

**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:** Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications

**Jurisdiction:** Assist in improving the legal resources at libraries, legal publications, and methods of conducting legal research.

**Chair(s) and Committee Members:**

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Kincaid C. Brown	University of Michigan Law Library 801 Monroe St Ofc S-110E Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1210	(734) 647-1529	kcb@umich.edu
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Commissioner Liaison				

Member/Advisor/Other	Member/Advisor/Other
G. Ann Baker, member	Laura Mancini, non-member advisor
Bernadette Bartlett, non-member advisor	Audra Rose McClure, member
Jan Bissett, non-member advisor	Marilyn Friedman Preston, advisor
Kimberly A. Breitmeyer, member	Janice K. Selberg, advisor
Geraldine Anne Brown, member	Heather J E Simmons, member
Marlene W. Coir, member	Ruth S. Stevens, member
Randy E. Davidson, member	Virginia C. Thomas, non-member advisor
Barbara H. Garavaglia, member	Thomas H. Weiss, member
Barbara H. Goldman, advisor	Lance M. Werner, advisor

**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Regular Meeting	November 16, 2014	Michael Franck Bldg, Lansing
Regular Meeting	January 25, 2014	University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor
Regular Meeting	June 21, 2014	Michael Franck Bldg, Lansing

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

Use of meeting room for two of the meetings for the year, provision of continental breakfast for the onsite meetings, provision of IT support for the onsite meetings, staff assistance with arrangements, staff assistance with updating the Committee web page and the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center.

**Committee Activities:**

Members and Committee advisors write a monthly column in the MBJ supporting legal research based on the theme of the monthly issue. Article written in the past year include:

June 2013: Marlene Coir, "Resources to Assist in Contract Drafting"

July 2013: No article.

August 2013: Heather J. E. Simmons, "By the Law Inspired"

September 2013: Barbara H. Garavaglia, "Hydraulic Fracturing: Sources of Law and Information"

October 2013: Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, "Facing the New Normal"

November 2013: Kincaid C. Brown, "Human Trafficking Law and Resources"

December 2013: Barbara H. Goldman, "Resource in Animal Law"

January 2014: Janice Selberg, "The Recall Process in Michigan: Legislative History and Current Status"

February 2014: Audra McClure, "The 2012 Revocation of Paternity Act"

March 2014: Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen, "Prospecting for Digital Nuggets: Research Gems on the Web"

April 2014: Bernadette Bartlett, Directory Issue

The Committee updated and made revisions to the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center and is in the process of adding new content.

The focus of the November 2013 meeting was UELMA (Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act) and in updating the Committee's Legal Resource Center website. The January 2014 meeting was devoted to discussion comparing the Committee's Legal Resource Center website and Michigan Legal Help. We decided on revisions to the Committee's site and on new content to be drafted. We also continued the UELMA discussion. The June 2014 meeting focus will be on the new content for the Legal Resource Center website.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

The Committee is concerned with the transition of primary legal documents and information to electronic-only formats. We began to discuss UELMA and possible steps the Committee might be involved with that can help to maintain the availability of legal information.

The Committee will continue to update the Michigan Online Legal Resource Center.

The Committee will continue to write a monthly column for the Michigan Bar Journal.

**Other Information:** None.