

# 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.*

## United States Courts

Jurisdiction: · Make recommendations concerning the administration, organization, and operation of the United States Courts for the purpose of securing the effective administration of justice.  
· Two members are judges designated by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and one member is a judge designated by the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

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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 Regular Committee Meeting Description In-person/phone participation	10/11/2017	State Bar of Michigan
Meeting Type Regular Committee Meeting Description In-person/phone participation	11/08/2017	State Bar of Michigan
Meeting Type Regular Committee Meeting Description In-person/phone participation	01/10/2018	State Bar of Michigan
Meeting Type Regular Committee Meeting Description In-person/phone participation	03/14/2018	State Bar of Michigan
Meeting Type Bench-Bar Committee Dinner Description Annual Bench-Bar Dinner at Giovanni's with Eastern and Western District Judges in attendance.	05/10/2018	Detroit
Meeting Type Description		

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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Besides providing the resources called for in Article VI, Section 7 of the State Bar Bylaws, the State Bar provided meeting space, equipped with telephone conferencing capabilities, and State Bar Liaisons Clifford T. Flood and Janna Sheppard provided administrative support, including attending each meeting and assisted in preparing and circulating meeting agendas and minutes. Further, the State Bar will incur the expenses for the Annual Bench-Bar dinner.

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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>Continue to review proposed federal rule amendments (civil, bankruptcy, and criminal) and to submit comments when appropriate.</p> <p>Continue to monitor federal rule amendment proposals submitted in previous years.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>Promoted the exchange of information between the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan regarding operation and administrative functions and procedures and opportunities for cooperation.</p> <p>Facilitated an outreach effort to provide attorneys newly admitted to the Eastern District of Michigan with information on becoming admitted to the Western District.</p> <p>Continued consulting with representatives from both Districts and each corresponding Federal Bar Association to develop beneficial common programs.</p> <p>Brainstormed ways to create a Boot Camp program for new attorneys with Judges in each District.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>Drafted an article that was published in the MBJ regarding en banc opinions of the 6th Circuit during the previous term (Committee member John Ferroli has single-handedly undertaken this project for several years).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>Developed a plan to have the respective Court Clerks from each district draft and publish an article in the Michigan Bar Journal discussing relevant local practices and providing useful information for the benefit of practitioners.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>Sponsored an annual bench-bar dinner with judges and magistrates of the Eastern and Western Districts (alternates yearly between the two Districts), currently scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017 in Grand Rapids. The dinner is intended to provide an opportunity for the judges and Committee members to meet and discuss common issues.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>

**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The Committee will continue to:

1. review and, when appropriate, comment on proposed amendments to the Federal Rules and to local rules.
2. educate members of the Bar of significant rule changes through articles or other means.
3. review 6th Circuit en banc opinions and when appropriate, publish a summary in the Michigan Bar Journal.
4. promote a statewide Bench/Bar Conference by coordinating activities of the Eastern and Western Districts FBA chapters.
5. sponsor an Annual Bench Bar dinner with judges and magistrate judges of the Eastern and Western Districts.

**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.

To promote continuity and assist in an orderly transition from year to year, the Committee will continue to elect a committee vice-chairperson at the first meeting of each year and at the appropriate time, respectfully request that the incoming SBM President appoint the vice-chair as the Committee's chairperson for the ensuing year.

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair		Adam Strauss
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		Clifford T. Flood and Janna Sheppard
Other		Members

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