

## State Bar of Michigan | 2017–2018

### Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

*Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.*

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***Council Meeting Schedule:***

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Council Meeting	8/17/17	SBM building
Council Meeting	9/29/17	Cobo Center, Detroit
Council Meeting	10/19/17	SBM building
Council Meeting	1/18/18	SBM building
Council Meeting	2/15/18	SBM building
Council Meeting	3/15/18	SBM building
Council Meeting	4/19/18	SBM building
Council Meeting (canceled due to illness/unavailability of all officers)	5/17/18*	mtg not held

**Addendum Information:** Please list any addendums attached.

**Events and/or Seminars:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Section Outing - Lugnuts baseball game	July 2017	Lansing
Annual training conference	11/16-11/17/17	Shanty Creek, Bellaire MI
Annual holiday party	Dec 2017	Lansing

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**Legislative issues:**

See Addendum, attached.

**Recommendations for next Council:**

Broaden and increase member participation in council and committee action, trainings and conferences.

**Other Information:**

The section voted to participate as amicus in three pending appeals in the Court of Appeals. The section submitted comments opposing proposed DHHS policies that would have eliminated appeals in Title IV-E matters (the DHHS later decided not to adopt the new policies). The section formed a subcommittee to discuss beginning to publish again its quarterly Child Welfare Law Journal.

**Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2018 to:**

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**Addendum to Children’s Law Section Annual Report, May 31, 2018, “Legislative Issues”:**

1. Participated in child protection proceedings mediation court rule workgroup. The Michigan Supreme Court subsequently adopted the court rule amendments.
2. Suggested amendments and supported HB 5537 (2018), which criminalized using one’s authority to prevent reporting child abuse or neglect.
3. Supported HB 5796 (2018), which required training for mandated reporters.
4. Supported HB 5659 (2018), which added K-12 coaches as mandated reporters.
5. Opposed SB 874 (2018), which increased penalties for mandated reporters failing to report suspected child abuse or neglect.
6. Supported SB 488-491 (2017), 797-798 (2018), which creates the Safe Families for Children Act.
7. Supported HB 4298 (2017) as introduced, which required videotaping forensic interviews of children at child advocacy centers.
8. Supported SB 616 (2017), which allowed tribal entities access to confidential children’s protective services case file information.
9. Supported SB 471 (2017) which allowed for setting aside juvenile delinquency adjudications for successful completion of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy.