

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.

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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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

**Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

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

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

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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Future Goals and Activities:

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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