

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**  
**2011-2012 Annual Report**

***Article VI §6, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan***

*No later than May 1 of each year, the chair of each committee and subentity of the Bar, with the assistance of the staff liaison, shall report to the Executive Director on a form provided by the State Bar on the activities and accomplishments of the committee or subentity.*

***Committee Name:*** Judicial Qualifications Committee

***Jurisdictional Statement:***

Evaluate candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies and report its findings in confidence to the authority requesting its assistance.

The chief staff attorney of the Attorney Grievance Commission serves as reporter for this committee. The appointed members are limited to three two-year terms. Chairs of the committee may serve more than three two-year terms. This committee may have more than 15 members.

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David H. Fink, Bloomfield Hills ((2013)  
Kiffi Y. Ford, Lansing (2013)  
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Pamela R. Harwood, Troy (2012)  
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Harold D. Pope, III, Southfield (2013)  
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Michael J. Riordan, Detroit (2012)\*  
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Robin D. Stephens, Ann Arbor (2012)  
Kenneth T. Watkins, Southfield (2013)  
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\*Mr. Riordan resigned in May 2012 after receiving a judicial appointment.

***Committee Meetings scheduled during the 2011 – 2012 Bar year:***

October 11, 2011  
November 8, 2011  
January 10, 2012  
February 14, 2012  
March 13, 2012  
April 17, 2012  
May 8, 2012

***Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan in Support of Committee Work:***

In support of the work of this Committee, the State Bar of Michigan provides a meeting room in the Michael Franck Building as well as lunch for the Committee members. The State Bar staff liaisons coordinate the interview schedule, report the Committee's ratings for each candidate directly to the Governor's Office, and handle administrative tasks and other matters as necessary.

***Committee Activities:***

As requested by the Governor, the Judicial Qualifications Committee interviews and rates candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies. A representative from the Governor's Office, the Reporter, and the State Bar staff liaisons also attend the meetings. The work of the Committee members, the Reporter, and the State Bar staff liaisons (which includes preparation for the interviews, candidate interviews, and the ratings reported by the State Bar directly to the Governor's Office) is confidential.

Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and/or as requested. From May 2011 through April 2012, the Committee met nine times and interviewed 97 candidates for judicial vacancies.