

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.

Lawyer Referral Service Steering

Jurisdiction: An advisory committee to work with State Bar staff during the LRS pilot project to modernize lawyer referral services in Michigan.

Member

Term Ending: 2017

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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 First meeting	1.20.2017	State Bar of Michigan
Description This was the in-person inaugural meeting of the steering committee.		
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The State Bar provided the vision for a modernized lawyer referral service in its 21st Century Practice Task Force work, and especially through the information in Problem One of the report "a dysfunctional legal marketplace." With the Bar's online member directory as a foundational piece, it provides staff resources to build a comprehensive marketplace around the directory.

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Committee Activities:

The committee met on January 20 to receive an overview of the committee purpose, background on the initiative to modernize the State Bar Lawyer Referral Service including commercial entities in the find-a-lawyer space, current statistics of the State Bar LRS, focus group outcomes, survey results of current LRS panel members, connection to the 21st Century Practice Task Force Report, and the role of Michigan Legal Help. It received information on the vision to provide access to appropriate legal services for all. It received information on the pilot project using the current telephone-based system to test various aspects of the proposed system and to gather data, integration with the online directory, triage, economic models, streamlined practice areas, geographic areas, expanding lawyer participation and expanding consumer participation. It received preliminary information on the development of a modest means program and an update on the online Michigan Free Legal Answers pro bono resource.

Future Goals and Activities:

The LRS Steering Committee will continue to provide input on the development of the modernized lawyer referral service and public online legal resources and referral center.

Other Information:

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Approved by	Approved	Name
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Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		
Other		

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