

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.

Justice Initiatives

- Jurisdiction: · Develop and recommend proposals for the effective delivery of high quality legal services in Michigan, equal and fair to all. This committee will include several initiatives whose activities include:
- o Analyzing and making recommendations for positions on proposed legislation, court rules, and other policies relevant to the committee's jurisdiction.
 - o Developing policies and programs to benefit underserved populations, including juveniles and those with special needs.
 - o Encouraging and coordinating free or discounted civil legal services.
 - o Raising money for and otherwise working to increase resources for civil legal aid programs.
 - o Examining collateral civil consequences of criminal convictions and representational issues in the criminal justice system.
 - o Recommend recipients of the John W. Cumiskey Award.

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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 Regular	6.15.2016	Telephone
Description	Reviewed annual report, received report from Equal Justice Conference and ATJ chairs national meeting, report on National Consortium conference and report on upcoming Justice Initiative Summit	
Meeting Type Justice Initiatives Summit	6.20.2016	State Bar of Michigan
Description	Keynote by Katherine Alteneder, coordinator of Self Represented Litigants Network, update on Michigan Legal Help online intake and triage. See report at https://www.michbar.org/file/programs/atj/pdfs/JI_2016_Summit-Report.pdf	
Meeting Type JI Kickoff - in-person	10.10.2016	State Bar of Michigan
Description	Annual meeting of all JI members in partnership with Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee members, this gathering includes an orientation for new members. The audience received remarks from Janet Welch on the importance of futures work to access, received information on the Bar's Justice for All grant proposal, a Keller review and political landscape update. Luncheon round tables included Justice Innovations Guidelines, developing JI leaders, collaborative opportunities, and more. The meetings calendar for the year was established.	
Meeting Type Regular	12.14.2016	Telephone
Description	Members received report on futures progress, strategic planning update, ABA Day conversations, modest means work group, Justice Innovations Guidelines, and limited scope representation. Reports were received from each of the initiatives, and from the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Ideas for the 2017 JI Summit were encouraged.	
Meeting Type Regular	2.15.2016	Telephone
Description	The new strategic plan was introduced, information on the Public Online Legal Resource and Referral Center, and the LRS Steering Committee was presented, an update on MI Free Legal Answers was provided, a modest means work group report was received, and an update on the Justice Innovations Guidelines was presented. Reports from the initiatives were received.	
Meeting Type		
Description	NOTE: Meetings set for April 19 and June 14 2017	

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

The State Bar provides the Committee on Justice Initiatives (CJI) with staff support and a budget to facilitate phone and in-person meetings and a wide breadth of projects. CJI is an umbrella group comprised of the co-chairs of the Pro Bono Initiative, the Equal Access Initiative, the Criminal Issues Initiative, and the Justice Policy Initiative. The executive director of the Michigan State Bar Foundation is also a CJI member. The umbrella format is a resource to coordinate the efforts and interests of those most heavily involved in the State Bar's longstanding access to justice work. It also serves to identify common and emerging areas of focus among the initiatives, and coordinate and present programming and communications for those areas. The annual report of those initiatives, including information on policy positions taken by CJI, are included with this cover report

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Committee Activities:

Activities of the committee are described in the meeting notes above. In addition, the committee provides a written report of its work to the Board of Commissioners for each Commission meeting.

Future Goals and Activities:

The Justice Initiatives community will continue to look for opportunities to expand access to justice for all through its existing initiatives and through development of recommendations in the 21st Century Practice Task Force, and the State Bar's new Strategic Plan.

Other Information:

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