

New Electronic SBM Election Process

A new process allowing all active members to vote securely online at the State Bar's website will be implemented for this year's elections. The new electronic process is cost effective and environmentally friendly and will be more convenient for members.

All members with computer access can currently register for conferences and seminars, order publications, and pay dues by clicking "member area" at the top of the home page at <http://www.michbar.org> and entering their unique password. Members will now have the opportunity to cast their vote in June for candidates in the Board of Commissioners, Representative Assembly, Young Lawyers Section Executive Council, and the Michigan Judicial Tenure races.

More than 90 percent of members have provided e-mail addresses to the State Bar. Members who cannot or choose not to vote electronically will continue to have the opportunity to request and cast a paper ballot.

Members of the State Bar of Michigan are hereby notified that the following elections will be held in June 2010:

- *A statewide election for a nonjudicial member of the Judicial Tenure Commission*
- *Elections for members of the Representative Assembly in 35 judicial circuits*
- *Elections for members of the Board of Commissioners in five commissioner districts*
- *Elections for members of the Young Lawyers Section Executive Council in three districts*

Nominating petitions may be filed no earlier than April 1, 2010, nor later than April 30, 2010. Ballots will be distributed no later than June 1, 2010, and must be received postmarked or completed online no later than June 15, 2010.

Nominating petitions for all elections will be found following these pages.

No member may sign a nominating petition for more than one Judicial Tenure Commission candidate. All signatures in violation of this rule will be deemed invalid. It is suggested to persons circulating petitions that at least 75 signatures be obtained to ensure that at least 50 valid signatures remain should any be ruled invalid or be found illegible and therefore unverifiable.

Representative Assembly

Active members in certain judicial circuits will elect members of the Representative Assembly for their circuits as follows:

1. The terms of certain elected members of the Assembly from judicial circuits as indicated below will expire at the close of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the State Bar. These seats are to be filled by election in June 2010 for terms of three years.
2. Vacancies in certain judicial circuits as indicated below are to be filled by election for the balance of the respective unexpired terms. The candidates elected will assume their office immediately upon the certification of their election in June 2010.
3. Terms of Assembly members in certain judicial circuits as indicated below, who serve by virtue of interim appointment by the Representative Assembly to fill seats for which there were no candidates for election in 2009, expire immediately upon certification of the election of their successors in June 2010 for the balance of the respective unexpired terms.

Following are the judicial circuits in which elections are to be held, the number of seats to be filled, and the names of incumbents.

NOTE:

**Assembly interim appointee eligible to run for election.*

The Annual Meeting of the Representative Assembly is held in the month of September.

1st Circuit—Hillsdale County

Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

1 Vacancy

2nd Circuit—Berrien County

Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

1 Vacancy

3rd Circuit—Wayne County

Elect 4 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

Roderick K. Green, Detroit
Susan L. Haroutunian, Detroit
Michael J. McClory, Detroit
Stephen M. Taratuta, Detroit

4th Circuit—Jackson County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Bruce A. Barton, Jackson

5th Circuit—Barry County

Elect 1 for a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

1 Vacancy

6th Circuit—Oakland County

Elect 8 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Elect 2 for the balance of a one-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2011.

Martin P. Krohner, Farmington Hills
April L. Neihsl, Farmington Hills
Paul J. Raine, Troy
David A. Wolfe, Troy
6 Vacancies

7th Circuit—Genesee County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Amy M. Kline, Fenton

Judicial Tenure Commission

Active members will elect one nonjudicial member of the Judicial Tenure Commission for a term of three years, beginning January 1, 2011, and expiring December 31, 2013.

Article 6, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution provides that three of the Commission's nine members shall be State Bar members elected by the members of the State Bar. One of these shall be a judge and two shall not be judges.

The seat to be filled by election in 2010 is to be held by a member who is not a judge. It is now held by:

Thomas J. Ryan, Sylvan Lake

Any active member of the State Bar who is not a judge may be nominated by petitions bearing the signatures of not fewer than 50 active members of the State Bar.

9th Circuit—Kalamazoo County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.
Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

Donald L. Roberts, Kalamazoo
1 Vacancy

12th Circuit—Keweenaw, Baraga, and Houghton Counties

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

1 Vacancy

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

Elect 3 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

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

16th Circuit—Macomb County

Elect 3 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.
Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

James T. Hogan, Clinton Township
Dana M. Warnez, Center Line
2 Vacancies

17th Circuit—Kent County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.
Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

Hal G. Ostrow, Grand Rapids
1 Vacancy

18th Circuit—Bay County

Elect 2 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

2 Vacancies

19th Circuit—Manistee and Benzie Counties

Elect 1 for the balance of a one-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2011.

1 Vacancy

20th Circuit—Ottawa County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Maureen B. Van Hoven, Jenison

22nd Circuit—Washtenaw County

Elect 2 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Sheila M. Johnson, Ann Arbor
Elizabeth C. Jolliffe, Ann Arbor

24th Circuit—Sanilac County

Elect 1 for the balance of a one-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2011.

1 Vacancy

29th Circuit—Clinton and Gratiot Counties

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

1 Vacancy

30th Circuit—Ingham County

Elect 3 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.
Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

Goldie M. Adele, Lansing
3 Vacancies

31st Circuit—St. Clair County

Elect 2 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

2 Vacancies

34th Circuit—Roscommon and Ogemaw Counties

Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

1 Vacancy

37th Circuit—Calhoun County

Elect 2 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Darling A. Garcia, Battle Creek
1 Vacancy

38th Circuit—Monroe County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

1 Vacancy

39th Circuit—Lenawee County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Adrienne L. Iddings, Adrian
Hon. Gregg P. Iddings, Adrian

40th Circuit—Lapeer County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Michael C. Delling, Lapeer

41st Circuit—Menominee, Iron, and Dickinson Counties

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Hon. Christopher S. Ninomiya,
Iron Mountain

42nd Circuit—Midland County

Elect 2 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

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

43rd Circuit—Cass County

Elect 1 for the balance of a one-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2011.

1 Vacancy

44th Circuit—Livingston County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Kathleen M. Oemke, Howell

46th Circuit—Otsego, Crawford, and Kalkaska Counties

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

1 Vacancy

50th Circuit—Chippewa County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

1 Vacancy

51st Circuit—Lake and Mason Counties

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Jeffrey C. Nellis, Ludington

53rd Circuit—Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties

Elect 1 for the balance of a two-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2012.

1 Vacancy

56th Circuit—Eaton County

Elect 2 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

*Tracie L. McCarn-Dinehart, Charlotte
Michael W. Thomsen, Eaton Rapids

57th Circuit—Emmet County

Elect 1 for a three-year term expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2013.

Jennifer J. Schafer, Petoskey

Board of Commissioners

Active members in certain commissioner election districts will elect members of the Board of Commissioners for their districts as follows:

The terms of the following commissioners of the State Bar will expire at the close of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the State Bar. The seats are to be filled by election in June 2010 for terms of three years, commencing at the close of the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Following are the districts in which elections are to be held, the number of seats to be filled, and the names of the incumbents.

District A—Judicial Circuits 11, 12, 13, 19, 23, 25, 26, 28, 32, 33, 34, 41, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, and 57

One seat

James N. Erhart, Petoskey

District C—Judicial Circuits 14, 17, 20, 21, 27, 49, and 55

Two seats

Bruce A. Courtade, Grand Rapids

1 Vacancy

District F—Judicial Circuits 1, 2, 9, 15, 36, 37, 43, 45, and 48

One seat

Julie A. Sullivan, Kalamazoo

District H—Judicial Circuit 3, 38, and 39

One seat

1 Vacancy

District I—Judicial Circuit 6

Two seats

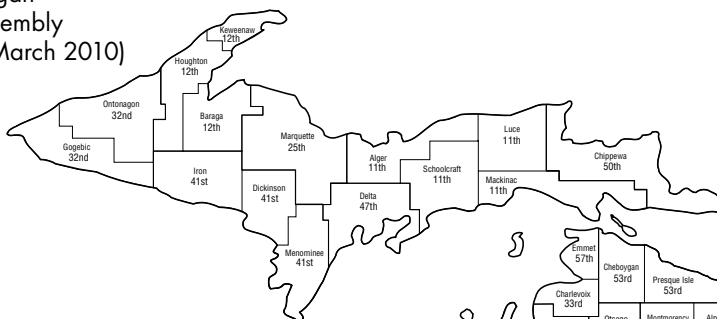
Brian D. Einhorn, Southfield

1 Vacancy

Commissioners are nominated from among the active members of the State Bar having their principal offices within the commissioner election district. Any active member may circulate petitions for a candidate for district commissioner in his or her district. Five valid signatures of members entitled to vote in that district are required to nominate.

No member may sign nominating petitions for more district commissioner candidates than there are seats to be filled in the district. All signatures in violation of this rule will be deemed invalid. It is suggested to persons circulating petitions that at least seven signatures be obtained to ensure that at least five valid signatures remain should any be ruled invalid or found illegible and therefore unverifiable.

State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
Election Districts (March 2010)



State Bar of Michigan
Commissioner Election Districts
(March 2010)



YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

The members of the Young Lawyers Section will elect members of the Executive Council for their districts as follows:

The terms of 9 Executive Council members expire at the close of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the State Bar. These seats are to be filled by election in June 2010 for terms of two years.

Following are the districts in which elections are to be held, the number of seats to be filled, and the names of the incumbents.

District 1—Wayne and Macomb Counties

Elect 2 Council members for two-year terms expiring in 2012.

Carlos A. Escurel, Detroit

Andrea Irons, Clinton Township

Sean P. McNally, Detroit

District 2—Oakland County

Elect 3 Council members for two-year terms expiring in 2012.

James William Low, Southfield

Brent George Seitz, Troy

*1 Vacancy

(*Maureen M. McGinnis is an incumbent, but as chair-elect, she becomes chair for 2010–2011. Under the applicable rules, her tenure is extended without election so she can serve as chair. The authorized number of council members is increased by one. The seat allocated to District 2 is filled by election.)

District 3—All Michigan Counties except Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland

Elect 4 Council members for two-year terms expiring in 2012.

Erika Lynn Anderson, St. Johns

Alexandra Nassar, Flint

Joseph P. Pittel, Lansing

Bonnie R. Shaw, Ann Arbor

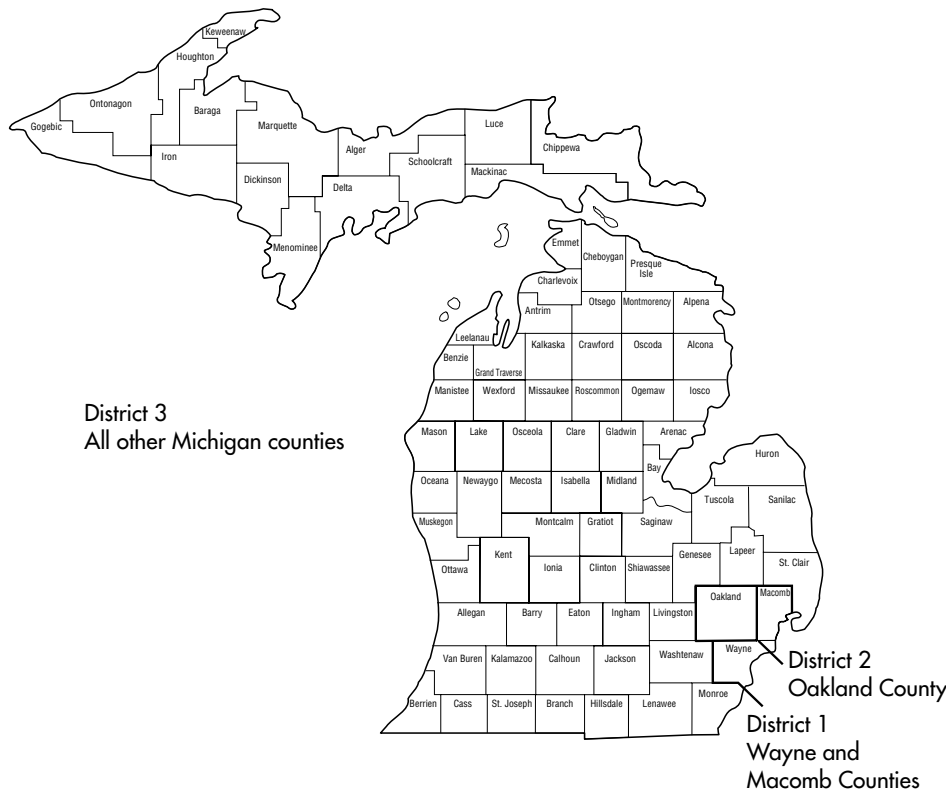
Executive Council members shall be elected from the active membership of the Young Lawyers Section in the three districts by the active members having their address of record on file with the State Bar therein. Any active member may circulate petitions for a candidate for Council member in his or her district. Five valid signatures of members entitled to vote for the nominee are required to nominate.

No member may sign nominating petitions for more Executive Council candidates than there are seats to be filled in the district. No member may sign nominating petitions for candidates outside of their district. All signatures in violation of these rules will be deemed invalid. It is suggested to persons circulating petitions that at least seven signatures be obtained to ensure that at least five valid signatures remain should any be ruled invalid or found illegible and therefore unverifiable.

The nominating petitions on the following pages may be removed from the Bar Journal or downloaded from the web at <http://www.michbar.org/journal/>, or a petition in substantially the same form may be used. Petitions must be filed no earlier than April 1, 2010, nor later than April 30, 2010, with the Secretary of the State Bar, Michael Franck Building, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933-2012.

Please note: The candidate named on each nominating petition form must consent to the nomination by signature on each form.

Candidates are requested to submit, along with their nominating petitions, a statement of biographical information, to be published and distributed to voting members along with their ballots. Statements must be written in the third person, typed double-spaced on letter-size paper, contain no more than 200 words, and must not contain statements other than biographical information. The State Bar reserves the right to edit materials that do not conform to these requirements. Because the time for preparation is limited, this information must be received by April 30. The State Bar cannot guarantee that information received after that date will be distributed to voting members.



STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN NOMINATING PETITION FOR

Executive Council Member, Young Lawyers Section

_____ District

We, the undersigned active members of the State Bar of Michigan, having our address of record with the State Bar within the above district,

hereby nominate: _____ whose address of record

PLEASE PRINT NAME

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with the State Bar is located at: _____

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in said district, for the office of Executive Council Member, Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan from the said district, to be voted

on at the election to be held therein during the year 2010.

NOTE: FIVE VALID SIGNATURES OF MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR THE NOMINEE ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE. SIGNATURES MUST BE OF ACTIVE MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT NAMED ABOVE. NO MEMBER SHALL SIGN NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN THERE ARE VACANCIES TO BE FILLED IN THE DISTRICT. THE CANDIDATE NAMED IN THIS PETITION MUST INDICATE CONSENT TO THE NOMINATION BY SIGNATURE BELOW. PETITIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE BAR AT THE MICHAEL FRANCK BUILDING, 306 TOWNSEND STREET, LANSING, MI 48933-2012, NOT EARLIER THAN APRIL 1 NOR LATER THAN APRIL 30. PETITIONER CANNOT BE LISTED.

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_____, an active member of the State Bar of Michigan,

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says that his/her address of record with the State Bar is _____

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and he/she circulated the foregoing petition, and is well acquainted with the persons whose names are thereto affixed, and such person signed the said petition in his/her presence.

Signature of Circulator _____

PETITIONER MAY SIGN AS CIRCULATOR

I hereby accept the nomination for which this petition is submitted.

Candidate's Signature _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN NOMINATING PETITION FOR A

Nonjudicial Member, Judicial Tenure Commission

We, the undersigned active members of the State Bar of Michigan, having our principal offices for the practice of law as indicated below, hereby

nominate: _____, an active member of the State Bar of
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Michigan, whose principal office is located at _____
ADDRESS ZIP

for the office of member, Judicial Tenure Commission, to be voted on at the election to be held in 2010.

NOTE: 50 VALID SIGNATURES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE. NO MEMBER SHALL SIGN NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE. THE CANDIDATE NAMED IN THIS PETITION MUST INDICATE CONSENT TO THE NOMINATION BY SIGNATURE BELOW. PETITIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE BAR AT THE MICHAEL FRANCK BUILDING, 306 TOWNSEND STREET, LANSING, MI 48933-2012, NOT EARLIER THAN APRIL 1 NOR LATER THAN APRIL 30. PETITIONER CANNOT BE LISTED.

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State Bar Election Notice

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NOTE: 50 VALID SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE. CIRCULATORS ARE ADVISED TO FILE A TOTAL IN EXCESS OF THAT NUMBER.

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PRINTED NAME OF CIRCULATOR

says that his/her principal office address is _____
ADDRESS ZIP

and he/she circulated the foregoing petition, and is well acquainted with the persons whose names are thereto affixed, and such person signed the said petition in his/her presence.

Signature of Circulator _____
PETITIONER MAY SIGN AS CIRCULATOR

I hereby accept the nomination for which this petition is submitted.

Candidate's Signature _____
SIGNATURE DATE

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN NOMINATING PETITION FOR

Member, Representative Assembly

_____ Judicial Circuit

We, the undersigned active members of the State Bar of Michigan, having our principal offices for the practice of law within the above judicial circuit, hereby nominate: _____ whose principal office for the practice of law is located at: _____ in said judicial circuit, for the office of member, Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan from the said judicial circuit, to be voted on at the election to be held therein during the year 2010.

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NOTE: FIVE VALID SIGNATURES OF MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR THE NOMINEE ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE. SIGNATURES MUST BE OF ACTIVE MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT NAMED ABOVE. NO MEMBER SHALL SIGN NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN THERE ARE VACANCIES TO BE FILLED IN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. THE CANDIDATE NAMED IN THIS PETITION MUST INDICATE CONSENT TO THE NOMINATION BY SIGNATURE BELOW. PETITIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE BAR AT THE MICHAEL FRANCK BUILDING, 306 TOWNSEND STREET, LANSING, MI 48933-2012, NOT EARLIER THAN APRIL 1 NOR LATER THAN APRIL 30. PETITIONER CANNOT BE LISTED.

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SIGNATURE

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STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN NOMINATING PETITION FOR

Member, Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Election District _____

We, the undersigned active members of the State Bar of Michigan, having our principal offices for the practice of law within the above commissioner election district, hereby nominate: _____ whose principal

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office for the practice of law is located at: _____

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in said district, for the office of Commissioner of the State Bar of Michigan from the said district, to be voted on at the election to be held therein during the year 2010.

NOTE: FIVE VALID SIGNATURES OF MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR THE NOMINEE ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE. SIGNATURES MUST BE OF ACTIVE MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT NAMED ABOVE. NO MEMBER SHALL SIGN NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN THERE ARE VACANCIES TO BE FILLED IN THE ELECTION DISTRICT. THE CANDIDATE NAMED IN THIS PETITION MUST INDICATE CONSENT TO THE NOMINATION BY SIGNATURE BELOW. PETITIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE BAR AT THE MICHAEL FRANCK BUILDING, 306 TOWNSEND STREET, LANSING, MI 48933-2012, NOT EARLIER THAN APRIL 1 NOR LATER THAN APRIL 30. PETITIONER CANNOT BE LISTED.

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