

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
2013-2014 Annual Report

Committee Name: Judicial Qualifications Committee

Jurisdictional Statement:

Evaluate candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies and report 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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Committee Meetings held between May 2013 and April 2014:

May 14, 2013
August 13, 2013
September 10, 2013
November 12, 2013
December 10, 2013
April 8, 2014

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 2013 through April 2014, the Committee met 6 times and interviewed 61 candidates for judicial vacancies.