



**Michigan Supreme Court  
Board of Law Examiners**

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Robert P. Young, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court

FROM: The Michigan Board of Law Examiners

DATE: August 4, 2014

RE: Report of the Task Force on the Role of the State Bar of Michigan

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The Michigan Board of Law Examiners (the Board) has had an opportunity to review and discuss the Report of the Task Force on the Role of the State Bar of Michigan. The Board takes no position and offers no comment on those portions of the Report that address the role of the State Bar other than as pertains to the admission or recertification of attorneys to practice law in Michigan. Regarding those matters the Board offers the following comments:

- As to Recommendation 3(9), relating to coordination between State Bar and the Board in the area of “[i]ntake services (questions and complaints) for admission to practice and *pro hac vice*,” the Board observes that coordination is necessary between the Board’s office and the State Bar in the area of “intake services” for applicants for admission to the bar, particularly considering the bifurcated nature of that admission process for those seeking admission in the first instance. Such coordination currently occurs and the Board, through its Executive Director, will continue to work with the State Bar to improve the integration of services to applicants. However, the Board has no role, and should have no role, in *pro hac vice* admission. Accordingly, there is no integration necessary between the Board and the State Bar in this area.

- As to Recommendation 5, relating to reducing inactive dues and convening a special commission to examine licensing, *pro hac vice* admission, and recertification issues, the Board takes no position as to whether a special commission should be convened. However, should such a commission be convened, the Board believes it should be a participant, and is willing to participate, so long as the commission’s role is limited to considering the issues identified in the report. The Board is not interested in a “closer examination” of the construct, content or scoring of the bar examination in the context, or under the pretext, of its participation on any such commission.