

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.

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

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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.
- 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.

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| <p>COURT RULES 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 2015-26: notice of child support obligations when parent voluntarily terminates rights; -- ADM 2016-13: transcripts for indigents in termination of parental rights (TPR) proceedings; -- ADM 2016-25: appellate appendices; -- ADM 2017-08: requiring complete transcripts to be provided in criminal and TPR appeals; -- ADM 2017-18: making juvenile guardianship information public;</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 style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p> |
| <p>-- ADM 2017-19: child protective mediation procedures; -- ADM 2014-36: reflecting changes to the MAACS process; -- ADM 2016-07: clarifying criminal process to protect defendants represented by assigned counsel; and -- ADM 2016-42: creating prison-mailbox rule to post-sentencing motions;</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 style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p> |
| <p>LEGISLATION The committee reviewed a number of legislative policy items, including: -- HB 4433: expedited juvenile expungement procedures; -- HB 5244 and 5246: competency examination process; and -- SB 771, 772, 775 and 776: extending statutes of limitations for criminal sexual assault against minors.</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 style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p> |
| <p>OTHER POLICY ITEMS 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 style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p> |
| <p>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS In addition, committee members participated in Michigan Supreme Court public administrative hearings, including: -- addressing access to justice concerns with the Court's proposed amendment to the e-filing rules in ADM 2002-37; and -- addressing access, domestic abuse, and procedural concerns with proposed rules concerning child protective mediation.</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 style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</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 |
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| Chair | 3/28/18 | Lorray S.C. Brown |
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| Other | | |

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