

Judicial Ethics Committee

Fiscal Year 2021

Jurisdiction: Offer analysis and guidance concerning the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct, and, to the extent that they relate to judicial conduct in Michigan, to provisions of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct, and other applicable standards of professional conduct, as well as emerging issues of professional conduct affecting judges and judicial candidates by:

- Drafting informal opinions on judicial ethics published on the State Bar of Michigan website
- Drafting proposed formal opinions for consideration by the Board of Commissioners
- Making recommendations concerning amendments to the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct and other standards of professional conduct, on the committee's own initiative or upon request by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly
- Meeting biennially with the Judicial Tenure Commission and the leadership of the Michigan Judicial Institute
- Determining how the committee's work might interact with and support the work of the Professional Ethics, Lawyers and Judges Assistance, Character and Fitness, and Client Protection Fund committees, including through conferring and coordinating regularly with them on trends, data, insights, and metrics
- Being aware of and discussing metrics measuring the effectiveness of national and state efforts to reduce behavior leading to judicial discipline and promote civility

Note: Members are nominated by and drawn from among the membership of the Michigan Judges Association, the Michigan Probate Judges Association, the Michigan District Judges Association, the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates, the Judicial Section Council, and the Referee Association of Michigan.

Time Frame	Strategic Plan Goal/Strategy	Description of Activity
FY 2020-2021	3.2	Published Judicial Ethics Social Media FAQs, General FAQs, and added Campaign FAQs
	3.2	Published JI-146 regarding judicial gifts
	3.3	Commented on proposed MRC 9.261
FY 2021-2022 Priorities	3.2	Continue drafting Judicial Ethics Opinions and FAQs
Proposed Future Priorities	3.1	Foster a better relationship with MJJ

Recommended Committee Changes: None.

Additional Comments: None.