

SBM STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Dear Fellow SBM Member:

As president-elect, I invite you to apply for an appointment to one of many State Bar committees. In late spring, the State Bar will begin reviewing and evaluating the work of each committee and its membership and I will begin making appointments for the 2011–2012 Bar year.

Why Committee Service?

Committee service is an excellent way for State Bar members to make a difference in the profession and in our justice system. While service can take time from your day, the availability of technology minimizes the degree of interference with personal, family, and work commitments. Meetings often take place by conference call, and materials and agendas are generated electronically. Also, the State Bar's use of an online SharePoint portal makes it easier than ever for committees to communicate and share information.

Committee service also provides the invaluable opportunity to meet and work closely with a diverse group of lawyers and judges from across the state with different backgrounds and areas of practice. Together, you will help implement our Strategic Plan and build effective programs that benefit Michigan lawyers and the public. Unquestionably, these benefits will long outlast the duration of your service.

Committees to Consider

On this page you will find a list of several standing committees and justice initiatives. For more information, including each committee's jurisdiction and current membership, visit <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/committees.cfm>. When considering committee service, be aware that the State Bar does not reimburse for travel, lodging, and other expenses of your participation.

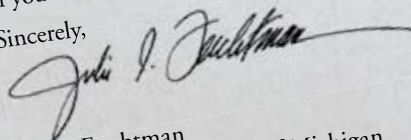
How to Apply

Applying for a committee appointment is easier and quicker than ever. Visit <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/nomination.cfm> and submit the requested information by **Friday, May 13**. Supporting information such as your résumé or curriculum vitae can be e-mailed to sbmcommittees@mail.michbar.org with the subject heading "Application of Interest Attachment."

Appointments will be announced by September 1; I will personally send all applicants a letter with a decision regarding their application.

Please accept this invitation and apply for a committee appointment by the May 13 deadline. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Julie I. Fershtman
President-Elect, State Bar of Michigan

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

Law Related Education and Public Outreach
Lawyer Referral Service
Lawyers and Judges Assistance
Libraries, Legal Research and Legal Publications
Membership Services
Professional Ethics
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