

State Bar 2010 Election Results

SBM Judicial Tenure Commission

Thomas J. Ryan

won re-election for a third term in a highly contested race for the only open seat on the Judicial Tenure Commission. Ryan's three-year term will begin January 1, 2011, and expire December 31, 2013. He was first elected to the JTC in 2004 and has served as the body's secretary, and currently serves as its vice president. The JTC is a constitutionally created body that promotes the integrity of the judicial process and preserves public confidence in the courts.

A solo practitioner, Ryan serves as the attorney for the Village of Beverly Hills, City of Keego Harbor, City of the Village of Clarkston, City of Orchard Lake Village, and special counsel for the Village of Oxford and City of Birmingham. Ryan served as the 66th SBM president from 2000 to 2001 and has been an active leader in many other professional organizations throughout his career.



Thomas J. Ryan

Courtade won in District C representing Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Kent, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, and Ottawa counties. He is a shareholder with Rhodes McKee in Grand Rapids where he practices primarily commercial litigation and construction law. He first served on the Board of Commissioners from 1998 to 2001 as a Representative Assembly officer and was elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2004 and 2007. He currently serves as secretary of the Board of Commissioners and is in line to become its president in 2012. Courtade is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, a life member of the Justice Foundation of West Michigan, a member of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, and an Attorney Discipline Board panelist.



Bruce A. Courtade

of the American Inns of Court. Buchanan is also a faculty member with the Hillman Advocacy Program and MAJ Trial Institute.

Dennis M. Barnes

won in District H representing Lenawee, Monroe, and Wayne counties. He is a member of Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, PLLC, with a business litigation practice. He is past president of the Federal Bar Association's Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, chair of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Commercial Litigation Section, and 2010 DMBA Diversity Celebration liaison. He is on the federal court's Standing Committee on Civility, served on its 2009 Magistrate Reappointment Selection Panel, and presented at its Shared Advanced Technology Courtroom Certification seminars. Barnes is past grand commander of the Alhambra's Manresa Caravan, which assists developmentally disabled children, and he has volunteered his legal services to this organization and also to St. Francis Camp, a summer camp for disabled children.



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SBM Board of Commissioners

Five attorneys—**Bruce A. Courtade, Robert J. Buchanan, Dennis M. Barnes, Brian D. Einhorn, and Edward L. Haroutunian**—won contested seats in this year's State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners elections. All will serve three-year terms expiring at the close of the 2013 Annual Meeting. The State Bar Board of Commissioners provides oversight to the various operations of the Bar such as finance, public policy, and member services.



Robert J. Buchanan

Buchanan also won in District C. In 1995, he co-founded the firm of Buchanan and Buchanan and currently serves as its managing partner. He has served on the Representative Assembly since 2002 and has chaired its Special Issues, Assembly Review, Hearings, and Drafting committees. He has also served on the executive council of the Young Lawyers Section and as a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. Buchanan serves as chair of Membership and Young Lawyers with the Grand Rapids Bar Association. He serves on the executive board of the Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) and is a master



Brian D. Einhorn

Einhorn won in District I representing Oakland County. Einhorn practices with Collins, Einhorn, Farrell & Ulanoff and has tried more than 100 cases to verdict. He was elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2004 and was elected treasurer by his fellow commissioners in 2009. Einhorn has represented many attorneys and judges before the Attorney

Grievance Commission and the Judicial Tenure Commission and served as chair of a committee that reviewed proposed rule changes to the AGC disciplinary rules. He and his firm assisted in writing two amicus briefs to the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of the SBM: *Grace v Leitman* (attorney judgment rule) and *Smith v Khouri* (standard award of attorney fees). Einhorn has served as president of the Association of Defense Trial Counsel and as a board member of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association.



Edward L. Haroutunian also won in District I. Haroutunian practices with Haroutunian Licata Haroutunian, PC, in Bingham Farms, concentrating on family law, estate planning, real estate, and commercial litigation. He has served as a special assistant attorney general of Michigan and as a facilitator and arbitrator in family and real estate cases. He served on the Board of Commissioners from 2004 to 2007 and on the State Bar Representative Assembly from 1991 to 1997 and again from 2001 to 2007, when he also served as its clerk, vice chair, and chair. Haroutunian served on the Oakland County Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates, was an Attorney Grievance Commission special investigator, and is an Attorney Discipline Board hearing panel chair. He is a Michigan State Bar Foundation life Fellow and an Oakland County Bar Foundation Fellow.

