

## Professionalism Work Group

### Jurisdiction

Implement the Recommendations as stated in the Promoting Professionalism in the 21st Century Summary Report from the State Bar of Michigan October 2018 Professionalism & Civility Summit, with priority placed on the first three recommendations:

- Encourage bar associations, lawyer organizations, and judicial groups to conduct similar summits
- Consider the adoption of Michigan-specific civility guidelines for lawyers and judges and use them more deliberately
- Review The Lawyer's Oath more frequently and include it in a State Bar curated clearinghouse and professionalism tool kit

**Committee Chair:** Edward Pappas

**Staff Liaisons:** Candace Crowley, Danon Goodrum-Garland, and Janet Welch

**Meetings:** In-person: 0; Electronic or phone: 3

### Committee Activities

1. Convened the Promoting Professionalism in the 21st Century Summit, October 18, 2018.

*Goal 1: Strategy 2: Supporting each active member's professional competence and continuing professional development*

2. Established a Professionalism Clearinghouse on the State Bar website.

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

3. Identified a civility guidelines group drafting statewide guidelines for review by the Representative Assembly and transmittal to the Michigan Supreme Court

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4. The Work Group is encouraging presentations through a Speakers Bureau; presentations have already been made at several bar associations and bench bar conferences.

*Goal 2: Strategy 6: Providing timely, targeted messages to promote understanding of the rule of law and role of judiciary and the legal profession*

### Future Committee Activities

The Work Group will implement the Recommendations outlined in the Professionalism Summit Summary.

### Additional Comments

This Work Group was formally appointed by President Grieco in January of 2019. Many of its members, including Chair Ed Pappas, organized the Professionalism Summit. Their planning work occurred primarily through phone meetings that occurred in early 2018 and leading to the October 2018 Summit. The first in-person meeting of the formal group is set for April 15, 2019.