

Important Notice

Regarding State Bar Committee
and Workgroup Appointments

2019–2020 Committee Opportunities:

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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

PUBLIC POLICY

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBER SERVICES

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

IMPLEMENTATION AND INNOVATION

Access to Justice
Affordable Legal Services
Diversity and Inclusion
Lawyer Referral

More Volunteer Opportunities to Come!

2018–2019 Examples:

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

HELP IMPROVE THE PROFESSION

VOLUNTEER

for SBM committee service

Dear Colleague:

The State Bar does so much to improve the legal profession. As part of our core mission, we 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 for long-term committees and fast-moving workgroups. We could do all of these things even better with your help.

The sidebar here shows traditional committee volunteer opportunities. I encourage you to apply for an appointment to these committees, especially if you've never contributed to any of them before. If you don't think you have the time to commit to a standard State Bar committee, I encourage you to consider applying for a short-term workgroup appointment. New groups are 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.

You will receive an email from me with a link to a new electronic volunteer service application in early May. I urge you to complete it even if your past application did not result in an appointment. 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!

Sincerely,



Dennis M. Barnes
President-Elect, State Bar of Michigan