

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2011-2012 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: Law-Related Education and Public Outreach

Jurisdiction: Make recommendations concerning programs advancing lay understanding of law and the legal profession, with particular emphasis on community programs.

Develop a phased implementation process for the spring 2009 Plan developed at the Law Related Education Summit, identifying measures of success for the plan and evaluating outcomes and communicating progress annually. Make recommendations concerning programs advancing lay understanding of law and the legal profession, with particular emphasis on community programs.

Chair(s) and Committee Members:

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Gina Polley, member	Denise LaFave Smith, member
Linda Start, MCCE advisor	David Sutherland, member
Lisa Walinske, member	

Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
In person meeting	Nov. 7, 2011	SBM
Teleconference	Jan. 9, 2012	
In person meeting	March 12, 2012	SBM
Teleconference	May 7, 2012	

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

Monetary, organizational and administrative support, committee training and access to the SBM Collaboration Portal, Facebook and Twitter is provided including the following:

Legal Milestones: work with volunteers to help determine and contact key players, field trip to determine milestone dedication and plaque placement site, coordinate event, edit letter to speakers, draft plaque text, order plaque, help decide placement, keep track of guest list, work on invitations and program details, speech for master of ceremonies, arrangements for food, beverages, audio equipment, publicity including videotaping of event, press release, article or blurb in the Bar Journal, arrange for photographs, Milestones on the web.

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Law Day: work with volunteers to develop new Law Day statewide video contest; develop contest rules, entry forms, publicity, coordinate entries, judging, awards; link Law Day subcommittee to SBM sections for broader participation; coordinate Law Day Radio and press interviews for president and other State Bar leaders.

Constitution Day: Support collection of classroom activities; develop press releases, link subcommittee to statewide resources, and other support as needed.

Law Related Education Subcommittee: work with volunteers and advisors to implement goals of the 2009 Spring Law Related Education Summit and develop statewide survey to assess LRE activities statewide conducted by lawyers and non-lawyers; expand and support LRE online clearinghouse; build lawyer-educator partnerships.

Committee Activities:

Through its four subcommittee structure, LRE-PO members continue to execute and improve upon a number of established SBM sponsored law related education and public outreach programs and its members continue to explore additional programming to support the objectives of the committee. The committee also continues its support of programs administered by other public outreach organizations by providing volunteer time and resources. While the full LRE-PO committee only meets four times per year, each of the four subcommittees communicate and meet in between the full committee meetings to discuss issues specific to the respective subcommittee's Law Related Education and Public Outreach efforts.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

In September, the Constitution Day subcommittee supported the efforts of many local bar associations and schools by creating the message, creating a timeline, developing materials and in organizing and running successful Constitution Day programs occurring across the state of Michigan. The subcommittee Chair collected and evaluated lesson plans and activity ideas from around the state for posting on the SBM Constitution Day webpage and is exploring other technology based ideas to assist lawyers in classrooms on Constitution Day.

The 37th Michigan Legal Milestone honoring the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act (ELCRA) was approved. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the effective date of the Act sponsored by

Daisy Elliot from Detroit and Mel Larsen from Oxford. The sponsors or some of their family members will be available for the dedication. The subcommittee is following up on a permanent placement in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit for the 36th Michigan Legal Milestone commemorating *Milliken v Bradley*. A 30 year remembrance of the Vincent Chin case (the 34th Michigan Legal Milestone) will take place June 23rd in Madison Heights, Michigan. A new Michigan Legal Milestones Nomination Form was completed and approved to submit influential cases or individuals for consideration as future Milestones. The form is available on the SBM website.

In March, the Chair (Monica Nuckolls) and Advisor (Candace Crowley) of the Law Related Education subcommittee completed an online survey of bar association presidents to assess statewide LRE efforts, and compile data on the scope of activities. The survey received a modest response and it will be sent out again in an effort to increase responses and compile additional data. In addition, the subcommittee continues efforts to match lawyers and teachers and has discussed presenting LRE efforts at the June incoming bar presidents meeting on Mackinac Island. The Michigan Bar Journal will focus on Law Day/LRE in the May 2013 issue. A time line has been established for articles on relevant topics.

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The Law Day subcommittee launched a new Video Contest in January for students and lawyers. The theme, “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom,” asks students and lawyers to apply the ABA theme for 2012 to Michigan specific cases and individuals as commemorated in the Michigan Legal Milestones situated throughout the state. Entries must be in an electronic format that can be posted on the SBM website and made available statewide. Entries will be judged by State Bar staff and members of the Law Day subcommittee on originality and creativity among other listed criteria. SBM staff developed print and online publicity materials and promoted the contest around the state. The Master Lawyers Section of the SBM adopted Law Day as a section activity for members and the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center Educator Newsletter announced the contest in the Winter 2012 issue. Awards ranging from \$1000.00 to \$500.00 will be given to the winners for use in their local communities. The goal of the video contest is to broaden the reach of the SBM Law Day contest to reach more lawyers and students across the state and increase the diversity of participants.

The LRE-PO committee continues to support and implement the SBM Diversity Pledge to ensure that individuals in all 83 Michigan counties have access to SBM activities and meaningful opportunities to participate.

Future Goals and Activities:

The LRE-PO committee will continue to look at ways to improve its subcommittee structure by ensuring that each lawyer member and each non-lawyer member are actively involved in activities that support the overall goals of the LRE-PO committee. Using this subcommittee structure, the committee continues to review, expand, and support public outreach programs in support of the committee's purpose and objectives to (1) implement programming that advances non-lawyer understanding of the law and the legal profession, with a particular emphasis on educational and community programs; and (2) review existing LRE programs for uploading to an online database, review potential collaborative activities amongst lawyers and educators, review the best methods of communicating the value of LRE in promoting an educated citizenry, as well as implementing evaluation strategies to gain input and feedback on LRE programming. Each of these efforts is aimed at developing a phased in process of implementing highly effective LRE programming.

Other Information:

Each of the subcommittee chairs provide regular (typically quarterly) written reports related to the activities and progress of their respective subcommittees and work groups and each LRE-PO meeting highlights one subcommittee for an in-depth progress report .

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