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Dear Michigan Lawyer:

State Bar committees follow our Strategic Plan and build effective programs for the benefit of lawyers and the general public. Please join the rich history of service to the Bar through participation as a member of one of the many SBM committees.

If the opportunity to become part of the Bar's efforts to improve justice in the state of Michigan appeals to you, you can explore the many possibilities for service by examining the committee jurisdictions, annual reports, size and terms, and meeting schedules located at <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/committees.cfm>. If you have questions about a committee, please check the committee roster and contact the staff liaison for that committee.

Service to the committees can be demanding, so please make sure you can commit to preparing for and attending meetings several times a year. When considering committee service, you should also know that travel, lodging, and other personal expenses of attending committee meetings are not reimbursed.

This year, committees will be using a new online collaborative tool, a SharePoint portal, which provides members a place to share a calendar, documents, and planning strategies and to have discussions and a simple way to send direct e-mails between members. Every committee member will be expected to use the portal, which requires members to have reliable Internet access and a valid e-mail address. The portal was extensively tested by several special committees last year and received positive reviews.

If you are not currently serving on a committee, you can start the application process by visiting <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/nomination.cfm> and submitting the information requested by May 15. Late applications may not be considered because of the high volume of interest in committee service. If you wish to include a curriculum vitae, please e-mail it to [sbmcommittees@mail.michbar.org](mailto:sbmcommittees@mail.michbar.org) with the subject "Application of Interest Attachment." If you are currently serving on a committee and your term is expiring, please notify your staff liaison in writing with a clear statement regarding whether you wish to be considered for a second term.

As president-elect, I will review and evaluate the work of each committee and its membership in early summer, and work throughout the summer with the chairpersons and staff liaisons of each committee to review the applications and résumés received by the May 15 deadline. Committee appointments will be announced no later than September 1, 2010, and applicants will be notified by letter of the decision regarding their applications. Final committee rosters will be posted on committee web pages in early October.

Sincerely,

W. Anthony Jenkins  
President-Elect, State Bar of Michigan

The committee application process is conducted electronically.

You can apply by visiting

<http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/nomination.cfm>.

Please direct any

questions about

the process to

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## Applications Are Invited for These SBM Committees

### State Bar Standing Committees

American Indian Law  
Annual Meeting  
Awards  
Bar Leadership Liaison  
Character and Fitness  
Civil Procedure and Courts  
Client Protection Fund  
Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice  
Domestic Violence  
Judicial Qualifications  
Jury Instructions, Standard Criminal

Law and the Media  
Lawyers and Judges Assistance  
Libraries, Legal Research and Legal Publications  
Membership Services  
Professional Ethics  
Public Outreach  
Publications and Website Advisory  
Technology  
Unauthorized Practice of the Law  
United States Courts  
Upper Michigan Legal Institute

### Justice Initiatives

Criminal Issues Initiative  
Equal Access Initiative  
Justice Policy Initiative  
Pro Bono Initiative