

State Bar 2006 Election Results

State Bar Commissioner Seats

Attorneys Charles R. Toy of Lansing, W. Anthony Jenkins of Detroit, Donald E. McGinnis, Jr., of Troy and Julie I. Fershtman of Farmington Hills emerged as winners of contested seats in the State Bar of Michigan recent commissioner elections. Lori A. Buiteweg of Ann Arbor won in an uncontested race in District G, which covers Jackson and Washtenaw counties.

Charles Toy will serve District E, which includes Barry, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Livingston, Montcalm, and Shiawassee counties. Jenkins will serve District H, covering Wayne, Monroe, and Lenawee counties. McGinnis and Fershtman will serve District I covering Oakland County. All commissioners will serve three-year terms expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2009.

Toy, a shareholder at Farhat and Story P.C. in Lansing, serves on the Executive Committee of the State Bar as the treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee. He has been on the Representative Assembly for eight years, serving from 1992 to 1998 and from 2004 to the present. He has also served on the board of directors of the Ingham County Bar Association and was very active on the Environmental Law Section Council, where he was elected to every officer position. Toy has been a contract administrative law judge for the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources, and is an adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

W. Anthony Jenkins is a two-term incumbent member of the Board of Commissioners, and serves on the executive and finance committees. He is a past president of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, a member of the State Bar Fellows Society, and Michigan's state delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. Jenkins serves or has served on several civic and charitable boards, including the Detroit Medical Center, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the City of Detroit Elected Officials Compensation Commission, and the City of Detroit Board of Police Commis-

sioners. Jenkins is a partner at Dickinson Wright PLLC, where he serves on the board of governors and represents clients in the automotive, real estate, and retail industries, and writes and lectures on the formation and capitalization of joint ventures, particularly minority business enterprises.

Julie I. Fershtman has been active in state, local, and national bar activities for nearly all of her 20 years as a lawyer. She currently serves on the State Bar Board of Commissioners and is a past chair of the Representative Assembly and the Young Lawyers Section. She is also a trustee of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. Fershtman is director of the Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA), past chair of the OCBA Professionalism Committee, and former Inns of Court officer. In the ABA, she is a vice-chair of the TIPS-Animal Law Committee and was named a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She lectures nationally and is well published. Fershtman is currently of counsel to Zausmer, Kaufman, August and Caldwell, P.C., where her practice focuses primarily on business litigation and insurance law.

Donald E. McGinnis, Jr., has been a director of the Oakland County Bar Association for the past 11 years and recently finished his term as the president of the organization. During his term, he was responsible for restructuring the Political Action Committee and its work relating to the rating of judicial candidates. He has also been responsible for involving the OCBA in a joint effort with the county executive and the Oakland County circuit and probate benches to establish a "lawyers only" line to enter the courthouse and for the allowance of camera-equipped cellular telephones to be permitted on the premises. He is presently the chairman of the Act 78 Board of Commissioners for the City of Troy and is a member of the board of directors for the Oakland County Community Trust.

Lori Buiteweg is a shareholder of Nichols, Sacks, Slank Sendelbach and Buiteweg, P.C. focusing on family law and estate planning.

She is the chairperson of the State Bar Representative Assembly and is a member of the executive committee of the Board of Commissioners. A past president of the Washtenaw County Bar Association, she remains an active volunteer in local bar association and judicial projects involving family law, mediation, and pro se legal assistance. Buiteweg was instrumental in opening the Legal Resource Center of Washtenaw County and is a past board member. She has also been a presenter for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and is a member of the Michigan Council for Divorce and Family Mediators and Association for Conflict Resolution.

Judicial Tenure Commission, Young Lawyers Section, and Representative Assembly

The State Bar-appointed Board of Tellers has verified the 2006 results for the Judicial Tenure Commission, Representative Assembly, and Young Lawyers Section Executive Council. The results are as follows: The Honorable Jeanne Stempien of Detroit was elected to the Judicial Tenure Commission for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2007 and expiring December 31, 2009.

Seats were filled in 28 Representative Assembly circuits. The following were elected in uncontested races:

2nd Circuit—Berrien County

Colleen M. Cullitan, St. Joseph

3rd Circuit—Wayne County

William M. DeBiasi, Dearborn
Matthew R. Abel, Detroit
Sean P. FitzGerald, Detroit
Robert W. Spada, Detroit
Eric Stempien, Northville
Katherine A. Kakish, Detroit
TeLisa Tynette Owens, Detroit

4th Circuit—Jackson County

Susan G. Murphy, Jackson

5th Circuit—Barry County

Thomas E. Evans, Middleville

6th Circuit—Oakland County

Gordon S. Gold, Southfield
 Sheldon G. Larky, Bingham Farms
 James M. Pidgeon, Troy
 Michael D. Elkins, Bloomfield Hills
 Paul J. Raine, Rochester Hills
 James Paterson, Hazel Park
 Julia A. Perkins, Southfield
 Kirsten E. Gramzow, Bloomfield Hills
 Krista Licata Haroutunian,
 Bingham Farms

7th Circuit—Genesee County

Linda A. Pohly, Flint

**13th Circuit—Antrim,
Grand Traverse,
and Leelanau Counties**

John R. Blakeslee, Traverse City

14th Circuit—Muskegon County

David B. Kortering, Muskegon

15th Circuit—Branch County

J. Richard Colbeck, Coldwater

16th Circuit—Macomb County

Carl E. Chioini, Mt. Clemens
 Thomas C. Rombach, New Baltimore

17th Circuit—Kent County

Robert J. Buchanan, Grand Rapids
 Kathleen M. Allen, Grand Rapids

21st Circuit—Isabella County

Becky J. Bolles, Mt. Pleasant

**23rd Circuit—Alcona, Arenac,
Iosco, and Oscoda Counties**

Duane L. Hadley, Standish

24th Circuit—Sanilac County

Elaine Marie Sawyer, Sandusky

30th Circuit—Ingham County

Linda L. Widener, Lansing
 Stephen J. Gobbo, Lansing
 Monique Chantel Field, Lansing

**32nd Circuit—Gogebic and
Ontonagon Counties**

Michael K. Pope, Ironwood

33rd Circuit—Charlevoix County

John A. Jarema, Charlevoix

**34th Circuit—Ogemaw and
Roscommon Counties**

Dawn M. LaCasse, Prudenville

35th Circuit—Shiawassee County

Daniel J. Loomis, Corunna

36th Circuit—Van Buren County

Lynda M. Pioch, Paw Paw

38th Circuit—Monroe County

Christian J. Horkey, Monroe

39th Circuit—Lenawee County

Anna Marie Anzalone, Adrian
 Adrienne L. Iddings, Adrian

**41st Circuit—Dickinson, Iron and
Menominee Counties**

Christopher S. Ninomiya, Iron Mountain

44th Circuit—Livingston County

Michael J. Olson, Howell

45th Circuit—St. Joseph County

Christine M. Everson Yancey, Mendon

48th Circuit—Allegan County

Amanda S. Haverdink, Allegan

54th Circuit—Tuscola County

Hon. W. Wallace Kent, Jr., Caro

57th Circuit—Emmett County

Jennifer J. Schafer, Petoskey

Elections were also held for the Young Lawyers Section Executive Council for two-year terms expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2008. The following were elected to uncontested races:

**District 1—Wayne and
Macomb Counties**

Chiri N. Holt, Detroit

District 2—Oakland County

Ryan J. Deel, Troy
 James William Low, Southfield
 Maureen M. McGinnis, Troy

District 3—All Other Counties

Bernhardt D. Christenson, III, Flint