

The State Bar of Michigan

## EXTENDS A SPECIAL INVITATION

# TO

# JOIN A COMMITTEE

### 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 and 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  
Equal Access  
Justice Policy  
Pro Bono

Dear Michigan Lawyer:

Do you sometimes complain about the State Bar of Michigan not doing enough to support lawyers or the rule of law or to improve access to justice? The State Bar has 24 committees and 4 initiatives *specifically* created to help lawyers do their jobs in their offices and the courts, stress the importance of the rule of law, and make sure clients are able to obtain fair, quality representation.

For example, the Judicial Qualifications Committee interviews lawyers seeking judicial appointments and makes recommendations to the governor. Several committees weigh in on proposed court rule changes and legislative proposals and are critical in helping the State Bar advance constructive changes and block proposals not in the interest of the public or our system of justice. The Law & the Media Committee and the Law Related Education & Public Outreach Committee develop programs to burnish the image of how lawyers are perceived. We have committees working to provide criminal defense lawyers with a more fair compensation system and others leading the way to a more equal justice system.

Instead of complaining, volunteer to join a committee and work to better those areas you think need improvement.

The list of State Bar committees is on this page and online at <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/committees.cfm>. Take a look at the website to understand the sizes, jurisdictions, and meeting schedules of committees of interest to you. Please take part in our efforts to improve State Bar programs and our attempts to support lawyers, value the rule of law, and improve access to justice.

Applying for a committee appointment is easy—simply visit the website and submit the requested information such as your résumé or curriculum vitae by May 3. You'll also receive an e-mail with a link to the electronic application in early April. As president-elect, I will review the applications starting in late May and make committee appointments by September 1. Due to the volume of applications we typically receive, we cannot guarantee everyone a position on every committee they wish to join; however, if you apply, I promise to make every attempt to make the best use of your interest in helping the profession and the public.

Thank you,

Brian D. Einhorn, President-Elect  
State Bar of Michigan