launched the live podcast project it has been working on with Michigan Legal Talk radio. The podcast series focuses on the topics of lawyer wellness and practice management.
- The Practice Management Resource Center launched a new legal tech competency assessment and learning resource available through the PMRC.

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### Public Outreach & Education

Jurisdiction: · Provide assistance developing educational events and programs advancing lay understanding of law and the legal profession, with particular emphasis on community programs, including, but not limited to, Law Day and Constitution Day.  
 · Assist in improving access to legal information for the public by creating and maintaining an online foundation of legal resources.  
 · Recommend Michigan Legal Milestones that commemorate significant cases, events, places and people in the State's legal history.

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 P36511 Michael M. Ellis, Plymouth  
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 P80499 Zachary William Meza, Whitmore Lake  
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 P78290 Jordan Victoria Sutton, Lansing  
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Rachael L. Drenovsky, Lansing

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## STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In Person/Conference Call	11/20/2017	SBM Building - Hudson Room
Description Initial meeting of the full POEC and the formation of its four 2018 workgroups: (1) K-12 Programs, (2) Michigan Legal Milestones, (3) Public Outreach Resources, and (4) High School Mock Trial National Finals Exploratory		
Meeting Type Conference Call	01/08/2018	SBM Building - Hudson Room
Description Meeting of the full POEC, focus on review of workgroup activities and next steps		
Meeting Type Conference Call	03/05/2018	SBM Building - Hudson Room
Description Meeting of the full POEC, focus on review of workgroup activities and next steps		
Meeting Type In Person/Conference Call	05/07/2018	SBM Building - Hudson Room
Description Anticipated meeting of the full POEC, focus on review of workgroup activities and next steps		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Michigan Legal Milestones: Staff, with assistance of the workgroup, prepares the text for the milestone plaque; orders the bronze plaque; drafts language for and designs the invitations and programs; assists the workgroup in contacting key players, including local bar association partner, speakers, and other local dignitaries; compiles guest addresses; mails the invitations; investigates and helps determine site of milestone ceremony and where plaque will be placed; writes speeches for the president and introductions for other speakers; finds a location for a reception/lunch after the dedication; works with the vendor on menu; drafts news releases, blog posts and social media posts; works with local news media to cover the event and the history behind it; creates video of event; take photos; assures preview and follow-up coverage of milestone in the Michigan Bar Journal.

K-12 Programs: For Law Day, posts a list of local bar association Law Day community events to the website, maintains webpage containing information 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 michbar.org; and disseminates news release about participation in Law Day. For Constitution Day, creates and disseminates press release and social media posts reminding people to participate in Constitution Day; maintains webpage containing information to encourage participation in Constitution Day; posts materials gathered for lawyers to use in classrooms on Constitution Day to michbar.org. Publicizes Michigan High School Mock Trial Competition with news releases, social media posts, blog posts; and designs brochures Mock Trial local and state final rounds; hires and assigns a photographer to capture the state final round; crafts post-mock trial news coverage and Michigan Bar Journal coverage. Where appropriate, provides volunteer leader and staff support to Mock Trial, We the People, and other programs of the Michigan Center for Civic Education (MCCE).

HS Mock Trial National Finals Exploratory: Assists volunteer leaders with their feasibility study regarding hosting 2021 national finals.

Public Outreach Resources: Provides staff support to volunteer leaders whose mission is to identify, review and index all materials intended for a lay audience or the general public maintained on michbar.org and/or in printed form by the SBM. Surveys SBM staff, committees and sections to identify and locate any additional such materials. Supports volunteer leaders in the creation and maintenance of an indexing tool to track all such materials. The indexing tool will address, as they arise, needs for revision of such materials, consolidation of redundant information, removal of obsolete materials, and/or creation of new materials.

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## Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p><b>K-12 Programs:</b></p> <p>Three major initiatives for 2017-2018: (1) review Law Day and Constitution Day curricular materials available to affinity bars, schools, and attorneys at michbar.org, and make updates and improvements to such materials, where necessary; (2) build a lasting collaboration with the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DIAC) with respect to K-12 pipeline programs including Face of Justice and other jet mentoring opportunities; (3) create and post to michbar.org webinar videos in support of Constitution Day, and promote these among K-12 schools, affinity bars, the Hall of Justice Learning Center, the MCCE, and similar entities.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p><b>Michigan Legal Milestones (MLM):</b></p> <p>(1) Complete the 41st MLM -- To recognize Michigan as the first English-speaking jurisdiction to abolish capital punishment. In collaboration with the Detroit Bar Association, host a luncheon, present, and mount the 41st MLM plaque. Update michbar.org with appropriate materials concerning the 41st MLM.</p> <p>(2) Prepare for submission to the SBM Board of Commissioners in 2018 a recommendation for the 42nd MLM, to be finalized and mounted in 2019. The proposed 42nd MLM will recognize Senate Bill 31 of 1857. Under this bill, enacted into law on Valentine's Day 1857, Michigan's indigent defendants were guaranteed the same representation as those who could afford attorneys, and court-appointed attorneys were guaranteed payment to support this objective. The original bill was updated by PA 93 of 2013, which established the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), and new regulations promulgated in 2017.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p><b>Public Outreach Resources:</b></p> <p>Identify, review and index all materials intended for a lay audience or the general public maintained on michbar.org and/or in printed form by the SBM. Survey SBM staff, committees, and sections to identify and locate any additional such materials. Maintain an indexing tool to track all such materials. The indexing tool is intended to help the POEC address, as they arise, needs for revision of such materials, consolidation of redundant information, removal of obsolete materials, and/or creation of new materials.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p><b>High School Mock Trial National Finals Exploratory:</b></p> <p>This workgroup is exploring the feasibility of submitting a letter of intent, by the January 15, 2019 deadline, to host the 2021 national finals. It is anticipated that between 40-45 states will participate, each sending between 10-12 students plus family members. This requires massive numbers of volunteers, including judges and support staff. The host will need to guarantee a minimum of 350 hotel rooms, 25 court rooms or their equivalent, and a venue for an awards ceremony with a minimum 900-seat capacity, as well as ground transportation, food and beverage, logistics support, a convenient nearby airport, hundreds of volunteers, and funding in the range of \$500,000. Should the workgroup determine that such an event is feasible for 2021, it will submit a proposal to the SBM Board of Commissioners no later than the BOC's September 2018 meeting, asking for the SBM's endorsement.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

Please see above.

**Other Information:**

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Please see above. In addition, please note that each workgroup chair submits regular written reports concerning the activities and progress of each respective workgroup, and provides an oral report at each meeting of the full POEC.

**2017-2018 POEC Workgroup Chairs:****K-12 Programs:**

Katherine Bennett

**Michigan Legal Milestones:**

Michael Ellis

**Public Outreach Resources:**

Cynthia Wisner

**High School Mock Trial National Finals Exploratory:**

Ellen Zwarensteyn

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Chair	03/14/2018	Allan Motzny
Co-chair		n.a.
Staff Liaison	03/14/2018	Darin Day, Samantha Meinke, Laurin' Roberts Thomas, Anne Smith
Other		n.a.

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### Social Media & Website

Jurisdiction: · Provide assistance developing content for the SBM website and social media.  
 · Provide guidance to staff regarding resources and information related to social media.  
 · Assist in promotion of the SBM website, social media, and SBM e-publications (e-journal, Public Policy Newsletter, SBM News.)

#### Chair

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##### Term Ending: 2018

P70010	Cheryl Riemer Brunner, Auburn Hills
P44120	Lori A. Buiteweg, Ann Arbor
P77031	Tanya Nicole Cripps, Auburn Hills
P39282	Julie I. Fershtman, Southfield
P77821	Christopher Lee Jackson, East Lansing
P70099	Mark William Jane, Ann Arbor
P79241	Silvia Alexandria Mansoor, Rochester Hills
P70678	Shenique A. Moss, Detroit
P76833	Paul Shkreli, Troy
P80626	Aaron Philip Sohaski, Detroit
P68990	Joseph Wesley Uhl, Detroit

#### State Bar Liaison

Sandra Barger, Lansing  
 P79603 Kathryn Hennessey, Lansing  
 Samantha Meinke, Lansing

#### State Bar Liaison Assistant

Anne M. Smith, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In Person/Conference Call	11.15.17	
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Meeting Type Conference Call	3.6.18	
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Meeting Type Conference Call	5.21.18	
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Staff contacts chair to schedule meetings and sends future meeting dates via email to committee members. Prepares agendas, meeting minutes and other materials and posts to SBM Connect prior to the meetings. Sends meeting reminders to better ensure a quorum.

Works with SBM Connect Workgroup members in the planning and drafting of a plan to better utilize the automated features of SBM Connect to better welcome, communicate with, and build relationships with new members to sections. This plan starts with the preparation of 13 automated messages that will be emailed to members of the SBM Young Lawyers Section at various stages of the membership process - for example, a welcome message right after they've joined the section, a message to add profile information and a photo to SBM Connect if they haven't done so within three weeks of joining, and then additional messages highlighting all the member benefits and resources they have access to because of their section membership. Once approved, staff will program SBM Connect to automatically send the appropriate messages to section members on a predetermined timeline, should the right condition exist (to send a message prompting a member to add a profile photo if they haven't done so, for example).

Works with Social Media Workgroup to update the information page on michbar.org that mentions and links to the agencies of the attorney and judicial disciplinary system in Michigan to include descriptions, written in plain English, that explain what each agency is and does, to serve as a resource for reporters and members of the general public. Develops a series of tweets targeted primarily at reporters, but doubling for the general public, that explain aspects of the disciplinary system and process and points people to the information page on michbar.org for the information. Once this process is done, staff will continuously post tweets referring to the disciplinary resource page, to provide timely and relevant information to reporters and the general public.

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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The committee will continue to work to improve usage of SBM Connect automation tools for sections, rolling out the plan that has been developed for the Young Lawyers Section, and then working with other sections to customize automation to suit their section's purposes.

The committee will finish developing a plan to update the page that currently only contains the names of and links to the disciplinary agencies on michbar.org, to add brief explanations about what each of them is and what they do, to provide a resource where lay people - especially reporters - can find quick, simple answers to their questions. The committee will also develop tweets to continually alert reporters and the general public to this resource page, and thus information about how the system functions.

The committee will consider vetting the role of the SBM as a law source for media and the public.



**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

The work of this committee is the work of its collective workgroups, and is contained in the report above.

The workgroups are:

SBM Connect Workgroup  
Chaired by Mark Jane

Social Media Workgroup  
Chaired by Christopher Jackson

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Chair	X	Lori Buiteweg
Co-chair		No CoChair
Staff Liaison	X	Samantha Meinke, Sandra Barger, Kathryn Hennessey
Other	X	Liaison Assistant Anne Smith

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### Implementation and Innovation

- Jurisdiction:
- Develop governance, member, and administrative structures that provide for broad-based decision making and timely action.
  - Employ practices that strengthen SBM's fiscal position and responsible use of resources.
  - Ensure technology infrastructure follows best business practices and is poised to meet the future needs of members and SBM.
  - Conduct research and development that promotes innovation and forecasts change.
  - Expand opportunities for SBM members to participate in access to justice initiatives through traditional means including pro bono and by partnering with public service organizations local and affinity bars.
  - Expand collaboration with professional organizations and communities outside of the legal community.

