

# 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.*

## **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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#### Term Ending: 2018

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#### 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.

*\*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type	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:**

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

<p>Goals: 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 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:**

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

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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