

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.

Lawyers & Judges Assistance

Jurisdiction:

- Recommend and support programs and educational presentations that provide assistance to law students, lawyers, and judges regarding substance use issues, mental health issues, and general wellness.
- Review and make recommendations concerning proposed statutes and court rules affecting assistance to lawyers and judges faced with personal and professional problems related to substance use and mental health issues.

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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 Committee Meeting Description Introduced new committee members and had a discussion/brainstorming session on what the committee would like to accomplish this year. 15 members and advisors attended in person or via teleconference.	11/2/17	State Bar of Michigan
Meeting Type Committee Meeting Description Members were tasked with finding/volunteering to be peer monitors for the LJAP program as well as trying to open doors into law firms/bar associations for LJAP presentations. 11 members/advisors attended via teleconference.	2/1/18	State Bar of Michigan/Teleconference
Meeting Type Committee Meeting Description Agenda - Get updates on outreach efforts of the committee members, volunteers for the program list, and the 501c3. Assign new tasks if needed to committee members and create work groups if necessary.	5/4/18	State Bar of Michigan
Meeting Type Committee Meeting Description Agenda TBD	8/2/18	State Bar of Michigan
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The State Bar of Michigan provides the services of the Staff Liaison(s) to report on LJAP’s activities and assist in leading the meeting, reserving a room, phone and sound system for the purpose of facilitating a conference call for those committee members who cannot attend in person, a meal, administrative services by the LJAP Clinical/Administrative Assistant, email notification of scheduling of the meeting, emailing of agendas and minutes after the meeting. The State Bar of Michigan provides all administrative functions in support of the committee throughout the year.

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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>LJAC supports LJAP in outreach efforts to teach law students about healthy stress management, and the dangers of leaving substance use disorders and mental health conditions untreated. Members of the Committee make connections with legal educators and advocate for educational presentations.</p> <p>LJAC works to sponsor fun events for students and members that are alcohol free and include healthy activities.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input 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;">Reset Section</p>
<p>LJAC regularly communicates with other SBM Committees and regulatory entities about the education, information, consultation, assessments and monitoring agreements provided by LJAP to Michigan law students, lawyers and judges. An emphasis is placed on being fit to practice law, mentally and physically.</p> <p>During the past year a working group composed a communication to the Character & Fitness Committee to inform that committee of all that LJAP has to offer.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
<p>ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4 requires lawyers to obey the Rules of Professional Conduct. Substance use disorders, mental illness, and extreme stress reactions left untreated can result in lawyers violating their ethical responsibilities. LJAC through its support of LJAP provides attorneys in need of therapeutic intervention a diversion plan that can result in discipline being private and recovery being established. In this function this Committee educates about ethical rules and regulations and assists those who have been grieved to establish recovery and take responsibility for any errors they have committed.</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 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;">Reset Section</p>
<p>LJAC members serve as emissaries for the LJAP program as they go about their professional and personal lives. As they move about encountering other members of SBM they speak of the efforts supported by SBM to address the well-being of this membership. They secure speaking engagements and refer colleagues for services when needed.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>S5 <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 Lawyers & Judges Assistance Committee through the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program under Goal 1 of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan contributes to the resources provided by SBM to help new lawyers be practice ready, professionally and personally by managing stress in a healthy manner. Our educational outreach helps new lawyers recognize that help is available to them if they find themselves overwhelmed by a behavioral medicine condition. In this effort LJAP supports each new member's ability to develop professional competence.

Through its monitoring agreements and coordination of efforts with the Attorney Grievance Commission and Attorney Discipline Board LJAP contributes to the regulatory goal described in Goal 3 of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. The availability of contractual probation offers attorneys a diversion program that allows them to keep their discipline private if they successfully complete a monitoring agreement with LJAP.

It is the goal of LJAC to educate Michigan attorneys about the availability of specialized help through programming at LJAP.

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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