

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2014-2015 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 subentity 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 subentity.

Committee Name: American Indian Law

Jurisdiction: · Review issues of American Indian law, focusing on the relationship between tribal courts, state courts, and federal courts, and on the promotion of positive relationships between the lawyers of Michigan and the American Indian Community.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

The committee meets the first Friday of the month via teleconference.

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

Phone conference capabilities, meeting space for June meeting, assistance from Gregory Conyers.

Committee Activities: Monthly meetings, monitoring or compliance with ICWA, MIFPA, and court rule changes to implement MIFPA. Reaching out to Tribes and Bar Associations where Tribal Courts are located.

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Updates on appellate court cases and the Tribal, State, Federal Judicial Forum.

Future Goals and Activities: Continue to monitor court rules and cases regarding ICWA and MIFPA; build a relationship with the tribal and state courts in reservation areas.

Other Information: