

# 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.*

## Judicial Ethics

Jurisdiction: · Prepare written opinions on ethical conduct of judges at the request of the State Bar President, Board of Commissioners, Representative Assembly, Attorney Discipline Board, Attorney Grievance Commission, Executive Director, individual members of the State Bar inquiring about their own contemplated conduct, or on its own initiative.  
· Recommend amendments to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct and other standards of professional conduct, and review proposed amendments.

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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 meeting Description Discussion of unique ethics inquiries and direction to staff to provide an oral advisory opinion to each inquirer. The Committee also discussed possible amendments regarding political campaign donations.	June 16, 2017	Teleconference
Meeting Type Regularly scheduled meeting Description Discussed ways to increase awareness of the ethics of handling excess judicial campaign committee funds, proposed amendments to Canons 3 and 7 on public comments by judges, and ABA Formal Opinion on Internet searches by judges.	March 16, 2018	State Bar Meeting Room
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

The State Bar provides staff support for the work of the Committee through three staff counsel and the administrative assistance of a legal secretary. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, SBM Connect, teleconferencing services, meeting materials, document production services, and other ethics resources as needed to support the work of the Committee.

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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 Committee is focused on ways to enhance awareness of the FAQs that it prepared on judicial campaigns. The Committee is also considering additional options for increasing judicial awareness regarding the ethical use of the Internet and social media. The Committee continues to remain informed regarding proposed amendments to the Canons or legislation to make recommendations as needed.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input 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 type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input 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 type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
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**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The Committee will continue responding to opinion requests and review any opinions identified for review due to subsequent developments that may have impacted the continued appropriateness of any conclusions drawn. To the extent that the Committee's input is sought by the Board of Commissioners, the Representative Assembly, or the Supreme Court on discrete issues or projects, the Committee stands ready to respond with appropriate research and commentary.

The Committee is scheduled to meet on May 18, 2018, and July 20, 2018, to continue work on ongoing projects to address any new ethics inquiries, as needed.

**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.

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