

# 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.*

## Michigan Bar Journal

Jurisdiction: · Provide editorial guidance concerning the Michigan Bar Journal.

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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: General Meeting	2/28/18	Teleconference
Description: Discussion of upcoming theme and general issues of MBJ, scheduling new themes for remainder of 2019, unsolicited article review, monthly columns, Citizen Lawyer series, and ongoing talks with perma.cc		
Meeting Type: General Meeting	12/6/17	Teleconference
Description: Discussion of upcoming theme and general issues of MBJ, unsolicited article review, monthly columns, Citizen Lawyer series, and collaborating with perma.cc		
Meeting Type: General Meeting/New-Member Orientation	10/4/17	SBM, Lansing
Description: Orientation and introduction of new members, discussion of upcoming theme and general issues of MBJ, unsolicited article review, monthly columns, restarting Citizen Lawyer series, and collaborating with perma.cc.		
Meeting Type: General Meeting	6/7/17	Teleconference
Description: Discussion of upcoming theme and general issues of MBJ, unsolicited article review, monthly columns, website and PMRC activities overview, diversity efforts, print publications, and collaborating with perma.cc.		
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

As in the past, the SBM has continued to provide consistent, timely service to the Michigan Bar Journal Committee. The committee has had services beyond the call of duty from the following staffers this year:

- Nancy Brown, director of Member & Communications Services
- Linda Novak, editor of the Michigan Bar Journal
- Mike Eidelbes, copy editor/writer and PWAC reporter
- JoAnn Hathaway, Law Practice Solutions column
- Chelsea Huber, citation support
- Michael Braem, citation support
- Stacy Marciniak, advertising
- Samantha Meinke, communications manager, MBJ Up Front
- Joyce Nordeen, editorial assistant
- Sarah Nussbaumer, contributing graphic designer
- Sue Oudsema, April Directory
- Carrie Sharlow, Michigan Lawyers in History articles
- Kari Thrush, member services ads/Annual Meeting materials
- Tish Vincent, Practicing Wellness column

The SBM also provides teleconferencing capability, meeting rooms, and refreshments.

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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>Under the leadership of Editor Linda Novak, the Michigan Bar Journal published two general issues and nine theme issues, including Prisons and Corrections (September 2017), Young Lawyers (November 2017), Diversity in the Law (December 2017), Elder Law and Disability Rights (January 2018), Immigration Law (February 2018), Women in the Law (May 2018), Negligence Law (June 2018), Animal Law (July 2018), and Marijuana Law (August 2018).</p> <p>The Michigan Bar Journal published the following articles during the past year that support the indicated goals and strategies of the strategic plan.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" 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;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>September 2017: Roberta Gubbins, "How to Write a Winning Lawyer Profile"; Jennifer S. Bentley and Linda K. Rexer, "A Foundation for Justice: The Michigan State Bar Foundation's 70 Years of Public Service"; Gyi Tsakalakis, "How to Choose a Good SEO Company for your Law Firm"; Rhonda Spencer Pozehl, "Improper Uses of a Lawyer Trust Account" (AGC Practice Pointers); 2017 Pro Bono Circle of Excellence</p> <p>October 2017: Steven Susser, "Rules for Successful Cross-Examination"; Chadwick C. Busk, "Using Shall or Will to Create Obligations in Business Contracts: Once More unto the Breach"; Joseph Kimble, "The Old Contest"; John R. Trentacosta and Nicholas J. Ellis, "Best Practices for Drafting Supply Chain Contracts"; Jennifer Rosa, "Flipped Learning: Promoting Collaboration, Cooperative, and Civility"</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>November 2017: Randy S. Gillary and Kevin P. Albus, "Michigan's Sales Representative Commission Act: A Primer"; Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, "Cultivating Legal Research Skills"; Joseph Kimble, "Revisiting the Writing Contests (On Ambiguity)"; John F. Reed, "Does Your Marketing Contest Contribute to Information Overload?"; Roberta Gubbins, "Lawyers Are Great Sources of Referrals"</p> <p>December 2017: Geoffrey Fieger, "Being a Trial Lawyer"; JoAnn Hathaway, "Practice Management Software: A Law Firm Essential"; Joseph Kimble, "Revisiting the Writing Contests (On Boilerplate)"; Cara Cunningham Warren, "Client Interview Training: A Reflection on the 'Quantum Shift' in Legal Education"</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>January 2018: Joseph Kimble, "Revisiting the Writing Contests (On Structure)"; Jesse M. Reiter, Rebecca S. Walsh and Emily G. Thomas, "Best Practices in Birth Injury Litigation: Timing Hypoxic-Ischemic Fetal Brain Injury"; Laura Mancini, "Elder Law and Disability Rights: Resources to Assist the Attorney in the Age of the Sliver Tsunami"; Teresa Matich, "What You can Learn About Law Firm Management from Shark Tank"</p> <p>February 2018: Monea, Nino, "Summary Jury Trials, How They Work and How They Can Work for You"; Joseph Kimble, "Revisiting the Writing Contests (On Wordiness)"; Toree S. Randall, "New Lawyer Development Tips from the Law School Trenches"; Liz Balck Monsma, "Resources for the Immigration Law Practice Novice"; Tom Lambotte, "How to Make Sure ABA Techs How is Not a Complete Waste of Time"</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;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>March 2018: John W. Allen, "The New Uncertainties of ADM 2016-41 'Informed Consent' and 'Confirmed in Writing'"; Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, "Research Mash-Up: 'Disparate Approaches'"; Richard L. Hurford, "Is it Time for Litigators to Reconsider The Benefits of Legal Process Improvement?: Take a Lead from Michigan Courts"; Heidi S. Alexander, "Essential Apps to Increase Efficiency in Your Law Practice"</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" 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 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;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>

**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

With the influx of new talent on the Michigan Bar Journal Committee, our objective is to improve the quality of the Journal by making it better written, better edited, and more timely. Our recent theme issue on Immigration Law (February 2018) is an example of how we hope to bring timely and relevant information to the 45,000 members of the State Bar of Michigan.

**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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Staff Liaison	3/19/18	Linda Novak
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