Two attorneys won uncontested races for the 32-member Board of Commissioners. They are **James N. Erhart** of Petoskey, who won in District A representing 38 counties in northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula; and **Julie A. Sullivan** of Kalamazoo, who won in District F representing nine counties in southwestern Michigan.

SBM Representative Assembly

Twenty-one attorneys won contested races for the State Bar Representative Assembly.

In the 3rd Circuit representing Wayne County, **Susan Licata Haroutunian**, **Greg-**

ory L. Ulrich, **Michael J. McClory**, and **Stephen M. Taratuta** won three-year terms expiring in 2013, and **Eric S. Rosenthal** won a two-year term expiring in 2012.

In the 5th Circuit representing Barry County, **David E. Gilbert** won a two-year term expiring in 2012.

In the 6th Circuit representing Oakland County, **Martin P. Krohner**, **Sheldon G. Larky**, **James P. Cunningham**, **Daniel J. Cherrin**, **Jeffrey B. Linden**, **David A. Wolfe**, **Sarah E. Kuchon**, and **April L. Neihsl** won three-year terms expiring in 2013, and **Frederick A. Neumark** and **Kenneth B. Morgan** won two-year terms expiring in 2012.

In the 17th Circuit, representing Kent County, **Thomas R. TerMaat** won a three-year term expiring in 2013, and **Matthew P. Smith** won a two-year term expiring in 2012.

In the 18th Circuit representing Bay County, **Alan R. Sullivan** and **Jan A. Miner** won three-year terms expiring in 2013.

In the 53rd Circuit representing Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, **Michael J. Ekdahl** won a two-year term expiring in 2012.

Thirty attorneys won unopposed races in the Representative Assembly:

1st Circuit—Hillsdale County

Barry F. Poulson

2nd Circuit—Berrien County

Donna B. Howard

4th Circuit—Jackson County

Bruce A. Barton

7th Circuit—Genesee County

Amy M. Kline

9th Circuit—Kalamazoo County

Pamela C. Enslin
Donald Roberts

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

John R. Blakeslee
Lee Hornberger
Robert H. Witkop

16th Circuit—Macomb County

Carl E. Chioini
Nathan J. Edmonds
James T. Hogan
Dana M. Warnez

22nd Circuit—Washtenaw County

Robert K. Fergan

24th Circuit—Sanilac County

Ryan Edberg

30th Circuit—Ingham County

Goldie Adele
Monique C. Field
Francis X. Hathaway

37th Circuit—Calhoun County

Darling A. Garcia
Robert G. Mathis

39th Circuit—Lenawee County

Adrienne L. Iddings

40th Circuit—Lapeer County

Michael C. Delling

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

Christopher S. Ninomiya

42nd Circuit—Midland County

Julia Close

43rd Circuit—Cass County

Heidi Behnke

44th Circuit—Livingston County

Kathleen M. Oemke

50th Circuit—Chippewa County

James A. Riggle

51st Circuit—Lake and Mason Counties

Jeffrey C. Nellis

56th Circuit—Eaton County

Michael W. Thomsen

57th Circuit—Emmet County

Jennifer Schafer

The 150-member Representative Assembly was created in 1972 to increase the proportion of members who actively participate in Bar policy; it serves as the SBM final policymaking body.

**SBM Young Lawyers Section
Executive Committee**

Two attorneys—**Carlos A. Escurel** and **Andrea C. Irons**—won contested elections in Wayne and Macomb counties. Their two-year terms expire in 2012.

Brent G. Seitz and **James W. Low** won uncontested elections in District 2 representing Oakland County for two-year terms expiring in 2012. **Erika Anderson, Bonnie R. Shaw, Shenique Moss,** and **Alexandra Nassar** won uncontested elections in District 3 representing all other Michigan counties for two-year terms expiring in 2012.

The Young Lawyers Executive Council governs the members of the Young Lawyers Section, the State Bar's largest section. The section provides education, information, and analysis about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, public service programs, and newsletters. The section has won numerous awards for its public service and educational programs. ■