

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT
STANDING COMMITTEE**

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

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

Officers and Membership:

Chair: Randy E. Davidson

Members: 13

Associate Members: 2

Advisors: 7

2006-07 Meeting Schedule (date and location):

May 6, 2006 State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building, Lansing

August 12, 2006 Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing

November 11, 2006 State Appellate Defender Office, Detroit

February 3, 2007 State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building, Lansing

Committee Activities:

Committee members wrote a number of *Michigan Bar Journal* articles to help practitioners with research: *Michigan State Courts: Resources on the Internet*, by TeLisa Owens (July 2006); *Legal Resources for Disability Law*, by James Hogan (August 2006); *Ethics Resources*, by Randy Foreman (September 2006); *Conducting Consumer Protection Research on the Internet*, by Sue Adamczak (October 2006); *Electronic Resources for Research in Administrative Law*, by Lance Werner and Nicholas Bozen (November 2006); *Electronic Tax Resources for Charitable Nonprofits*, by Lance Werner (December 2006); *Mirror Image: Selected Legal Industry Sources*, by Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen (January 2007); *Useful Resources for Federal Court Practice*, by Randy Foreman (February 2007); *Contracts Resources*, by Dan Kopka (May 2007); and *Sources of Presidential Papers and Documents on the Web*, by Barbara Garavaglia (June 2007).

Committee members updated our Michigan Online Legal Self-Help Center web page project, designed to help Michigan citizens find legal resources and work better with their attorneys. The web page is online at:

<http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/selfhelp.cfm>

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

The State Bar reimbursed committee members for refreshments for our meetings. Sandra Barger, Sharon Barnes, Kristine Kowalski, Elizabeth Lyon, Susan McMann, and Linda Novak have been extremely helpful in processing reimbursement for meeting refreshments; keeping us informed of public policy developments; updating the Committee roster; maintaining our web page project online (including tracking web hits); and assisting with editing and publication of Committee member articles in the *Michigan Bar Journal*.

Future Goals and Activities:

At a minimum, Committee members plan to continue providing quality articles for publication in each theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*, relating to electronic legal research for the featured theme. We also plan to promote and update our Michigan Online Legal Self-Help Center web page; and monitor legislation and technology relating to the availability of legal resources to members of the Bar and the public.

Chair/Co-Chair Contact Information: For further information, contact Committee chair Randy E. Davidson, Assistant Defender, State Appellate Defender Office, 3300 Penobscot Building, Detroit, MI 48226, telephone 313-256-9833, E-mail to: randy@sado.org.