

STATE BAR of MICHIGAN
2005-2006 Annual Report
Standing /Special Committee
on Unauthorized Practice of Law

Committee Name: Standing/Special Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law

Jurisdictional Statement: Shall investigate matters involving the alleged unauthorized practice of the law and, in accordance with applicable Rules of the Supreme Court of Michigan and with the authority of the Board of Commissioners, shall file and prosecute actions seeking to enjoin those engaged in unauthorized practice, and shall cooperate with local bar associations. The Committee shall also propose and implement measures to educate the public and the legal profession about unauthorized practice of law issues, and shall provide comment and analysis to the Board of Commissioners upon request of the Board.

Officers and Membership:

Co-Chairs: John Anding and William J. Ard

Members: **Term Expires 2006:** Michael E. Boersma, Christopher M. Brown, Alfred E. Feleppa, III, Melissa F. Miller Manela, Lawrence J. Murphy, Ramon F. Rolf, Jr.

Term Expires 2007: Thomas S. Bridges, Elizabeth Luckenbach Brown, Kim Warren Eddie, Robert C. Gardella, Thomas P. Murray, Jr., Dennis M. Taubitz,

Term Expires 2008: Alfredo Casab, Thomas J. Cory, Paul W. Jones, David J. Klippert, Mark F. Stuart

Associate Members:

2005-06 Meeting Schedule (date and location): October 18, 2005, February 28, 2006, May 25, 2006 at the State Bar of Michigan.

Committee Activities:

Review of UPL cases recommended for litigation by staff; Educational efforts including creating/updating pamphlets for consumers; Educational efforts regarding Will and Trust Companies via seminars presented jointly with AARP, OFIS, Attorney General and Sixty Plus Clinic of Cooley Law School; Outreach program to local bar associations to educate lawyers re: UPL; Presented Multi-jurisdictional practice, pro hac vice and confidentiality rules to Representative Assembly which voted to present those rules to the Supreme Court; Opposed proposed legislation regarding non-lawyer representation of landlords in evictions.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 - Reports: "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".

Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan in Support of Committee Work:

Staff support, telephone conferencing, printing educational materials, partial funding of will and trust seminars.

Future Goals and Activities:

Continue educational efforts; take more creative pro-active, public educational role in addressing the unauthorized practice of law. The Committee has been, and continues to, explore a definition of the practice of law that protects the public.

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