#### Chair

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P59565	Erika Lorraine Davis, Detroit
P13367	J. Kay Felt, Grosse Pointe Shores
P39787	Hon. Patricia P. Fresard, Detroit
P64426	Darling A. Garcia, Lansing
P29119	Robert Fair Gillett, Ann Arbor
P34754	Linda D. Johnson, Detroit
P58021	Ashley E. Lowe, Pontiac
P70678	Shenique A. Moss, Detroit
P47291	Valerie R. Newman, Detroit
P45371	Jill L. Nylander, Flint
P70652	Alisa Parker, Battle Creek
P57191	Kimberly A. Paulson, Detroit
P67776	Wendolyn W. Richards, Detroit
P72880	Salma Saley Safiedine, Farmington Hills
P58467	Karen M. Tjapkes, Grand Rapids
P53594	Dana M. Warnez, Center Line

#### State Bar Liaison

P32078	Candace A. Crowley, Lansing
P66868	Robert G. Mathis, Jr., Lansing
P42091	Janet K. Welch, Lansing

**State Bar Liaison Assistant**

Margaret Bossenbery, Lansing  
Jennifer Williams, Lansing

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Meeting Type	10.03.2017	State Bar, phone
Description	First meeting of the I & I Steering Committee. Review ongoing projects and proposed new work. Prioritize new work and communicate to Delivery Committee	
Meeting Type	10.30.2017	Phone
Description	Receive feedback from Delivery Committee including Access to Justice, Affordable Legal Services, Lawyer Referral Service Initiatives, Diversity and Inclusion regarding priorities. Priorities are aligned.	
Meeting Type	01.23.2017	Phone
Description	Assess progress and timeline, review Diversity and Inclusion program materials.	
Meeting Type	04.16.2017	Phone
Description	Purpose: To review Annual Reports and assess progress.	
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Review committee applications and suggest members for I & I, poll for meeting dates, work with chair to draft agendas, organize meetings, provide meeting materials, draft minutes, draft Annual Report. Attend to in-person venue needs and teleconference facilitation.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>Prioritize work of committees and initiatives within scope and assess whether goals of Strategic Plan are being met. Committees and initiatives: Delivery of Legal Services to All Committee, Access to Justice Initiative, Affordable Legal Services Initiative, Lawyer Referral Service Initiative, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, Law School Deans Committee, Past Presidents Committee.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Decide and communicate priorities of new projects to Delivery Committee: Limited Scope Representation Implementation, Justice Innovation Guidelines, Independent Tech Audit, Modest Means Implementation, Consistent Fee Waiver court rule amendments, ODR/ADR, Implicit Bias, LRS and online marketplace.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Assist in enlisting more volunteers to carry out work.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Receive reports from Delivery &amp; Initiatives and DIAC re progress toward goals. Progress is reflected in Annual Reports of committees and initiatives.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

A clear difficulty with the new Implementation and Innovation Steering Committee structure is that there are too many layers, and the priority work (e.g. limited scope representation implementation forms, education, panels, evaluation) is occurring five levels into the structure. This has created the need for more meetings, which is not efficient. An interim remedy is needed, and is currently being brainstormed and discussed.

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See annual reports of Delivery of Legal Services for All and its Justice Innovations Guidelines Work Group and Independent Tech Work Group; Access to Justice Initiative and its Consistent Fee Waiver Work Group; Affordable Legal Services Initiative and its Limited Scope Representation Implementation Work Group and Modest Means Work Group; Lawyer Referral Steering Initiative; Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Committee, Law School Deans Committee, and Past Presidents' Advisory Committee.

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Chair	X	Dana Warnez
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### Delivery of Legal Services for All

- Jurisdiction: Develop and recommend proposals for the effective delivery of high quality legal services, equal, fair and affordable for all.
- This committee consists of three initiatives:
1. Access to Justice: Proactive Policy and Program Development
    - o Develop, recommend, and implement programs to benefit underserved populations including the poor, racial and ethnic minorities, gender identity, juveniles, domestic violence survivors, and those with special needs.
    - o Work to increase resources for civil legal aid programs.
    - o Maintain commitment to the provision of pro bono legal services.
    - o Recommend John W. Cumiskey Award recipient to the Awards Committee.
    - o Implement the Strategic Plan through formation of work groups as resources allow to address first responder pro bono, Michigan Free Legal Answers, online intake and triage, consistent treatment of fee waiver requests.
  2. Affordable Legal Services
    - o Review and recommend innovative practices to provide low-cost legal services and evaluate efforts to expand access to affordable legal services for persons of modest means, including low bono services.
    - o Explore development of non-profit law firms and sliding scale civil legal services.
    - o Evaluate and recommend programs to increase online dispute resolution and alternative dispute resolution services.
    - o Explore cases to remove from judicial process.
    - o Explore alternative fee agreements.
  3. Lawyer Referral Service
    - o Review and recommend programs to ensure knowledge of and access to lawyer referral services.
    - o Review and recommend information to help consumers understand options and access to legal services.
    - o Enhanced Directory/Online Marketplace.

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In-Person and Telephone	10-23-2017	Lansing
Description First meeting was a joint session with DIAC. Members reviewed and discussed the I & I Steering Committee's prioritization of ongoing and new work for the bar year.		
Meeting Type Telephone	01-18-2018	N/A
Description Reports provided by Access to Justice, Affordable Legal, Lawyer Referral Service on ongoing work, progress, and next steps. Report on JI Guidelines and Independent Tech Audit committees.		
Meeting Type Telephone	04-06-2018	N/A
Description At this meeting, the Delivery Committee will review annual reports and assess progress.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Review volunteer applications and suggest members for Delivery Committee, poll for meeting dates, work with co-chairs to draft agendas, organize meetings, provide meeting materials, draft minutes, coordinate in-person meetings and teleconferences, and draft Annual Report.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>The I &amp; I Steering Committee prioritized the Delivery Committee's ongoing and new work for the bar year. The Delivery Committee in turn prioritized the work of the committees and initiatives within its scope and assessed whether goals of Strategic Plan were being met. The Delivery Committee includes the Access to Justice, Affordable Legal Services, and Lawyer Referral Service Initiatives. The Delivery Committee directly oversaw the Independent Tech Audit and Justice Innovations Guidelines committees.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Delivery Committee projects prioritized by the I &amp; I Steering Committee: Independent Tech Audit, Consistent Fee Waiver MCR 2.002 amendments, Limited Scope Representation Implementation, Justice Innovation Guidelines, Independent Tech Audit, Modest Means Implementation, ODR/ADR, Implicit Bias, Lawyer referral Service and Online Marketplace.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Recruit volunteers to carry out work.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Receive interim updates and annual reports from Access to Justice, Affordable Legal, and Lawyer Referral Service Initiatives and their associated workgroups and committees to assess progress towards set goals.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Voted to support the Consistent Fee Waiver Workgroup's proposed amendments to MCR 2.002 and submission to the Representative Assembly for consideration at its April 21, 2018, meeting.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>

**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

A new committee structure was implemented for the 2017-2018 bar year and members of Delivery will continue to look for ways to work, interact, and communicate more effectively and efficiently with other State Bar committees, initiatives, and workgroups. It will provide input to the Bar on ways to possibly improve the structure.

