

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2013-2014 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 subentity 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 subentity.

Committee Name: American Indian Law

Jurisdiction: Review issues of American Indian law, focusing on the relationship between tribal courts, state courts, and federal courts, and on the promotion of positive relationships between the lawyers of Michigan and the American Indian Community.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Hon. Angela Sherigan	56804 Mound Shelby Twp MI	586-822-4220	nwlacouncil@aol.com
Staff Liaison	Gregory Conyers		517-346-6358	gconyers@mail.michbar.org

Member/Advisor/Other	Member/Advisor/Other
Chad P. DePetro – Member	Cameron Ann Fraser - Member
Kimberly G. McGrath – Member	Hon. Melissa L. Pope - Member
Hon. Holly K. Thompson – Member	Hon. Timothy P. Connors - Member
James A. Keedy – Member	Kathryn L. Tierney - Member
Kirsten Matoy Carlson – Member	Lindsey Nicole Golden - Member
Hon. Angela Kay Sherigan – Member Chair	Vilija A. Bilaisis - Advisor
William J. Brooks – Advisor	James M. Kinney – Advisor
Maribeth Dickerson Preston – Member	Lee Hornberger – Rep. Assembly Liaison

Committee Meeting Schedule:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding Committee meetings as an addendum.

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
In person meeting	June 2013	Mackinac Island
Monthly meetings	August 2013 – December 2013	Phone
Monthly meetings	January 2014 – May 2014	Phone

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

Staff liaison – conference call abilities, June meeting room.

Committee Activities: Monthly meetings. Monitoring of the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act, and its implementation through court rules and court forms. Support of additional court rules needed for further implementation and clarification. – Monitoring of MIFPA and ICWA cases in the appellate courts. Communication with the American Indian Law Section. Provide information and education to the legal community.

Future Goals and Activities: Outreach to local bar associations located near reservations. Continue monitoring and support of court rules and court forms for proper implementation of MIFPA. Provide information and education to the legal community.

Other Information: