

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2008-2009 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:** Custodial Interrogation Recording Taskforce

**Jurisdiction:** Make recommendations concerning legislative, court rule, and funding changes that advance the use of audio and video electronic recording of custodial interrogations, and provide support for the adoption and implementation of changes approved by the Representative Assembly or Board of Commissioners.

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
In Person Meeting	Thursday, October 16, 2008	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Thursday, November 20, 2008	State Bar of Michigan
In Person Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2009	State Bar of Michigan

**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:** The committee receives staff support. The State Bar provided meeting space for two of the committee meetings. Bar staff circulated meeting materials and notices and arranged for conference call participation for members who could not attend meetings in person.

**Committee Activities:**

1. The committee provided testimony to the House Judiciary Committee regarding HB 4909 (Tobocman) "Electronic Recording of Certain Custodial Interrogation Sessions" in 2007. The committee has worked on drafting legislation for recording custodial interrogations for this legislative session.
2. The committee continued implementation of the pilot sites. Departments adopted the State Bar Model Policy on Recording Custodial Interrogation. Audio/Visual Recording equipment was installed in the following locations:
  - a. Eaton County
    - i. Charlotte Police Department
    - ii. Grand Ledge Police Department
    - iii. Eaton County Sheriff's Department
  - b. Washtenaw County
    - i. Ann Arbor Police Department (2 rooms were installed with recording equipment)
    - ii. Ypsilanti Police Department
    - iii. Pittsfield Township Police Department
3. Katherine Knight finished the analysis of the Jackson County Site and prepared the first part of the findings and report.
4. Barbara O'Brien, MSU Law School Professor, joined the consulting team to replace Katherine Knight.

**Future Goals and Activities:** Continue gathering data from the Pilot project sites with the help of a skilled research team from University of Michigan; Professor Sam Gross, Professor Pheobe Ellsworth, and MSU Law Professor Barbara O'Brien. Finalize draft legislation.