

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.

Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice

Jurisdiction: · Review proposed court rules and statutes related to criminal procedure and practice in state courts and make recommendations concerning improvements in the operation of criminal law and procedure to promote the fair and efficient administration of criminal justice, including the establishment and operation of systems for the representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses.

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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 Regularly scheduled meeting	5/19/16	306 Townsend Street
Description		
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting	11/4/16	Teleconference
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Meeting Type Specially scheduled meeting to discuss matters in advance of Board	12/2/16	Teleconference
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Meeting Type Specially scheduled meeting to discuss matters in advance of Executive Committee	2/10/17	306 Townsend Street
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee receives administrative support from State Bar staff, as well as financial support from the State Bar budget.

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Committee Activities:

From May 2016 to February 2017, the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee reviewed two pieces of legislation, three proposed court rule amendments, and ten model criminal jury instruction proposals.

This Committee has recently (within the last year) taken the initiative to review and discuss proposed model criminal jury instructions posted by Michigan Supreme Court Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions at

<http://courts.mi.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/criminal-jury-instructions/Pages/Proposals%20Published%20for%20Comment.aspx>. The Committee is, at this time, the only State Bar entity that reviews these instructions and presents recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Most of the Committee's recommended edits on the proposals have been adopted by the Board.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee will continue to review proposed court rule amendments and legislation that fall under its jurisdiction. The Committee expects to meet in April, May, and June.

The Committee is also exploring working on a proposal with the Criminal Issues Initiative to present a proposal to the Representative Assembly at its September 28, 2017 meeting.

Other Information:

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair	yes	Nimish Ganatra
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Staff Liaison	yes	Peter Cunningham
Other		

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