

## State Bar of Michigan | 2016-2017 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.*

### American Indian Law

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

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

*\*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Meeting Type Monthly phone conference and once a year in person.	Monthly	Phone, and Mackinac
Description Phone conference regarding current issues.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Phone conference capabilities, meeting space for one in person meeting, assistance of Gregory Conyers.

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**Committee Activities:**

Monthly meetings, monitoring or compliance with ICWA, MIFPA, and court rule changes to implement MIFPA.

Presentation of proposed amendment to court rule.

Development and presentation of training on VAWA and TOLA.

Working with the Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum regarding competing Tribal and State Court Orders.

Reaching out to Tribes and Bar Associations where Tribal Courts are located.

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

**Future Goals and Activities:**

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

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

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

**Other Information:**

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

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair		
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		
Other		

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