

**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:** Standing Committee on Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications

**Jurisdiction:** Shall assist members of the Bar and the public in improving the legal resources at libraries, legal publications, and methods of conducting legal research.

**Chair(s) and Committee Members:**

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Ruth Stevens - Member	Barbara Garavaglia - Advisor
Randy Davidson - Member	Laura Mancini - Advisor
Jane Edwards - Member	Virginia Thomas - Advisor
Paul Edwards - Member	Kathryn Vance - Advisor
Jennifer Selby - Member	
Marjorie Gell - Member	
Barbara Goldman - Member	
Daniel Kopka - Member	
Marilyn Preston - Member	
Lance Werner - Member	

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Regular meeting	May 31, 2008	Michael Franks Building, Lansing
Regular meeting	Sep 13, 2008	University of Michigan Law Library
Regular meeting	April 18, 2009	Michael Franks Building, Lansing

**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:** The State Bar pays for our breakfasts for our meetings. Cost is usually \$50-75 two or three times per year. This year, the Bar also paid for our bookmarks promoting our self-help website.

**Committee Activities:** We meet 2-3 times annually. We have a set of legal self-help web pages hosted on the State Bar's web site. We also write an article for each edition of the Michigan Bar Journal.

This year we wrote 12 articles for our monthly column in the Michigan Bar Journal

Our committee was also given our own Theme Issue - Digital Legal Authority. We wrote 4 full size articles for that issue

We added a new web page on Identity Theft to our set of Legal Self-Help web pages

We created bookmarks for distribution with a new short URL for our self-help pages (that short URL is [www.michlawhelp.org](http://www.michlawhelp.org))

Last year our big project was to attempt to get the state bar to endorse changes to the rules of civil procedure in regards to the admissibility of electronic evidence. We were unsuccessful, as the Civil Procedure Committee did not agree with us.

**Future Goals and Activities:** 1) We will continue to update and add new and relevant web pages to our Self-Help site located at <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/selfhelp.cfm>  
2) We will continue to write our monthly article in the Michigan Bar Journal  
3) We will continue to work on projects as they arise: our newest project is an effort to have the State Bar promote the addition of a Legal Research question on the Michigan Bar exam

**Other Information:**