

State Bar 2007 Election Results

State Bar Commissioner Seats



Julie A. Sullivan

Attorney **Julie A. Sullivan** of Kalamazoo emerged as the winner of the race to represent District F in the lone contested race in this year's State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners elections.

Sullivan, who has practiced with Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey PLC since 1995, will serve Allegan, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties. Her three-year term expires in September 2010. A member of a number of SBM sections and committees since joining the Bar in 1992, she is in her second term on the Character and Fitness District F Committee. Sullivan is a past president of the Kalamazoo County Bar Association and a charter member of the Kalamazoo County Friend of the Court Committee, and has held multiple offices within the Family Law Section and Kalamazoo County Bar Association.

Six attorneys won uncontested races for the 32-member Board of Commissioners. They are:

- **James N. Erhart** of Petoskey in District A, which covers the entire Upper Peninsula and 24 counties in the northern Lower Peninsula. Erhart is a shareholder in the firm of Stroup, Erhart and Lyons, P.C. in Petoskey.



James N. Erhart

- **Bruce A. Courtade** and **Hon. William B. Murphy**, both of Grand Rapids, in District C, which includes Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Kent, Mecosta, Muskegon,



Bruce A. Courtade

Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, and Ottawa counties. Courtade is a shareholder with Rhoades McKee in Grand Rapids, and practices primarily litigation and construc-

tion law. Judge Murphy has been a Michigan Court of Appeals judge since 1988, serving the court as pro tem from 1992–1996.



Gregory L. Ulrich

- **Gregory L. Ulrich** of Livonia in District H, which represents Lenawee, Monroe, and Wayne counties. Ulrich is a partner with Livonia-based Cummings, McCloy, Davis and Acho PLC where he focuses on litigation, business, real estate, technology, and governmental matters.

- **Brian D. Einhorn** of Southfield and **Kurt E. Schnelz** of Birmingham in District I, which covers Oakland County. Einhorn is a partner in Collins, Einhorn, Farrell and



Kurt E. Schnelz

Ulanoff, PC where he focuses on liability and insurance issues. Schnelz is president and principal shareholder of Schnelz Wells, P.C. in Birmingham and he practices family law.



Hon. William B. Murphy

Judicial Tenure Commission

Thomas J. Ryan, former State Bar president (2000–2001), was recently elected to a second term as a member of the Judicial Tenure Commission (JTC). He is currently the JTC secretary.



Thomas J. Ryan

Ryan's three-year term commences January 1, 2008, and expires December 31, 2010.

The Judicial Tenure Commission is a constitutionally created body that promotes the integrity of the judicial process and preserves public confidence in the courts.

A private practitioner for 30 years, Ryan also serves as the attorney for the Village of Beverly Hills, City of Keego Harbor, City of the Village of Clarkston, and City of Orchard Lake Village, and is special counsel for the Village of Oxford and City of Birmingham. He was a member of the State Bar Board of Commissioners and its Executive Committee, former director and vice president of Oakland Livingston Legal Aid, and past president of the Oakland County Bar Association.

Young Lawyers Section

Attorneys Jennifer M. Harvey of Northville, Felicia O. Johnson of Detroit, and Brandy Y. Robinson of Detroit have won contested seats in Wayne and Macomb counties in recent State Bar of Michigan elections for the Young Lawyers Section Executive Council.

Jennifer M. Harvey of the Harvey Legal Group, PLLC, was re-elected to the Young Lawyers Section Executive Council. She focuses her practice on estate planning, real estate, and contracts, and has additional experience in corporate litigation, collections, family law, and criminal law.

Felicia O. Johnson is an assistant commission counsel with the Wayne County Commission, where she represents 15 elected officials. Before assuming her current duties, she was an assistant corporation counsel for the County of Wayne, Department of Corporation Counsel. She has extensive experience in environmental law, real estate, and transactional matters.

Brandy Y. Robinson, who has served on the Young Lawyers Section Executive Council since 2005, is an assistant defender with the State Appellate Defender Office and represents indigent criminal defendants at all stages of appeal. Before joining SADO, she was an associate at Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone.

Four attorneys won uncontested races in two other districts: Jessica R. Simmons, Troy; Hope Shovein, Southfield; Danielle Mason Anderson, Kalamazoo; David R. Miller, Grand Rapids; and Timothy T. Gardner, Jr., Lansing.

The Executive Council governs the members of the Young Lawyers Section. It is comprised of a maximum of 23 members, of which 10 are elected each year for two-year terms. The Young Lawyers Section is the largest and oldest section within the State Bar of Michigan. It provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, public-service programs, and publication of a newsletter, and has won numerous national awards for its public-service and educational programs.

Representative Assembly

Attorney **Kathleen M. Oemke** of Howell was recently elected to a contested seat on the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly serving Livingston County.

Oemke is the first legal aid lawyer in Livingston County. She currently works for the Livingston County Friend of the Court.

The 150-member Representative Assembly is the final policymaking body of the State Bar of Michigan.

Fifty other attorneys won unopposed races for Representative Assembly seats. They are:

1st Circuit—Hillsdale County

Barry F. Poulson, Hillsdale

2nd Circuit—Berrien County

Laurie Wightman Schmidt, St. Joseph

3rd Circuit—Wayne County

Susan Licata Haroutunian, Detroit
Roderick K. Green, Detroit
Michael S. McClory, Detroit
Elizabeth C. Jolliffe, Detroit
Stephen M. Taratuta, Detroit
Fred K. Hermann, Detroit
Scott A. Wolfson, Detroit

4th Circuit—Jackson County

Bruce A. Barton, Jackson

6th Circuit—Oakland County

Martin P. Krohner, Farmington Hills
Richard W. Paul, Bloomfield Hills
Joan P. Vestrand, Rochester
John A. Hubbard, Farmington Hills
Daniel Quick, Bloomfield Hills
Victoria A Valentine, West Bloomfield

7th Circuit—Genesee County

Donald G. Rockwell, Flint

9th Circuit—Kalamazoo County

Hon. Gary C. Giguere, Jr., Kalamazoo

12th Circuit—Keweenaw, Baraga, and Houghton Counties

Don R. Hiltunen, Hancock

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

John R. Blakeslee, Traverse City
Robert H. Witkop, Traverse City

14th Circuit—Muskegon County

Shon A. Cook, Muskegon

16th Circuit—Macomb County

Charles Trickey, III, Mt. Clemens
Peter E. Peacock, Mt. Clemens
James T. Hogan, Clinton Township
Dana M. Warnez, Center Line

17th Circuit—Kent County

Martin J. Hillard, Grand Rapids
Nelson P. Miller, Grand Rapids

18th Circuit—Bay County

Dawn A. Klida, Bay City
Winnifred Padden Boylan, Bay City

20th Circuit—Ottawa County

Maureen Burns Van Hoven, Jenison

22nd Circuit—Washtenaw County

Michael J. Blau, Ann Arbor
Robert K. Fergan, Ann Arbor

25th Circuit—Marquette County

Suzanne Curry Larsen, Marquette

29th Circuit—Clinton and Grafton Counties

Alan L. Cropsey, DeWitt

30th Circuit—Ingham County

Sean P. McNally, East Lansing
S. Marguerite E. Russell, Lansing

31st Circuit—St. Clair County

Gregory T. Stremers, Port Huron
Michael G. Boucher, Port Huron

37th Circuit—Calhoun County

Kent A. Bieberich, Battle Creek

38th Circuit—Monroe County

Timothy J. Laitur, Monroe

39th Circuit—Lenawee County

Adrienne L. Iddings, Adrian

41st Circuit—Dickinson, Iron, and Menominee Counties

Christopher S. Ninomiya, Iron Mountain

42nd Circuit—Midland County

Joseph G. Sepesy, Midland
Julia A. Close, Midland

50th Circuit—Chippewa County

Leanne Barnes Deuman, Sault Ste. Marie

53rd Circuit—Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties

Daniel Martin, Cheboygan

55th Circuit—Clare and Gladwin Counties

Hon. Roy G. Mienk, Gladwin

56th Circuit—Eaton County

Lawrence P. Nolan, Eaton Rapids

57th Circuit—Emmett County

Jennifer J. Schafer, Petoskey