

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.

Professional Ethics

- Jurisdiction:
- Prepare written opinions on professional ethical conduct at the request of the State Bar President, Board of Commissioners, Representative Assembly, Attorney Discipline Board, Attorney Grievance Commission, Executive Director, individual members of the State Bar inquiring about their own contemplated conduct, or on its own initiative.
 - Recommend amendments to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and other standards of professional conduct, and review proposed amendments.
 - Recommend and support programs and educational presentations related to professional ethics.

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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 Regularly Scheduled Meeting Description Discussed SB 385, approved FAQs on disqualified lawyers, received report on LinkedIn to direct FAQs project, received report on alternate draft opinions on lien in divorce judgments, and directed handling of new opinion requests.	June 23, 2017	State Bar Building
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting Description Approved FAQs on LinkedIn, approved opinion on lien in divorce judgments, received progress report of tech competence subgroup, directed handling of new opinion requests, and created workgroup on MRPC 1.6(c) innocence exception.	December 8, 2017	State Bar Building
Meeting Type Regularly Scheduled Meeting Description Approved FAQs on Facebook, received reports of tech competence and MRPC 1.6(c) innocence exception workgroups, made recommendations on court rules, received info on ABA activities, and formed project on MRPC 1.9, generally known.	February 2, 2018	State Bar Building
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The State Bar provides staff support for the work of the Committee through three staff counsel and the administrative assistance of a legal secretary. The State Bar also provides meeting facilities, food and beverage for meetings, SBM Connect, teleconferencing services, Committee and Subcommittee scheduling services, surveys for electronic voting of Committee, meeting materials, document production services, research, analysis, drafting and workproduct review, and other ethics resources as needed to support the work of the Committee.

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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>Prepared and approved for distribution FAQs on disqualified lawyers, LinkedIn, and Facebook. Prepared and approved for distribution ethics opinions on ethical use of judicial titles by retired judicial officers and lien in judgments of divorce. At its meeting on April 6, 2018, the Committee is expected to approve ethics opinions on for-profit matching services and Rule 1.9 "generally known" exception for using former client confidences.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
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REPORT Future Goals and Activities:

The Committee continues to identify issues of interest to Michigan lawyers based on questions presented by letter or through the ethics helpline that might be the appropriate subject of an opinion either because the topic has not previously been addressed, changes in the area requires updates to existing opinions, and innovative use of technology to enhance the delivery of legal services. The Committee continues to review the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and proposed amendments to make appropriate recommendations. To the extent that the Committee's input is sought by the Board of Commissioners, the Representative Assembly, or the Supreme Court on discrete issues or projects, the Committee stands ready to respond with appropriate research and commentary.

The Committee performs most of its work through project workgroups that are formed as needed during meetings. With the assistance of staff, each project workgroup meets as needed to engage in research, discussion, and workproduct drafting to present to the Committee for review and approval. The Committee is engaged in an ongoing project to prepare FAQs on various social media platforms that are now more commonly being used by lawyers for communication about their law practice and/or with prospective and current clients. The Committee continues to review the use of technology by lawyers in their law practices and the ethical duties associated with such use.

The Committee's other scheduled quarterly meetings for this bar year are scheduled for April 6, 2018, June 1, 2018. The Committee has also reserved August 10, 2018, if a special meeting is needed to complete any ongoing projects or address new matters requiring attention before its fall meeting during next bar year.

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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