

## STATE BAR of MICHIGAN

### 2005-2006 Annual Report Standing Committee On United States Courts

**Committee Name:** Standing Committee on United States Courts

**Jurisdictional Statement:** The Committee shall concern itself with the administration, organization, and operation of the United States Courts for the purpose of securing an effective administration of justice.

**Officers and Membership:**

*Chair:* Michael W. Puerner

*Members:* See Attached Member Directory

*Associate Members:* Ex-Officio: John Allen, Esq., President, Federal Bar Association – West Michigan Chapter; Julia Pidgeon, Esq., President, Federal Bar Association – East Michigan Chapter

**2005-06 Meeting Schedule (date and location):**

November 16, 2005, State Bar Building

January 11, 2006, State Bar Building

March 15, 2006, State Bar Building

May 15, 2006 (Annual dinner meeting), Mangiamo Restaurant, Grand Rapids

**Committee Activities:**

1. Review of and concurrence with Proposed Style Revisions to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (Docket Number 05-CV-019). Guest at November 16, 2006 Meeting included Professor Joseph Kimble, the principal drafter of the Proposed Rules.
2. Appointment to State Bar of Michigan Attorney-Client Privilege Task Force
3. Planning for Proposed 2007 Bench – Bar Conference
4. Exchange of District Court reports, and open exchange of issues pertaining to the organization and operation of the Districts Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan.

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:**

1. Meeting Space
2. Regular Meeting catered dinner
3. Annual Dinner Meeting budget

*Future Goals and Activities:*

1. Continued participation in Federal Rules drafting
2. Continued coordination and information exchange between Districts Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan.
3. Continued involvement with the State Bar of Michigan Attorney-Client Privilege Task Force
4. Planning for proposed 2007 (or possibly 2008) Bench – Bar Conference

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