

Michigan Bar Journal – Standing Committee

Jurisdiction

Provide recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on any changes concerning the Michigan Bar Journal consistent with the State Bar’s strategic plan and provide regular editorial assistance to the editor of the Michigan Bar Journal by:

- Developing annual plans for the content of each Michigan Bar Journal issue
- Soliciting and reviewing submissions to the Michigan Bar Journal
- Make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on any substantial changes to the publication of the Michigan Bar Journal, including format, number of issues, and budget
- Recommending **collaborations** to advance the communication and member service objectives of the Strategic Plan
- Conferring and coordinating regularly with the Social Media and Website committee
- Reviewing and evaluating **metrics** for evaluating the effectiveness of the Michigan Bar Journal in advancing the State Bar of Michigan’s strategic goals

Committee Chair: John Runyan

Staff Liaison: Linda Novak

Meetings: In-person: 1; Electronic or phone: 3

Committee Activities

1. Encouraged theme issues of the Michigan Bar Journal by SBM sections that have not published an issue in some time
Goal 1: Strategy 4: Promoting greater member engagement to connect members with the bar, its resources and each other
2. Published or plan to publish theme issues of the Michigan Bar Journal on timely subjects like immigration law and election law
Goal 3: Strategy 5: Pursuing permissible and achievable public policy goals, while minimizing divisiveness and encouraging member input and diverse points of view on public policy issues
3. Published monthly contributions from a range of authors for Best Practices, Libraries and Legal Research, Future of Law, Law Practice Solutions, and Plain Language columns
Goal 1: Strategy 2: Supporting each active member’s professional competence and continuing professional development
4. Published a Women in the Law theme issue in May 2018 and plan to publish an LGBTQA issue in December 2019

Goal 2: Strategy 4: Encouraging improved diversity and inclusion of the profession as a fundamental component of the public's respect for the rule of law and confidence and trust in the justice system

5. Publish occasional Practice Pointers from the Attorney Grievance Commission with the Orders of Discipline

Goal 3: Strategy 2: Educating members on ethical rules and regulations