

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: Lawyers and Judges Assistance

Jurisdiction: Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

Officer	Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Chair	Hon. Renee McDuffee	36th District Court 421 Madison St Detroit, MI 48226	313-965-8722	renee.mcduffee@36thdistrictcourt.org
Staff Liaison	Martha Burkett(until 4-2-12)/Tish Vincent (Beginning 4-2-12)	306 Townsend St. Lansing, MI 48933	517-346-6337	mburkett@mail.michbar.org / tvincent@mail.michbar.org
Commissioner Liaison	Julie Sullivan	Miller Johnson 303 N Rose St Ste 600 Kalamazoo, MI 49007	(269) 226-2950	sullivanj@millerjohnson.com

Member/Advisor/Other	Member/Advisor/Other
Hon. Donald Allen, Jr. (member)	Lawrence Dubin(member)
Kevin Anderson (member)	Emily Conway(member)
Kenneth Gonko (member)	Hon. Daniel Hathaway(member)
Dale Adams (member)	Benjamin Symko (member)
Hon. Roy G. Meink (member)	Joelynn Stokes (member)

Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
LJAC Meeting	October 13, 2011	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	December 1, 2011	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	February 9, 2012	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	April 5, 2012	SBOM, Hudson Room

LJAC Meeting	June 7, 2012	SBOM, Hudson Room
LJAC Meeting	August 2, 2012	SBOM, Hudson Room

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

Staff time, meals, meeting facilities, technological support.

Committee Activities:

Supporting program administrator, LJAP staff, volunteers in outreach, and educational efforts to lawyers, judges, and law students, with regard to substance use, mental health, and general wellness, statewide. Supporting/advising program administrator and LJAP staff in oversight and facilitation of LJAP daily program functions as well as budgetary concerns.

Future Goals and Activities:

- 1.) Continue to act in a supportive/advisory capacity with regard to aforementioned educational and outreach activities. (e.g. monthly submissions for “Practicing Wellness” column in Bar Journal)
- 2.) Expand on/improve the quality of existing resources specific to attorney and student monitoring, mature lawyers, judicial outreach, and law students.(e.g. Program Administrator’s continued participation in Supreme Court Judicial Outreach Initiative and development of related resources and activities)
- 3.) Continue to engage in creative outreach to law school deans, judges and probation officers in an effort to attract more direct referrals for the LJAP assessment and monitoring services.
- 4.) Expand on/improve existing services pertaining to wellness in the general legal population, including but not limited to stress management, (e.g. continued development of video-taped web/streaming of “Wellness Bytes” to be posted to LJAP website for member access)
- 5.) Continue to work cooperatively with the PMRC and Publications Department toward development of programming and resources tailored to meet the needs of the specific groups within the legal culture, as identified above. (e.g. development of materials, resources, and programming designed to assist in facilitation of healthy transitioning for mature attorneys, in cooperation with PMRC and SBOM Senior Lawyer’s Initiative subcommittee)

Other Information: LJAC, in cooperation with the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (COLAP), is involved in the planning of and will be the host jurisdiction for the National COLAP Annual Meeting, to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in October of 2012.

LJAP is investigating successful fund-raising efforts in other states through the LAP directors. The purpose of this research is to identify methods that other states have implemented to build and maintain sufficient funds to provide assistance to attorneys in need of treatment for mental health and substance abuse problems who are in financial need. The LJAP program administrator has met with an administrator at Brighton Hospital and discovered that they are no longer supportive of The

Evening of Enlightenment as a fund raiser for the Richard Steinberg Memorial Treatment Fund. Brighton is moving in the direction of more treatment for adolescent and young adult opiate addicts. They wish to offer treatment to impaired professionals but do not wish to maintain the same level of commitment to funds for indigent attorneys in need of care. This conversation led to recognition that we need to develop other sources of funding.

LJAP is engaged in the Supreme Court Judicial Outreach Initiative. Our program administrator and case monitors have been conducting presentations to groups of judges throughout the state over the past year. Presentations on stress management have been given to local bar associations.