State Bar 2012 Election Results

SBM Board of Commissioners

Four attorneys—Lawrence P. Nolan, Hon. Michael J. Riordan, Jules B. Olsman, and Maureen McGinnis—won contested seats in this year’s SBM Board of Commissioners elections. All will serve three-year terms expiring at the close of the 2015 Annual Meeting. The State Bar Board of Commissioners provides oversight to the various operations of the Bar such as finance, public policy, and member services.

Nolan won in District E representing Barry, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Livingston, Montcalm, and Shiawassee counties. He is president of Nolan, Thomsen & Villanueva, P.C. and has been involved in State Bar work for 35 years. During his last three years on the SBM Board of Commissioners, he has served on its Executive, Finance, and Audit committees and the Presidential Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group. He was chair of the Young Lawyers Section in 1984 and has served on the SBM Judicial Qualifications, Pre-Paid Legal Services, and Pro Bono committees. He is currently treasurer of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society. Nolan is a past president of the Ingham County Bar Association and past chair of the Ingham County Bar Foundation. He is the longest-serving member of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Board of Directors, having served continuously for 30 years, and was its vice chair for 15 years. Nolan has been named to the Best Lawyers in America and Michigan Super Lawyers each year from 2006 to 2011. He received the ICBA’s Outstanding Attorney Award in 2009 and was selected by the American Trial Lawyers Association as one of the state’s top 100 trial lawyers in 2010.

Riordan won in District H representing Lenawee, Monroe, and Wayne counties. He was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Michigan Court of Appeals in March 2012. He has served on the SBM Board of Commissioners since 2006 and as a member of its Executive Committee since 2009, and was previously on the Representative Assembly. Before his appointment to the bench, Riordan was an assistant U.S. attorney, an attorney with the Securities & Exchange Commission, and also worked in private practice. Riordan has been on the SBM’s Judicial Qualifications, U.S. Courts, and Custodial Interrogation Task Force committees. He is president of the Detroit Federal Bar Association and a member of the Federal Court’s Civility Committee. He served on the 2010 Federal Court Magistrate Reappointment Panel and was its vice chair in 2009. Riordan is a past president of the Irish-American Lawyers Bar Association and has chaired its Focus Hope Project since 1999. He is a member of the Detroit Cristo Rey School President’s Board, the Michigan State Bar Foundation, and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and is vice president of the University of Detroit School of Law Alumni Board. An adjunct professor of securities regulation for 13 years, Riordan has written for scholarly and bar publications and has spoken at many professional seminars.

McGinnis won in District I representing Oakland County. She practices with the Law Offices of Donald E. McGinnis Jr., P.C. in Troy, focusing on family and criminal law. She chaired the SBM Young Lawyers Section in 2010–2011 and served as a YLS council member for seven years. She began her current term as SBM commissioner in 2009 as chair-elect of the YLS. McGinnis is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association, where she served as chair of the New Lawyers Committee and was elected to its Board of Directors in 2010. She has also been active in the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, most recently as an appointee to its Women in the Profession Committee. She was elected as a council member for the city of Troy in 2009 and is currently mayor pro tem. McGinnis is also active in her community, working with groups such as Habitat for Humanity, the Family Legal Assistance Project, and Oakland County Youth Assistance. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Colorado and her law degree from Michigan State University Detroit College of Law.

Olsman won in District I representing Oakland County. He is president of Olsman, Mueller, Wallace & MacKenzie, P.C. in Berkley. He has served as an appointed member of the SBM Board of Commissioners and also on the Representative Assembly and Grievance and Civil Procedure committees. Olsman was past president of the Michigan Association for Justice, past chair of the SBM Negligence Procedure committees. Olsman was past president of the Michigan Association for Justice, past chair of the SBM Negligence Law Section, a past member of the American Association for Justice Board of Governors, and a founding member of the AAJ.
Nursing Home Litigation Group. He was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to the Governor's Elder Abuse Task Force and also served on the board of Citizens for Better Care and the Oakland County Bar Association Board of Directors. Olsman is an adjunct professor at Michigan State University College of Law, where he has taught medical malpractice litigation. In 2009, he was elected to the Huntington Woods City Commission.

Two attorneys won unopposed races to the State Bar Board of Commissioners. **Thomas C. Rombach** of New Baltimore won in District D representing Macomb and St. Clair counties. Rombach is the current secretary of the SBM Board of Commissioners and operates the Law Offices of Thomas C. Rombach in New Baltimore. **Lori A. Buiteweg** of Ann Arbor won in District G representing Washtenaw and Jackson counties. Buiteweg serves as treasurer of the SBM Board of Commissioners and is a shareholder at Nichols, Sacks, Slank, Sengelbach & Buiteweg, P.C. in Ann Arbor. Both will serve three-year terms expiring at the close of the 2015 Annual Meeting.

**SBM Representative Assembly**

Twenty-six attorneys won contested races for the State Bar Representative Assembly.

In the 3rd Circuit representing Wayne County, **Elizabeth M. Johnson, John P. Mayer, Fred K. Herrmann, Marcy L. Rosen, John F. Clark, and Daniel D. McLean** won three-year terms expiring in 2015; **Eric S. Rosenthal, Vincent A. Romano, Douglas A. Kaye, and Aaron V. Burrell** won two-year terms expiring in 2014; and **James W. Heath** won a one-year term expiring in 2013.

In the 6th Circuit representing Oakland County, **Samuel I. Bernstein, Michael D. Elkins, Kenneth B. Morgan, Michael J. Blau, Lauren A. Rousseau, Lawrence B. Shulman, Daniel D. Quick, and Matthew B. Woodworth** won three-year terms expiring in 2015; **Syeda F. Davidson and Barry D. Malone** won two-year terms expiring in 2014; and **Ray H. Littleton II and James T. Weiner** won one-year terms expiring in 2013.

In the 7th Circuit representing Genesee County, **Richard M. Barron** won a three-year term expiring in 2015.

In the 30th Circuit representing Ingham County, **Joshua S. Smith, Michael J. Marutiak, and Janene McIntyre** won three-year terms expiring in 2015.

The 150-member Representative Assembly was created in 1972 to increase the proportion of members who actively participate in Bar policy; it serves as the SBM’s final policymaking body.

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**SBM Judicial Tenure Commission**

Hon. Michael M. Hathaway won election for a three-year term on the Judicial Tenure Commission that begins January 1, 2013, and expires December 31, 2015. Hathaway, a 41-year member of the State Bar of Michigan, is a Wayne County circuit judge assigned to the court's Criminal Division. In that position, he presides over approximately 50 felony trials and several hundred nontrial dispositions annually. Hathaway is a 1967 graduate of Wayne State University and a 1971 graduate of the Detroit College of Law. During law school, he taught in De-