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See the annual reports of Delivery's Justice Innovations Guidelines Workgroup and Independent Tech Audit Workgroup, Access to Justice Initiative and its Consistent Fee Waiver Work Group, Affordable Legal Services Initiative and its Limited Scope Representation Implementation Work Group and Modest Means Work Group, and Lawyer Referral Steering Initiative.

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### Independent Tech Audit

Jurisdiction: Evaluate the usability and usefulness of the State Bar website for current and potential users, including the public, and members of the State Bar. Potential areas of inquiry include the online member directory, the Lawyer Referral Service and associated online marketplace, and more.

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type First meeting of work group	12.05.2017	Phone conference
Description Review U of M School of Information SI 622 Needs Assessment and Usability Evaluation Winter course application, <a href="https://sites.google.com/a/umich.edu/si-622-external/">https://sites.google.com/a/umich.edu/si-622-external/</a>		
Meeting Type Meeting with University of Michigan SI 622 Course Reps	12.21.2017	Phone conference
Description Staff conversation with UM course rep to review applications and answer questions.		
Meeting Type Second meeting of work group	01.30.2018	Phone conference
Description Discuss pending U of M application and identify options in the event the course application is not accepted.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Identify potential members, call meetings, draft agendas, research University of Michigan course options for the State Bar's public facing website, conduct phone meetings, complete and submit University of Michigan course application, correspond via email and phone with UM representatives. This work group did not have a chair and was staff led.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>Discussed project at Delivery of Legal Services Committee meeting and received suggestions for University of Michigan and Michigan State University course study. Research UM options and prepare two applications for SI 622 Course - Needs assessment and usability evaluation. One application addressed member use of the website, one addressed public use of the website.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Identify back up option of self-assessment.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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We learned on February 12, 2018 that the U of M School of Information applications were not chosen as a course study by the U of M students. The next steps would be to investigate the self-assessment option identified in the January meeting.

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### Justice Innovations Guidelines

**Jurisdiction:** Develop Justice Innovations Guidelines for adoption by the State Bar of Michigan and other interested stakeholders for use in identifying and promoting justice system efficiencies and innovations. The guidelines will help all stakeholders, including private vendors, communicate through a common vocabulary and shared goals, such as preserving fundamental rights, due process, procedural fairness, transparency, adequate oversight, and appropriate application of human judgment.

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In-Person & Telephone	01-05-2018	Lansing
Description At this first meeting of the full committee, background information was reviewed, including the 21st CPTF Report, national perspectives, and the current draft of the JI Guidelines.		
Meeting Type In-Person & Telephone	01-19-2018	Lansing
Description Drafting Workgroup meeting. A smaller subcommittee met to review and edit the JI Guidelines.		
Meeting Type Telephone	02-09-2018	N/A
Description Full Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the current draft of the JI Guidelines and made suggested edits.		
Meeting Type Telephone	03-08-2018	N/A
Description Drafting Workgroup meeting. A smaller subcommittee met and continued to review and edit the JI Guidelines.		
Meeting Type Telephone	03-14-2018	N/A
Description Drafting Workgroup meeting. The smaller subcommittee met again and worked to finalize the JI Guidelines draft.		
Meeting Type	03-19-2018	N/A
Description Full Committee meeting. The committee made its final suggested edits which were incorporated into the document and circulated to the full committee for approval and submission to the Delivery Committee.		

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<p>The need for Justice Innovation Guidelines was discussed at the Delivery of Legal Services for All Committee. As new innovations and technology is introduced in the justice system, it is important to assure that the innovations increase access to justice. We discussed the work previously done in Michigan and the work being done nationally. The committee determined that developing guidelines was important because of the number of new technologies being introduced and thought it made sense to develop something that the field could start using. However, the Delivery Committee also discussed continuing to learn from the national work and consider modifying the guidelines as best practices and learning develops.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Jl Guidelines finalized and forwarded to the Delivery Committee for its consideration at its April 6 next meeting.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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The Justice Innovation Guidelines were specifically proposed in the 21st Century Practice Task Force Work Product, resulting in an initial draft of the guidelines. The JI Guidelines Committee took the initial draft and made significant edits, incorporating recent developments on the national level. The significant work product of the Justice Innovation Guidelines is currently being reviewed by the Delivery of Legal Services for All Special Committee for its anticipated support. The principles proposed in the JI Guidelines will provide guidance to all justice system stakeholders who develop or implement new efficiencies or innovation to ensure the promotion of fairness, efficacy, and efficiency of justice system innovations and to assure that the rights and needs of justice system users are respected and preserved.

