

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.

Consistent Fee Waiver

Jurisdiction: Identify possible solutions to the problems created by the lack of a statewide standard for indigency when litigants and lawyers request waiver of fees in civil and, if appropriate, criminal, matter

Member

Term Ending: 2018

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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 Telephone	11-21-2017	N/A
Description	First meeting of the Workgroup. Review Fee Waiver memo, examples of fee waiver inconsistencies throughout the state, state and federal case law, Michigan court rules and legislation, and identify next steps.	
Meeting Type Telephone	12-19-2017	N/A
Description	Identify and discuss necessary amendments to MCR 2.002, identify interested stakeholders, strategies for stakeholder buy-in, and identify next steps.	
Meeting Type Telephone	01-03-2018	N/A
Description	Review current version of draft rule, identify and discuss additional amendments, discuss cover memo, and plan outreach to stakeholders.	
Meeting Type Telephone	01-24-2018	N/A
Description	Review current version of draft rule, cover memo approved by e-vote before meeting, discuss initial stakeholder reaction, coordinate additional stakeholder outreach, and identify next steps.	
Meeting Type Telephone	02-21-2018	N/A
Description	Review current version of the draft rule, review and discuss stakeholder feedback, and plan strategy for RA submission for its April 21st meeting.	
Meeting Type Telephone	03-06-2018	N/A
Description	Review the almost final draft rule and discuss additional stakeholder feedback received.	

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

Review committee applications and suggest members for Consistent Fee Waiver Workgroup, poll for meeting dates, work with chair to draft agendas, organize meetings, provide teleconference facilitation, provide meeting materials, draft minutes, draft detailed memos, and draft Annual Report.

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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 Consistent Fee Waiver Workgroup is a short-term and fast-acting workgroup that hit the ground running to propose and implement needed amendments to MCR 2.002 and the consistent treatment of fee waivers in courts throughout Michigan. The draft rule proposed by the workgroup was circulated to a broad group of stakeholders for feedback. The workgroup considered all feedback received and amended the draft rule as appropriate.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
<p>The draft rule was submitted to the Representative Assembly for consideration and anticipated support at its April 21, 2018, meeting.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
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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.

Proposed amendments to MCR 2.002 were submitted to the Representative Assembly for consideration at its April 21, 2018. Workgroup members invested countless hours reviewing the need for and drafting amendments to the current court rule, requesting feedback and suggested edits from a diverse group of stakeholders, and ultimately submitting the proposal to the Representative Assembly.

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair	X	Bob Gillett
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	X	Candace Crowley, Alecia Ruswinckel, & Robert Mathis
Other		

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