

**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: Bar Leadership Forum Liaison Advisory Committee

Jurisdiction: Provide assistance developing an annual leadership training seminar for affinity bars and section chairs. Consider additional leadership programs as appropriate.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

2/13/15 – Committee teleconference. Review 2014 BLF evaluation results and planning session for 2015 BLF topics.

4/23/15 – Scholarship Sub-committee teleconference. Review scholarship applications and determine recipients.

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

The State Bar staff provides all of the coordination of the meetings, preparation of meeting minutes, preparation of notices to be sent, as well as the preparation of the brochure, registration forms, and staffing at the event. Staff also drafts the program content and suggests possible speakers for review by the committee. Staff members coordinate the sending of the forms and retrieval of the information as well as preparing statistics for review by the committee. Staff also coordinates and assists at the Grand Hotel with the room reservations as well as the registration for the event itself and any other events associated therewith.

Committee Activities:

The committee met on February 13, 2015 to discuss the results of the 2014 event evaluations and prepare for the event in 2015. They discussed the survey results, noting that two topics clearly stood out: 1) getting people to do things, and 2) the future of law practice. Jeffrey Cufaude has been invited as the keynote speaker to address a topic on the future of law practice. The committee also discussed and approved suggestions for panel breakouts for Saturday's sessions.

The scholarship sub-committee met on April 23, 2015 to discuss and review the scholarship applications. We received twenty three applications and were able to award thirteen scholarships – three from the Cohn Bar Excellence Program (supported by the Michigan State Bar Foundation Irwin I. Cohn Endowment Fund) and ten on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan.

Future Goals and Activities:

To continue to provide quality leadership education and materials to affinity bar leaders and section chairs at a location that promotes participation at the greatest level with our available resources.

Other Information: