

# Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

Annual Report: Fiscal Year 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
FY 2020	3.1	Reviewed UPL Complaints
	1.4/3.1	Publish UPL Corner bi-monthly in the SBM Bar Journal
	2.2	Publish informational articles and pamphlets to promote public awareness of UPL issues
	3.1	Coordinate with SBM sections to address UPL concerns with SBM membership
Current Projects	1.1	Updating existing informational pamphlets for public outreach
	1.2	Developing new informational materials for public outreach
	2.1	Streamlining methods for review of UPL complaints
	1.1	Exploring innovative ways to reach the public to provide information about UPL issues
	2.5	Partnering with SBM sections and other legal organizations to help educate the public about the risks of UPL
Future Goals	1.1	Automate the UPL complaint process for electronic submission of complaints
	2.1	Redevelop the "Who Should You Trust" seminar to a virtual on-demand format
	2.2	Explore the use of "UPL Minute" video formats for potential web-based and social media use

	2.5	Explore joint informational sessions with community or legal associations to educate the public about UPL
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**Recommended Committee Changes:** No. The UPL Standing Committee and its subcommittees work well to both address UPL complaints and engage in public education.

**Additional Comments:** None.