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July 18, 2017

Carrie Sharlow  
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306 Townsend Street  
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Re: Representative Assembly

Dear Carrie:

Please accept this as my letter of interest in being nominated for clerk of the Representative Assembly. I have enclosed a resume highlighting my bar association experience.

I have been a member of the Representative Assembly since 2012, and for the last two bar years, I have served as the Chair of the Special Issues Committee. I have had the pleasure of addressing the Assembly several times, including commenting on issues relative to attorney dues, as well as presenting on important topics such as Access to Justice funding.

My other State Bar service includes being a member of the Committee on Justice Initiatives and Co-Chair of the Equal Access Initiative. In addition to my service with the State Bar, I am the immediate-past president of the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Oakland County Bar Association. I have previously served as an Affiliate Representative of the National Bar Association's Board of Governors, and I am an active member of the American Bar Association and the Detroit Bar Association. I am also a fellow of both the American Bar Foundation and the Oakland County Bar Foundation.

If elected clerk of the Representative Assembly, I will continue to work diligently to promote and achieve the goals of this august body. I will work tirelessly to assist with the Assembly's programs and initiatives, and I hope to bring new and innovative ideas and concepts to the Assembly's already impressive list of accomplishments. Ultimately, it will be my goal to see each of the Assembly's initiatives be enormously successful and all of its goals obtained and surpassed.

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I have enjoyed my years of bar service and hope to bring this same level of energy and commitment to the Representative Assembly by serving as its clerk. Please let me know if you require anything further as part of the nomination process.

Very truly yours,



Aaron V. Burrell

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## Aaron V. Burrell

### Member, Detroit

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#### Areas of Practice

- Appellate
- Commercial & Business Litigation
- Entertainment, Sports and Media
- Labor & Employment
- Minority Business Enterprises

#### Education

The University of Michigan, B.A., 2007

- With Distinction

Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., 2010

- *Magna Cum Laude*
- Assistant Articles Editor: *Thomas M. Cooley Law Review*
- Certificates of Merit:
  - Scholarly Writing
  - Advanced Writing
  - Federal Administrative Law
- Moot Court: Top 10 Advocate
- Teaching Assistant: Secured Transactions

Central Michigan University, M.S.A., 2017

#### Bar Admission

- Michigan

#### Acknowledgements

- President's Award – Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Barristers
- Up & Coming Lawyer – Michigan Lawyers Weekly
- Michigan Super Lawyers – Rising Star
- Straker Bar Foundation Scholarship Award Winner (2008)
- Thomas M. Cooley Leadership Achievement Award Winner (2009)

#### Overview

Aaron Burrell focuses his practice in the areas of complex commercial litigation, labor and employment law, appellate law, and minority business enterprises.

As a member of the firm's labor and employment practice, he has successfully defended clients in a wide range of discrimination and unfair-labor-practice claims in state and federal court, as well as before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, and the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Burrell has also counseled clients on all aspects of the employment relationship including hiring, discipline, and the creation and enforcement of employment agreements.

Mr. Burrell is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oakland County Bar Association; is the immediate past president of the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association; was named a foundation fellow of both the American Bar Foundation and the Oakland County Bar Foundation; served as affiliate representative of the National Bar Association, is a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Representative Assembly, Third Judicial Circuit; and co-chairs the State Bar of Michigan's Equal Access Initiative. He has been named an Up and Coming Lawyer by "Michigan Lawyers Weekly" and a Rising Star by Michigan Super Lawyers. He has also been named a Top 100 Lawyer in Detroit by "Native Detroit Magazine". Mr. Burrell is an active member of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, the Wolverine Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Mr. Burrell is the author of the *Commercial Torts* chapter of *Torts: Michigan Law and Practice* (ICLE 2016), a contributor to "Employment Discrimination Law" (BNA, 2015), and a co-author of the "Michigan Class Action Compendium" (Defense Research Institute).

#### Prominent Assignments

- Prevailed in multiple arbitrations as lead counsel for national automotive manufacturer.
- Served as lead counsel in successful actions before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Michigan Court of Appeals.
- Successfully obtained summary disposition and full judgment in favor of national print and Internet advertising company against claims involving breach of contract and negligent misrepresentation.
- Successfully obtained summary disposition of claims for real estate holdings company against statutory and common law claims of fraud and negligence.
- Successfully obtained summary disposition of claims in business tort action under the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act and successor liability principles.
- Successfully obtained summary disposition of claims in business tort actions involving fraudulent inducement and fraudulent concealment.
- Advised a variety of manufacturing clients on Minority Business Enterprise certification issues.
- Advised clients regarding corporate director disputes; drafted stock purchase agreements, stock assignment agreements, and stock certificates to resolve shareholder disputes.

#### Representative Clients

- YP Midwest Publishing LLC
- John Hancock Life Insurance Company
- Household Finance Company
- Grupo Antolin-Wayne, Inc.
- Citizens Bank, N.A.
- DMS Moving Systems, Inc.
- Seterus, Inc.

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### Bar Admission

- Michigan

- Detroit Public Library

### Professional Involvement

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Elected member of the State Bar Representative Assembly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit; Chair of the Special Issues Committee
  - Co-Chair of the Equal Access Initiative on the Committee on Justice Initiative
- Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy, Inaugural Class
- D. Augustus Straker Bar Association
  - Immediate Past President, Board of Directors
- Oakland County Bar Association
  - Director, Board of Directors
  - Fellow, Oakland County Bar Foundation
  - Member of OCBA Diversity Committee
  - Associate Member of OCBA Inns of Court
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan
- American Bar Association
  - Fellow American Bar Foundation
- Wolverine Bar Association

### Community Involvement

- President, David Ellis Academy-West Board of Directors
- Greater Grace Temple, Associate Deacon, Finance Committee

### Publications/Presentations

- Aaron V. Burrell, *Torts: Michigan Law and Practice, Chapter 14: Commercial Torts*, (publication of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education) (January 2016).
- Co-Author, *Employment Discrimination Law, Chapter 10, Sex Discrimination* (a publication of BNA) (Fall 2015).
- Co-Author, *Michigan Class Action Compendium 2014* (publication of the Defense Research Institute) (November 2014).
- Aaron V. Burrell, *Diversity Corner, Spotlight on Michelle Crockett*, Laches (publication of the Oakland Co. B. Assoc.) (January 2014)
- Aaron V. Burrell, *Diversity Corner, Spotlight on Reginald Turner*, Laches (publication of the Oakland Co. B. Assoc.) (October 2013)
- Co-Author, *NLRB focus on concerted activity increases litigation against non-unionized employers*, Michigan Lawyer's Weekly (March 2013)
- Co-Author, *Preparing for and Managing Crises*, DRI Commercial Litigation Seminar Paper (February 2013)
- Aaron V. Burrell, *An Update On the State Bar's Pledge to Achieve Diversity with Dean John Nussbaumer*, 546 Laches (publication of the Oakland Co. B. Assoc.) 33 (March 2012)
- Co-Author, *What Does Diversity Look Like To You?*, 539 Laches (publication of the Oakland Co. B. Assoc.) 28 (June 2011).
- Contributed to Michigan Business Torts, Ch. 12, "Claims Concerning Computer Technology and the Internet," Edward H. Pappas, Thomas G. McNeill, and Daniel D. Quick (ICLE 2009).

### Experience

- Judicial Staff Attorney, Law Clerk to the Hon. Leo Bowman, Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, Oakland County (2010)

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- Federal Judicial Intern to the Hon. Arthur J. Tarnow, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2008)
- Intern to Mayor Brenda L. Lawrence, City of Southfield
- Licensed Real Estate Salesperson – Michigan
- Completed SCAO-Approved Mediation Training, Certified Mediator