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In-Person with Telephone Access	11-07-2018	Lansing & Detroit
Description Review committee structure and BOC's oversight role to ensure SBM Strategic Plan compliance. Review delivery of pro bono in Michigan, aspirational pro bono goals, and recognition tools. Discuss I & I prioritized projects.		
Meeting Type Telephone	03.06.2018	N/A
Description Report on current progress and next steps for associated workgroup and committees. Discuss and review proposed amendments to MCR 2.002. Encourage member engagement in Access to Justice Initiative (ATJI) committees.		
Meeting Type Telephone	06.05.2018	N/A
Description At this meeting, the ATJI will review annual reports and assess progress.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Review volunteer applications and suggest members for ATJI and associated workgroups and committees, poll for meeting dates, work with co-chairs to draft agendas, organize meetings, provide meeting materials, draft minutes, coordinate in-person meetings and teleconferences, and draft Annual Report. In addition to SBM staff, two law student interns also support the work of the ATJI.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>The I &amp; I Steering Committee prioritized the Delivery Committee's ongoing and new work for the bar year. The Delivery Committee in turn prioritized the work of the ATJI and assessed whether goals of Strategic Plan are being met. The ATJI included many of the ongoing projects on the old Pro Bono Initiative, as well as the newly formed Consistent Fee Waiver Workgroup which will proposed needed amendment to MCR 2.002.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>MI Free Legal Answers continues to expand and is now serving all low-income clients in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Low-income clients post legal questions to the MI Free Legal Answers website and pro bono attorneys answer their questions. Clients in need of more help than can be provided through the website are provided with additional information or referred to an appropriate legal aid provider.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>The 2017 John W. Cummiskey Award was presented to attorney Robert Treat of QDRO Express, a member of the State Bar's QDRO Pro Bono Program, at the SBM Annual Awards Dinner at the SBM Next Conference. The award included a \$3,000 stipend payable to Lakeshore Legal Aid and the Michigan Advocacy Program per Mr. Treat's request.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>The Ninth Annual October as Pro Bono Month Celebration occurred in 2017, which included about 60 events throughout Michigan during the Pro Bono Month 2017 season. The Pro Bono Month website included a list of upcoming pro bono month events, talking points, a sample speech, and many other resources.</p> <p>The State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan State Bar Foundation worked together to plan the annual ABA Day event in Washington, D.C. The Michigan delegation will talk with members of Congress about the tremendous need and benefits of increased funding for LSC and civil legal services for the poor.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>The Tenth Annual Spring Pro Bono Workshop is slated for May 22, 2018 at the State Bar building. Since January, a workgroup has been hard at work planning sessions designed to encourage interactive discussions amongst attendees, with increased opportunities for attendees to network to discuss strategies for increasing pro bono legal services in Michigan.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>

**Future Goals and Activities:**

The ATJI will continue to develop, recommend, and implement programs to benefit underserved populations in Michigan through innovative programs that include MI Free Legal Answers, the Pro Bono Workshop, Celebrate Pro Bono Month, the Tax Pro Bono Program, the QDRO Pro Bono Program, and the Patent Pro Bono Project. The ATJI will also continue to work to increase resources for civil legal aid providers and the provision of pro bono legal services.

**Other Information:**

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The Consistent Fee Waiver Workgroup's Annual Report.

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### Consistent Fee Waiver

Jurisdiction: Identify possible solutions to the problems created by the lack of a statewide standard for indigency when litigants and lawyers request waiver of fees in civil and, if appropriate, criminal, matter

#### Member

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Telephone	11-21-2017	N/A
Description	First meeting of the Workgroup. Review Fee Waiver memo, examples of fee waiver inconsistencies throughout the state, state and federal case law, Michigan court rules and legislation, and identify next steps.	
Meeting Type Telephone	12-19-2017	N/A
Description	Identify and discuss necessary amendments to MCR 2.002, identify interested stakeholders, strategies for stakeholder buy-in, and identify next steps.	
Meeting Type Telephone	01-03-2018	N/A
Description	Review current version of draft rule, identify and discuss additional amendments, discuss cover memo, and plan outreach to stakeholders.	
Meeting Type Telephone	01-24-2018	N/A
Description	Review current version of draft rule, cover memo approved by e-vote before meeting, discuss initial stakeholder reaction, coordinate additional stakeholder outreach, and identify next steps.	
Meeting Type Telephone	02-21-2018	N/A
Description	Review current version of the draft rule, review and discuss stakeholder feedback, and plan strategy for RA submission for its April 21st meeting.	
Meeting Type Telephone	03-06-2018	N/A
Description	Review the almost final draft rule and discuss additional stakeholder feedback received.	

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Review committee applications and suggest members for Consistent Fee Waiver Workgroup, poll for meeting dates, work with chair to draft agendas, organize meetings, provide teleconference facilitation, provide meeting materials, draft minutes, draft detailed memos, and draft Annual Report.

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<p>The Consistent Fee Waiver Workgroup is a short-term and fast-acting workgroup that hit the ground running to propose and implement needed amendments to MCR 2.002 and the consistent treatment of fee waivers in courts throughout Michigan. The draft rule proposed by the workgroup was circulated to a broad group of stakeholders for feedback. The workgroup considered all feedback received and amended the draft rule as appropriate.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>The draft rule was submitted to the Representative Assembly for consideration and anticipated support at its April 21, 2018, meeting.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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Proposed amendments to MCR 2.002 were submitted to the Representative Assembly for consideration at its April 21, 2018. Workgroup members invested countless hours reviewing the need for and drafting amendments to the current court rule, requesting feedback and suggested edits from a diverse group of stakeholders, and ultimately submitting the proposal to the Representative Assembly.

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### Affordable Legal Services

- Jurisdiction:
- Review and recommend innovative practices to provide low-cost legal services and evaluate efforts to expand access to affordable legal services for persons of modest means, including low bono services.
  - Explore development of non-profit law firms and sliding scale civil legal services.
  - Evaluate and recommend programs to increase online dispute resolution and alternative dispute resolution services.
  - Explore cases to remove from judicial process.
  - Explore alternative fee agreements.

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type First meeting of Affordable Legal Services Initiative Description	11.30.2017	State Bar building
Meeting Type Second meeting of Affordable Legal Services Initiative Description	03.09.2018	Teleconference
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Review committee applications and suggest members for Affordable Legal, arrange appointments, poll for meeting dates, work with chair to draft agendas and organize meetings, provide materials, draft minutes, draft Annual Report. Attend to in-person venue needs and teleconference facilitation.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>Review new committee structure and Strategic Plan. Review priorities for initiative work as identified by Implementation &amp; Innovation Steering Committee to be limited scope representation, modest means, and online dispute resolution/alternative dispute resolution. Receive report and update from SCAO ADR staff. Establish Limited Scope Representation Work Group with four subcommittees, and Modest Means Work Group.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Receive updates from Modest Means and Limited Scope Work Groups. See annual reports from those groups, attached.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**Future Goals and Activities:**

Continue to prioritize Limited Scope Representation Implementation and development of Modest Means program. Look for opportunities and resources to focus on ODR/ADR project.

**Other Information:**

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See report of Limited Scope Representation Implementation, attached.

See report of Modest Means Work Group, attached.

