

Important Notice

Regarding State Bar Committee and Work Group Appointments

2018–2019 Committee Opportunities:

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE

Character and Fitness
Client Protection Fund
Judicial Qualifications
Lawyers and Judges Assistance
Professional Ethics
Unauthorized Practice of Law

PUBLIC POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE

Access to Justice Policy
American Indian Law
Civil Procedure and Courts
Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice
United States Courts

COMMUNICATION AND MEMBER SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE

Awards
Michigan Bar Journal
Professional Education and Events
Public Education and Outreach
Social Media and Website

IMPLEMENTATION AND INNOVATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Access to Justice
Affordable Legal Services
Diversity and Inclusion
Lawyer Referral

More Volunteer Opportunities to be Announced!

2017–2018 Examples:

Consistent Fee Waiver
Justice Innovation Guidelines
Limited Scope Representation
Implementation
Modest Means Legal Services
Payee Notification
Regulatory Objectives

The State Bar of Michigan EXTENDS ANOTHER INVITATION TO

PARTICIPATE

in committee and volunteer service

Dear Colleague:

The 2017–2018 bar year proved one of excitement, energy, and innovation in State Bar work. We had an overwhelming response to our call for volunteers to carry out the goals of our latest Strategic Plan. A new application helped us learn remarkable information about you and how you prefer to work with the State Bar. We appointed many new members to committees and work groups and are having significant success and progress toward our goals. We found, however, that we had more volunteers than immediate opportunities, and many applications did not have sufficient information to help us understand whether a particular appointment was appropriate. In an effort to remedy this, we have revised our application again to be more deliberate in the information we seek so we can make more and better-focused appointments.

We continue to adhere to our core mission to promote the professionalism of lawyers; advocate for an open, fair, and accessible justice system; and provide services to members that enable them to best serve their clients. Our work as a national innovator in moving the legal profession into the future continues through the energy of our volunteers and fast-moving work groups.

The sidebar at left shows traditional volunteer opportunities, and I encourage you to apply for an appointment to these committees as well as to highlight your interests and skill sets for work groups to be created. New work groups are being formed as opportunities and resources emerge; a description of some of this year's new volunteer opportunities will be included in an upcoming SBM Today email message and in other State Bar communications.

You will receive an email from me with a link to a new electronic application in early May. I urge you to complete the volunteer application even if your past application did not result in an appointment, as your availability and desired volunteer commitment may have changed, as well as the needs of the Bar given the evolving volunteer opportunities. I intend to involve as many members as possible in the work of the Bar during my year as president. I will review the applications and make appointments by September 1.

I am truly looking forward to working with you during my year as president. Together, we can make a difference for our profession and the public we serve!

Sincerely,



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