

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.

Client Protection Fund

- Jurisdiction:
- Make recommendations concerning the Client Protection Fund, including reimbursement of claims authorized by the Board of Commissioners, revision of rules and policies, and subrogation actions to recoup monies paid from the Fund.
 - Review and recommend loss prevention measures to minimize claims and public loss.

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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 Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting. Description	May 11, 2017	Lansing, Michigan
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting. Description	August 3, 2017	Lansing, Michigan
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting. Description	November 2, 2017	Lansing, Michigan
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting. Description	February 1, 2018	Southfield, Michigan
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The State Bar provides a paralegal with primary responsibility for claims administration, a legal secretary who provides administrative support, and staff counsel who provides legal services and manages the State Bar’s CPF Department. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverages for meetings, SBM Connect, teleconference services, meeting materials, document production services, and financial management of the Fund. For public education, State Bar staff provides informational pamphlets to court administrators as requested to educate the public on how to find a lawyer and general information about the Fund. Additionally, State Bar staff assists in and manages subrogation activities, working with outside counsel to recoup some of the money paid by the Fund.

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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>The CPF Committee reviewed claim reports prepared by staff, determined whether claims should be recommended for approval or denial, and made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners' Professional Standards Committee regarding approval or denial of the claim and the reimbursement amount, if any.</p> <p>Complete Claims Activity: For the period April 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018, a total of 247 claims were processed, which consisted of 108 new claims and 139 claims which were pending at the beginning of this period. One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) claims remain pending.</p> <p>The CPF Standing Committee reviewed 81 claims during this time period. Seventeen claims were denied and 11 withdrawn. Sixty-Nine claims totaling \$876,131.32 were approved by the Board of Commissioners and paid and 15 claims totaling \$456,221.69 are pending review by the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
<p>CPF Rule Review - The CPF Committee has formed two subcommittees to review CPF Rule 10(A) as it pertains to providing claimants with a "smart" application while addressing current shortcomings and Rule 10(D) as it relates to attorney fees paid for representation in CPF matters.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
<p>Policy Review - The CPF Committee has formed three subcommittees to review the policies and rules as they relate to consequential or incidental damages; ADB/AGC final determination policy; and requiring a claimant to file a police report if allegations of embezzlement. Each subcommittee discussed the subject matter by conference call and drafted recommendations to be presented to the Committee at its May 2018 meeting.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
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REPORT Future Goals and Activities:

The CPF Committee seeks to implement a new portal, similar to Character and Fitness, that will allow staff to streamline all processes, including notifications to Claimants, Respondents, and disciplinary authorities to advance Goal 4, Strategy 1, 2, and 3.

The CPF Committee will form a subgroup focused on promotion and marketing of the Fund to advance Goal 2 and Goal 4, Strategy 4.

The CPF Committee will reach out to the ABA to facilitate an audit of our CPF processes to advance Goal 4, Strategy 1 and 2.

The CPF Committee will form a subgroup to research potential implementation of ABA recommended client protection initiatives to advance Goal 4, Strategy 2.

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.

The payee notification workgroup is well underway, its report will follow.

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Co-chair	3/30/2018	Mark L. Teicher
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Other		

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