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P67570 Elizabeth A. Kitchen-Troop, Ann Arbor  
P58021 Ashley E. Lowe, Pontiac  
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#### Michigan Judges Association Member

P38700 Hon. Janice K. Cunningham, Charlotte  
P45170 Hon. Michelle M. Rick, Saint Johns

#### Michigan Probate Judges Association Member

P47932 Hon. Benjamin T. Bolser, Atlanta

#### Michigan Court Administrators Association

P52965 Melissa M. King, Roseville

#### Michigan District Judges Association Member

P55928 Hon. Cylenthia LaToye Miller, Detroit

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Meeting Type First Meeting of Limited Scope Representation Implementation Work Group	02.09.2018	Teleconference
Description Review charge and jurisdiction, introduce all members and interest in work, review work to date including LSR video and LSR Alert email subscriptions and article posted to website. Review intersection with modest means work		
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Work with LSR transition group to prepare transition memo and otherwise keep project moving while implementation work group is assembled; draft communications to membership via Today, create training video, article, and LSR Alerts email group. Write messages for email group. Poll Affordable Legal Services Initiative members and review committee applications to identify members and chair of LSR Implementation work group, poll for meeting dates, work with chair to draft agenda and organize meetings, provide materials, draft minutes, draft Annual Report. Poll work group members for interest in four subcommittees; establish subcommittees and chairs, organize meetings of the four subcommittees.

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<p>Conduct first meeting and receive history of work and implementation to date of new rules adopted by Michigan Supreme Court and effective January 1, 2018. Understand and coordinate work of ICLE in this area. Create four subcommittees to address forms, education, LSR panels, evaluation. Receive information to understand triage and online legal marketplace. Review new LSR rules and sample forms.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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The Limited Scope Representation Implementation Work Group formed four subcommittees to achieve its goals. Those are listed below. First meetings are just underway as this report is written, a note of the meeting date for each is included.

Forms - Sample forms, checklists, engagement and end of representation letters.

First meeting March 28, 2018

Angela Tripp CHAIR

Kerlyne A. Pinkins

Kim Breitmeyer (2 appts.)

Shannon Lucas (2 appts.)

Elizabeth Madigan (2 appts.)

Elizabeth Kitchen Troop

Bert Whitehead

Staff: Candace Crowley

JoAnn Hathaway

Education - Forums and supports for lawyers, judges and the public

First meeting March 21, second meeting set for April 9, 2018

Judge C. L. Miller CHAIR

Kimberly Jones

Erika Davis

Ashley Lowe (2 appts.)

Judge Bolser

Dan Conklin

Rebekah P. Gourley

Shannon Lucas (2 appts.)

Angela Tripp

Judge Caprathe (2 appts.)

eliza q. perez-ollin (2 appts.)

Hon. Michelle Rick

Staff: Darin Day

Candace Crowley

Formation of LSR Panel/Groups - Recommendations regarding formation of LSR panels or LRS section and possible referral mechanisms

First meeting March 28, 2018

Kim Breitmeyer CHAIR

Wendy Cooper (2 appts.)

Elizabeth Madigan (2 appts.)

Melissa King

Rob Willis

Eliza q.perez ollin (2 appts.)

John Reed, Lawyer Referral Service Initiative

Staff: Candace Crowley

TBD

Evaluation - Evaluation tools

First meeting set for April 4

Deborah Hughes CHAIR

Wendy Cooper (2 appts)

Ashley Lowe (2 appts.)

Judge Bolser

Judge Caprathe (2 appts)

Staff: Rob Mathis

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### Modest Means Implementation

**Jurisdiction:** Develop the Modest Means module of the online marketplace/lawyer referral service especially by identifying new practice areas and flat rate services, and identifying methods of recruiting lawyers as panel members.

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#### State Bar Liaison

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type First Meeting of Modest Means Work Group	12.11.2017	Teleconference
Description Chair Liz Troop emphasized importance of work to develop modestmeans practices in Michigan. Staff introduced the pilot program to be implemented in the State Bar Lawyer Referral Service program.		
Meeting Type Meeting of Modest Means Work Group	01.29.2018	Teleconference
Description Encourage familiarity with State Bar pilot program. Welcome new members from Real Property and Probate Section. Question whether 200% eligibility guideline actually reaches the target population.		
Meeting Type Meeting of Modest Means Work Group	02.22.2018	Teleconference
Description Reviewed progress of pilot project and news that Counsel and Advocacy Law Line will begin referring callers legal aid programs are not able to assist. Continued to explore possible new areas of practice and flat/reduced rates.		
Meeting Type Meeting of Modest Means Work Group	04.03.2018	Teleconference
Description Welcome new members from Family Law. Continue discussion of whether criminal law is appropriate for modest means services. Discuss options for obtaining section input on case types and possible flat/reduced rates.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Work as State Bar staff team to create and launch Lawyer Referral Service pilot project implementing recommendations of original modest means work group.

Poll Affordable Legal Services Initiative members and review committee applications to identify members and chair of implementation group, poll for meeting dates, work with chair to draft agendas and organize meetings, provide materials, draft minutes, draft Annual Report.

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### Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

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<p>Review and understand State Bar Lawyer Referral Service pilot modest means program that includes family law work at \$75 per hour with a ten hour retainer, and simple Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases at a \$500 flat fee. Income eligibility for pilot set at 200% of poverty and \$5,000 of assets; service provided in this range qualify as pro bono services. Assess pilot project. Identify additional voices to include in work group, including sections whose work is likely amenable to modest means legal services.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Determine how to expand beyond the family law and bankruptcy areas, and determine rates. Assess whether criminal law work is appropriate for modest means. Review Law Practice Economics update to assist in identifying fees. Assign section representatives to talk with Probate, Real Property, Solo &amp; Small Firm sections of possible areas of expansion. Explore possibility of adding expungement and driver's license restoration cases.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Assess intersection of this work and the new limited scope representation rules.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Help communicate about the pilot program, draft message to send to affinity bar associations. Use SBM Today communication for this purpose.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Identify methods of recruiting lawyers as modest means panel members.</p>	<div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>

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State Bar of Michigan  
 Modest Means Lawyer Referral Service Pilot Program  
 Overview statement developed by work group  
 December 19, 2017

The Modest Means Program is a State Bar of Michigan pilot program that targets clients who can't afford an attorney at the current market rate but who can pay a reduced rate to a Modest Means participating attorney. To begin, this program will operate through the Bar's Lawyer Referral Service and focus on family law and Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases, with an eye on expansion into many other areas of practice. To qualify, a participant must earn at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines to receive a referral to a modest means family law attorney at the reduced hourly rate of \$75/hour with a retainer of \$750. The same income level is used to qualify for a Chapter 7 bankruptcy at a flat fee of \$500. The hope of the State Bar is to bridge the gap between clients qualifying for legal aid services or other programs for low-income people and those that can pay market rate for an attorney. Besides serving the needs of the public, this program will permit attorneys to satisfy the State Bar's Voluntary Pro Bono Standard. This program will also provide an opportunity for newer attorneys (to the practice or even just the particular practice area) to gain more experience, build rapport with other lawyers, judges, and clerks, and improve their skills, while representing a greatly underserved area of the population in our State. It provides an opportunity for more experienced lawyers to break into a new practice area, with new clientele. For each group, it provides the potential for income and is a good way to give back to the community.

Additional note: This work group continues to look for additional case types and possible flat/reduced fee rates.

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### Lawyer Referral Service Steering

Jurisdiction:     · Review and recommend programs to ensure knowledge of and access to lawyer referral services.  
                           · Review and recommend information to help consumers understand options and access to legal services.  
                           · Enhanced Directory/Online Marketplace.

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In person meeting of Lawyer Referral Steering Committee	April 21, 2017	State Bar of Michigan
Description Report of progress and key developments of lawyer referral pilot project Discussion of fields of practice changes Modest means program update		
Meeting Type In person meeting of Lawyer Referral Steering Committee	July 21, 2017	State Bar of Michigan
Description Report of the data - what we are learning from the pilot Report and discussion of what we are hearing from consumers Discussion and input from committee about attorney campaign to fill gaps in coverage		
Meeting Type In person meeting of Lawyer Referral Steering Committee	November 17, 2018	State Bar of Michigan
Description LRS Pilot update Online platform tech build update Modest mens program - committee recommendation on fees policies		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Staff - Laurin Thomas  
Anne Vrooman  
Janet Welch

Set agenda and organize meeting logistics

The Lawyer Referral Steering Committee has a very specific objective - to provide input and feedback on the development of the online public referral and resource center - and in particular the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<p>Recommendations regarding policies for Lawyer Referral Service Pilot Project including the collaborative triage development with Michigan Legal Help.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Recommendations regarding policies for Modest Means Programs as implemented into Lawyer Referral Service</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
<p>Recommendations regarding the vision for a consumer oriented lawyer referral system that results in better matches between consumers and panel attorneys, and provides information about resources for all people seeking assistance for a legal matter.</p>	<div> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6         </div> <div>Reset Section</div>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

Continuation of lawyer referral service pilot program, expanding service.

Integration of limited scope representation to the lawyer referral service.

Implementation of online platform that includes lawyer referral so that most consumer and attorney functions can be completed online.



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### Diversity and Inclusion Advisory

- Jurisdiction:
- Develop concepts for recognizing best practices and exceptional achievements, including the Affinity Bar Summit and Brunch for Bars.
  - Identify the most effective and efficient means of assuring a diverse and inclusive voice in all State Bar of Michigan work.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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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**State Bar Liaison Assistant**

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<b>Meeting Type: Diversity and Inclusion Meeting</b>	<b>6/27/17</b>	<b>Teleconference</b>
Description: Phone conference to discuss pertinent agenda items and move work forward regarding programming at the Next Conference.		
<b>Meeting Type: Diversity and Inclusion Meeting</b>	<b>9/12/17</b>	<b>Detroit</b>
Description: Discussed pertinent agenda items with a focus on the Next Program on Legal Issues in Middle Eastern Communities.		
<b>Meeting Type: Diversity and Inclusion joint meeting with Delivery of Legal Services</b>	<b>10/23/17</b>	<b>Lansing, SBM</b>
Description: Introductory discussion to the new committee structure and how we can collaborate our diversity work with the delivery of legal services group. Identified overlapping issues and interests.		
<b>Meeting Type: Workgroup teleconferences for Truth Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT), Legal Education, and 360 Implementation Workgroup</b>	<b>11/29/17</b>	<b>Teleconference</b>
<b>Meeting Type: Diversity and Inclusion Meeting</b>	<b>1/25/18</b>	<b>Detroit</b>
Description: Discussion of pertinent agenda items regarding upcoming programming and worked from work grids from each workgroup. Identified our areas of focus for the year.		
<b>Meeting Type: 360 Implementation Workgroup Meeting</b>	<b>2/16/18</b>	<b>Teleconference</b>
<b>Meeting Type: TRHT and Committees, and Sections, and Bars Workgroups Meetings</b>	<b>2/21/18</b>	<b>Teleconference</b>
<b>Meeting Type: Diversity and Inclusion Meeting</b>	<b>3/7/2018</b>	<b>Detroit, UDM</b>
Description: Met to discuss pertinent agenda items and had law students join us for lunch. Discussed law students' role in our work and how they can be involved moving forward.		
<b>Meeting Type: Special meeting with TRHT and the MSU Law Review Symposium Team</b>	<b>3/14/18</b>	<b>Lansing, SBM</b>
Description: Met to discuss TRHT collaborations around the state and gain understanding of what is being done as well as identify ways to move the work forward.		
<b>Meeting Type: April Workgroup Meetings</b>		<b>Teleconferences</b>
<b>Meeting Type: Diversity and Inclusion Meeting</b>	<b>5/9/18</b>	<b>Ann Arbor</b>

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

Resources used: Administrative and budget support for meetings and programming.

**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

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<b>Face of Justice Program-</b> The Face of Justice is a program that allows high school students to visit the Supreme Court, tour the education center, and the chance to network with professionals in the legal system. This year's program for the Lansing School District was October 30, 2017 and we are working with the Flint School District to get their students to Lansing as well. Discussions also in place to work with other groups looking for similar opportunities.	Goal 1: s4 Goal 2: S4, S5, S6 Goal 3: S6 Goal 4: S4
<b>Brunch for Bars-</b> An annual program that gathers all of the affinity bar associations to improve diversity and inclusion of the profession. Traditionally held the morning after the Barristers Ball. This year's topic is Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation. To be held April 8, 2018.	Goal 1: S2, S4 Goal 2: S4 Goal 3: S4, S6
<b>Affinity Bar Summit-</b> An annual program (hoped to be) to discuss and engage bar associations in timely topics of the profession. To aid in collaboration and increasing diversity in the profession. This year we will be discussing community visioning around truth, racial healing, and transformation. To be held September 15, 2018	Goal 1: S2, S4 Goal 2: S4, S5 Goal 3: S4, S6
<b>Implicit Bias Training-</b> Training on implicit bias. We have presented this several times and we will continue to dig deeper into the training. We are looking to hold a training this fall for public lawyers (county prosecutors/defense counsel, Wayne co. attorney training program, SADO) and small/solo attorneys.	Goal 1: S1, S2, S4 Goal 2: S4 Goal 3: S4, S6
<b>Celebrating Diversity Reception at Next Conference-</b> The Diversity Reception is a social networking opportunity to celebrate diversity in the profession. Co-hosted by DIAC. This year is Next Conference is in Grand Rapids	Goal 1: S4 Goal 3: S6
<b>Pipeline Program Guide-</b> Print publication put together with assistance from the Legal Education Workgroup. Contains pipeline programs for students interested in the legal profession as well as scholarships and opportunities for law school students.	Goal 1: S4 Goal 2: S1, S4, S5 Goal 3: S6 Goal 4: S4
<b>Lunch with Lawyers-</b> At the March Diversity meeting we offered opportunity to UDM Law students to join us for lunch to discuss law student diversity issues and their involvement in the Bar. It was an excellent opportunity for us to learn about their law student organizations and the activities they are involved with surrounding diversity.	Goal 1: S4 Goal 3: S6
<b>Legal Issues in Middle Eastern Communities-</b> Program presented at the September 2017 Next Conference to examine legal issues facing communities of Middle Eastern origin. Panelists included: Dr. Agustin V. Arbulu, Khaled A. Beydoun, F. Donna Bazzi, ESQ., with Moderator- Zenna F. Elhasan	Goal 1: S2, S4 Goal 3: S6

**Future Goals and Activities:**

We are looking at other possible programming for the year that is yet to be determined. Some ideas are listed below:

- Possible collaboration with Sections on immigration policy impact on state courts the Next Conference.
- Face of Justice Program collaborations with law school student associations and high schools (via board of education and associations).
- Follow up programming on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation work.
- Additional Blind spots training with focus on specific populations.
- Jury instruction project.

**Other Information:**

Operating Workgroups include:

- Truth, Racial Healing, & Transformation (TRHT) Workgroup
- ABA 360 Implementation Workgroup
- Legal Education Workgroup
- Committees, Sections and Bars Workgroup.

Workgroups meet in the months that the full committee does not convene. They work on tasks related to their specific work and report back at the committee meetings of the whole. Workgroup meetings are teleconferences.

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Chair	X	Hon. Cynthia Stephens
Co-chair	X	Dan Levy
Staff Liaison	X	Gregory Conyers
Other		

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### Law School Deans

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

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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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Scheduling of meeting and preparing agenda for the meeting.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

A meeting in May 2018 is in the planning stages.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

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Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		Janet Welch
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### Past Presidents' Advisory Council

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

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P19451	Wallace D. Riley, Grosse Pointe Farms
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#### State Bar Liaison

P42091 Janet K. Welch, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Business Meeting	9-28-2018	Cobo Hall, Detroit
Description The committee met and were informed about the new SBM strategic plan and committee restructuring.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Staff developed the meeting agenda, secured a room for the meeting, and communicated meeting arrangements to the members. Staff also ordered refreshments and provided tickets for the members to attend the Inaugural luncheon.

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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

**Other Information:**

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**Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies as charged to the committee for fulfillment:**

Please use this page while filling out the activities, goals and information pages following.

☐ **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.**

- ☐ Strategy 1: Helping new lawyers to be practice ready
- ☐ Strategy 2: Supporting each active member's professional competence and continuing professional development
- ☐ Strategy 3: Engaging members in learning about and implementing innovative delivery methods
- ☐ Strategy 4: Promoting greater member engagement to connect members with the bar, its resources and each other

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

- ☐ Strategy 1: Creating and maintaining an accessible, coordinated online foundation of legal resources for the public
- ☐ Strategy 2: Creating and maintaining greater public awareness and competence around legal issues that affect them
- ☐ Strategy 3: Expanding opportunities for SBM members to participate in access to justice initiatives through traditional means including pro bono and by partnering with public service organizations, local and affinity bars
- ☐ Strategy 4: Encouraging improved diversity and inclusion of the profession as a fundamental component of the public's respect for the rule of law and confidence and trust in the justice system
- ☐ Strategy 5: Expanding collaboration with professional organizations and communities outside of the legal community
- ☐ Strategy 6: Providing timely, targeted messages to promote understanding of the rule of law and role of judiciary and the legal profession

☐ **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.**

- ☐ Strategy 1: Working with our partners to effectively regulate the legal profession in Michigan
- ☐ Strategy 2: Educating members on ethical rules and regulations
- ☐ Strategy 3: Reviewing ethical rules and regulation, and adapting them to eliminate barriers to innovation
- ☐ Strategy 4: Conducting research and development that promotes innovation and forecasts change
- ☐ Strategy 5: Pursuing permissible and achievable public policy goals, while minimizing divisiveness and encouraging member input and diverse points of view on public policy issues
- ☐ Strategy 6: Promoting respect for diversity as an important element of professionalism

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

- ☐ Strategy 1: Developing governance, member and administrative structures that provide for broad-based decision making and timely action
- ☐ Strategy 2: Employing practices that strengthen the State Bar of Michigan's fiscal position and responsible use of resources
- ☐ Strategy 3: Ensuring the technology infrastructure follows best business practices and is poised to meet the future needs of members and the State Bar of Michigan
- ☐ Strategy 4: Targeting the State Bar of Michigan's communications to build awareness of bar programs and initiatives among members and the recipient community