

## 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.*

### Law Related Education & Public Outreach

Jurisdiction: · Make recommendations concerning programs advancing lay understanding of law and the legal profession, with particular emphasis on community programs.  
 · Develop a phased implementation process for the Spring 2009 Plan developed at the Law Related Education Summit, identifying measures of success for the plan and evaluating outcomes and communicating progress annually.  
 · Recommend Michigan Legal Milestones that commemorate significant cases, events, places and people in the state's legal history.

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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 In Person/Conference Call	11.7.16	
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Meeting Type Conference Call	1.9.17	
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Meeting Type Conference Call	3.6.17	
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Meeting Type In Person/Conference Call	5.8.17	
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

This committee has four subcommittees: Michigan Legal Milestones, Law Day, Constitution Day and Law Related Education. The State Bar of Michigan provides a great deal of monetary, organizational and administrative support to the committee and its subcommittees. Such support includes:

For the Michigan Legal Milestones Subcommittee: Staff, with assistance of the subcommittee, prepares the text for the milestone plaque; orders the bronze plaque; drafts language for and designs the invitations and programs; assists the subcommittee in contacting key players, including local bar association partners, speakers, and other local dignitaries; compiles guest addresses; mails the invitations; investigates and helps determine site of milestone ceremony and where plaque will be placed; writes speeches for the president and introductions for other speakers; finds a location for a reception/lunch after the dedication; works with the vendor on menu; drafts news releases, blog posts and social media posts to promote the milestone event; works with local news media to cover the event and the history behind it; creates video of event; take photos; assures preview/and or follow-up coverage of milestone in the Michigan Bar Journal and on www.michbar.org.

For the Law Day Subcommittee: Posts a list of local bar association Law Day community events to the website, offers advice and assistance with outreach to schools and local bar associations to encourage participation in Law Day; posts materials gathered for lawyers to use in classrooms on Law Day and to the Law Day portion of www.michbar.org; assists committee with creation of new online Law Day resources; creates and disseminates news release about participation in Law Day.

For the Constitution Day Subcommittee: Creates and disseminates press release reminding people to participate in Constitution Day; posts social media updates about Constitution Day; offers advice and assistance with outreach to schools and local bar associations to encourage participation in Constitution Day; posts materials gathered for lawyers to use in classrooms on Constitution Day and to the Constitution Day portion of www.michbar.org.

For the Law Related Education Subcommittee: Continues efforts to communicate the value of LRE to others; aids in the planning and promotion of Faces of Justice program, publicizes the Michigan High School Mock Trial Competition with news releases, social media posts, blog posts; designs brochure for each of the Mock Trial local rounds, as well as the state final round of mock trial tournament; hires and assigns a photographer to capture the state final round of mock trial tournament; crafts post-mock trial news coverage and Michigan Bar Journal coverage. Works to assure more cooperation between LREPO Committee and Michigan Center for Civic Education. Maintains and improves the online Clearinghouse resource.

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## Committee Activities:

**Michigan Legal Milestones Subcommittee:** Since 1986 the Michigan Legal Milestone program has recognized significant individuals, places and events in the state's legal history. Bronze plaques commemorating the milestones are located throughout the state – there are even a few up in the U.P. Committee members, with the assistance of the State Bar staff, write text for these plaques, and prepare articles for the Bar Journal about each milestone dedication. They also vet speakers for the dedication ceremony, and help determine which speaker will cover what topic, to make for the most interesting dedication ceremonies possible. The 41st milestone will commemorate the fact that Michigan was the first English-speaking territory to ban the death penalty. The subcommittee had four teleconferences throughout the year to plan the milestone, drafted and edited plaque text, selected speakers for the dedication ceremony, and assigned a Bar Journal article on the topic.

**Law Day Subcommittee:** In 2016 the subcommittee proposed permanently discontinuing the Law Day contest, and instead created a new web page with links to lesson plans and educational materials so attorneys can grab the resources quickly and go into a classroom on Law Day. Potential resources include those prepared by the National Center for State Courts, iCivics.org, and some materials from the State Bar's website, including a comic book that received an award in the Law Day contest. Staff sent an email blast to the Local and Special Purpose Bar Associations to see if they were hosting Law Day events and we than list to our website.

**Constitution Day:** The subcommittee is looking for ways to get more attorneys and schools involved in Constitution Day activities. The subcommittee plans on sending a survey to local bar associations in order to determine how this committee can better assist them in their Constitution Day programs in the future.

**Law Related Education:** The Faces of Justice Program is based on a program conducted by the National Association of Women Judges. The program has recruited the Equal Access Initiative, the Law Related Education Subcommittee and Greg Conyers for this effort. A pilot program with the Lansing School District and the Hall of Justice was developed and the program had a great turnout. The program attracted young people to meet lawyers, judges and law enforcement officers and learn about legal careers from them. The LRE subcommittee also works to maintain and update the clearinghouse of law-related education links and resources. Members are going to work more closely with the Michigan Center for Civic Education to evaluate their clearinghouse, and see if the two clearinghouses can work better in closer collaboration. The subcommittee budget also supports the efforts of the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament, run by the Michigan Center for Civic Education. This past year, four preliminary rounds were held across the state and a state final competition took place in Lansing. Many members of the committee serve as judges and volunteer in other capacities in the competition.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

The LRE-PO committee will continue to look at ways to improve its subcommittee structure by ensuring that each lawyer member and each non-lawyer member are actively involved in activities that support the overall goals of the LRE-PO committee, and by extension the State Bar of Michigan's strategic plan. Using this subcommittee structure, the committee continues to review, expand, and support public outreach programs in support of the committee's purpose and objectives to (1) implement programming that advances non-lawyer understanding of the law and the legal profession, with a particular emphasis on educational and community programs; and (2) review existing LRE programs for uploading to an online database, review potential collaborative activities among lawyers and educators, review the best methods of communicating the value of LRE in promoting an educated citizenry, as well as implementing evaluation strategies to gain input and feedback on LRE programming. Each of these efforts is aimed at developing a phased in process of implementing highly effective LRE programming. The LRE-PO committee continues to support and implement the SBM Diversity Pledge to ensure that individuals in all 83 Michigan counties have access to SBM activities and meaningful opportunities to participate.

**Other Information:**

Each of the subcommittee chairs provide regular (typically quarterly) written reports related to the activities and progress of their respective subcommittees and provide a verbal report at each of the four regular committee meetings.

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