

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Jurisdiction: Provide advice on and support for the State Bar of Michigan’s unauthorized practice of law responsibilities under Rule 16 of the Supreme Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan:

- Proposing and supporting measures to educate the public and the legal profession about unauthorized practice of law issues
- Providing guidance to the Board of Commissioners concerning matters involving the alleged unauthorized practice of the law (UPL), including recommendations on the filing and prosecuting of actions to enjoin the unauthorized practice of law.
- Proposing and advising on revisions to courts rules and legislation related to the unauthorized practice of law
- Determining how the committee’s work might interact with and support work of the Professional Ethics, Public Outreach and Education, and Affordable Legal Services committees, including through conferring and coordinating regularly with them on trends, data, insights, and metrics
- Reviewing and evaluating metrics for measuring the effectiveness of efforts to carry out the responsibilities of the State Bar of Michigan under Rule 16, MCL 600.916, and MCL450.681

Notes: UPL activity of the State Bar of Michigan is subject to the ongoing oversight of the Michigan Supreme Court and recommendations of the committee on specific UPL prosecution must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. This committee may have more than 15 members.

Time Frame	Strategic Plan Goal/Strategy	Description of Activity
5/19-9/19	3.1	Reviewed UPL Complaints
	2.2	Drafted articles for public outreach to inform the public of the risks of UPL
	3.2	Monitored trends in UPL enforcement
	3.2	Worked on establishing UPL Corner in the State Bar Journal to educate practitioners about UPL
	2.2	Investigated potential outreach projects with other groups and bar sections to educate the public about UPL
10/19-5/20	3.1	Reviewed UPL Complaints
	2.2	Drafted articles for public outreach to inform the public of the risks of UPL
	3.2	Continued to publish UPL Corner in the State Bar Journal to educate members about UPL
	2.2	Reviewed and worked on revising the UPL website to be more informative and user friendly
	2.2	Investigated potential outreach projects with other groups and sections to educate the public about the risks of UPL
Current Projects	2.2	Transitioning "Who Should You Trust" outreach seminars to virtual, on-demand platform

	3.3	Presenting information on UPL to immigration practitioners to educate about risks of UPL in immigrant community
	2.2	Continuing articles for public outreach
	3.3	Continuing articles for UPL Corner
	2.2	Finalizing revisions to website
Future Goals	3.1	Streamline the process for investigating and obtaining litigation approval for UPL Complaints
	2.2	Continue to seek out opportunities for public outreach
	2.2	Seek out opportunities to partner with sections to increase awareness of UPL
	2.2	Streamline the process for finalizing UPL articles for publication
	2.2	Review and update published UPL pamphlets for any required updates

Recommended Committee Changes: No. The committee functions well and has good participation. It has a wide variety of legal expertise which assists with evaluating public outreach and evaluating UPL complaints.

Additional Comments: None.