

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

Fiscal Year 2021

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 2020-2021	3.1	Reviewed UPL complaints
	2.2	Published new informational pamphlets to promote public awareness of UPL
	2.2	Began updating existing informational materials used for public outreach to ensure accuracy and completeness
	2.2	Engaged in public outreach to provide information about the risks of UPL
	2.2	Began planning for revision of "Who Can You Trust" public outreach program to transition to virtual presentation

FY 2021-2022 Priorities	2.2	Continue updating public outreach materials
	2.2	Developing new outreach materials utilizing new methods of reaching the public
	3.1	Partnering with SBM sections and other legal organizations to help educate the public about UPL
	2.5	Continue timely review of UPL complaints
	1.4, 2.1	Update UPL webpage to provide a useful tool for the public and the legal community
Proposed Future Priorities	1.1	Automate UPL complaint process
	2.2	Explore greater outreach opportunities to provide meaningful information to the public about the dangers of UPL
	1.4	Explore the use of "UPL Minute" video format for potential web-based and social media use
	2.2	Explore partnerships with bar sections and/or community organizations to provide outreach opportunities

Recommended Committee Changes: The UPL Committee functions well in its current format. We have a large and diverse membership, all of whom bring expertise in evaluating UPL complaints and engaging in outreach projects.

Additional Comments: None.