

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Charge. The Publications Committee advises staff regarding preparation and execution of the revenue and direct expense budgets of the publications, is a resource to the editorial staff for purpose of identifying topics to be covered and authors to be solicited for contributions, and oversees the conduct and implementation of results of readership research. Committee members may be asked to review and comment on unsolicited manuscripts that have been offered for publication.

The MSBA Publications Committee has responsibility for the standing elements of MSBA publications—including the design, regular columns and departments, and the media in which the publications are published. The Committee annually bestows the Elmer H. Wiblehauser Author Award on the author or authors it deems to have contributed the best article published in the magazine in the preceding fiscal year.

The Committee periodically reviews and recommends editorial policy for the publications to MSBA leadership and advises the leadership in the interpretation of established editorial policy. The Committee at least annually evaluates MSBA publications in terms of the publications' engagement of MSBA members as readers, members' involvement with the publications as contributors, and emerging media and areas of interest to the bar in which MSBA publications should be involved.

Staff. Working within the bounds of budgets and policies of the Association, the Editor is responsible for the form, content and budget of the publications.

Membership. The MSBA Publications Committee is a committee of 12-15 volunteer members of the Association, appointed annually by the MSBA President Elect. Staff is responsible for identifying the types of members needed to fulfill the responsibilities of the Committee, recruiting candidates for Committee membership, and recommending such candidates to the MSBA President Elect for appointment to the Committee. The staff shall consider the need to provide for diversity in all forms when recruiting Committee members and making recommendations to the President for appointment. Members should be knowledgeable regarding publications media, policies, procedures, and production and should attend meetings and participate actively in the work of the Committee.

Chair. The Chair of the Publications Committee is appointed annually by the MSBA President Elect from among members of the committee and may serve a maximum of three sequential terms in that capacity.