

SBM STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Dear Fellow State Bar of Michigan Member:

A hallmark of our profession—and of the SBM in particular—is the willingness of attorneys from across Michigan to volunteer their time and expertise to advance the interests of the public and our members. Each year, hundreds of attorneys serve on SBM committees and task forces with the common goal of ensuring that the profession in which they are fortunate enough to practice remains vibrant, vital, and capable of fulfilling its role as protector of the public.

As SBM president-elect, I am pleased to invite you to join us in serving our profession and the public by applying for appointment to an SBM committee. In the next few weeks, the State Bar staff and I will review and evaluate the work of each committee and its members, and I will begin making appointments for the 2012–2013 Bar year.

Why Committee Service?

Committee service is an excellent way for SBM members to make a difference in our profession and the justice system. To reduce interference with your personal, family, and work commitments arising from your SBM work, we are committed to using technology wisely to minimize time spent attending meetings. Committees often convene by conference call, and materials and agendas are generated electronically. These technological advances make it easier than ever for committees to communicate and share information.

Committee service also gives you the chance to meet and work with a diverse group of lawyers and judges from across the state. 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

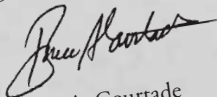
Please review the list of State Bar standing and special committees below. If the chance to take part in the Bar's efforts to improve justice in Michigan appeals to you, visit www.michbar.org/generalinfo/committees.cfm to explore the committee sizes and jurisdictions, annual reports, terms, and meeting schedules. If you have questions about a committee, please contact me or the committee's staff liaison. When considering committee service, please note that the SBM does not reimburse committee members for travel, lodging, or other expenses.

How to Apply

Applying for a committee appointment is easy! Visit www.michbar.org/generalinfo/nomination.cfm and submit the requested information by **May 11**. Supporting information such as your résumé or curriculum vitae can be e-mailed to sbmcommittees@mail.michbar.org with the subject heading "SBM Committee Application Attachment." Committee appointments will be announced by September 1; I will notify all applicants by letter with a decision regarding their application.

Please join your fellow SBM members in continuing the tradition of public service that sets our profession apart from so many others. Your volunteer efforts are vital, your commitment to the profession admirable, and your contributions to Michigan's system of justice greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Courtade
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

Standing Committees

American Indian Law
Annual Meeting
Awards
Bar Leadership Liaison Advisory
Character & Fitness
Civil Procedure & Courts
Client Protection Fund
Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice
Diversity & Inclusion Advisory
Domestic Violence

Judicial Qualifications
Jury Instructions, Standard Criminal
Law & the Media
Law-Related Education & Public Outreach
Lawyer Referral Service
Lawyers & Judges Assistance
Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications
Membership Services
Practice Management Resource Center Advisory
Professional Ethics
Publications and Website Advisory

Unauthorized Practice of the Law
United States Courts
Upper Michigan Legal Institute Advisory

Justice Initiatives

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