United States Courts Committee

Fiscal Year 2021

Jurisdiction: Provide advice and recommendations concerning the State Bar of Michigan's interaction with federal courts in Michigan and on practice of law in those courts by:

- Reviewing and making recommendations on proposed federal court rule amendments

- Proposing court rule, legislative, or policy changes to improve practice in federal courts in Michigan

- Developing and collaborating on projects and events focused on federal practice and the relationship between state and federal courts

Note: This committee may have more than 15 members.

Time Frame	Strategic Plan Goal/Strategy	Description of Activity
FY 2020-2021	3.5	Submitted detailed comments on proposed changes to E.D. Mich L.R. 7.1 concerning motions for reconsideration.
	1.2	Drafted article for the Michigan Bar Journal regarding 6th Circuit opinions.
	1.4, 2.6	Planned Annual Bench Bar Dinner at the Hall of Justice, with Chief Justice Bridget McCormack to provide remarks. Due to COVID-19, this event was canceled.
	1.2	Partnered with the federal bar associations and Appellate Practice Committee to present a webinar entitled Am I Certifiable? Considerations Regarding Certified Questions from Federal to State Courts.
	1.1	Partnered with the Eastern District of Michigan Bar Association to provide SBM members with free access to handbook on federal practice in the Eastern District of Michigan.
FY 2021-2022 Priorities	3.5	Reviewing of local and federal rule amendments and making recommendations.
	1.2	Publishing an article in MBJ regarding en banc opinions from the previous term.
	1.4, 2.6	Hosting the Bench Bar Dinner in May.
	1.2	Seeking federal bench and bar feedback to create meaningful educational opportunities for SBM members.

Proposed Future Priorities	1.4	Creating stronger partnerships and communications with the Eastern and Western districts bench and bar associations.
	2.2	Responding more nimbly to issues affecting federal practice in Michigan.

Recommended Committee Changes: None.

Additional Comments: None.