

State Bar 2013 Election Results

SBM Board of Commissioners

Four attorneys—**Danielle Mason Anderson, Dennis M. Barnes, Timothy J. Burns, and Edward L. Haroutunian**—won contested seats in this year's SBM Board of Commissioners elections. All will serve three-year terms expiring at the close of the 2016 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.

Anderson won in District F representing Allegan, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties. She received her bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University and her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law. She is a principal at Miller Canfield in Kalamazoo concentrating in restructure, enforcement, and insolvency litigation. She is licensed in both Michigan and Massachusetts. Anderson is a member of the Kalamazoo County Bar Association, where she chaired its Young Lawyers Section and was elected to its Board of Directors. Anderson also chaired the SBM Young Lawyers Section in 2009–2010. She previously served as an SBM commissioner in 2008 as chair-elect of the Young Lawyers Section and continued through her ex-officio term, which ended in 2011. Anderson has also been active in the American Bar Association. She is very involved in her community, working with groups such as Girls on the Run, the South Portage Little League, and the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Business Advisory Committee. She is also a member of Leadership Kalamazoo.



Danielle Mason Anderson



Dennis M. Barnes

Barnes won in District H representing Lenawee, Monroe, and Wayne counties. He is a member of Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker with a business litigation practice. Barnes is past president of the Federal Bar Association's Eastern District of Michigan chapter; a member of the Eastern District's Standing Committee on Civility and its 2009 Magistrate Reappointment Selection Panel and a presenter at its Shared Advanced Technology Courtroom Certification seminars; and an active member of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association, the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, and the Shamrock Bar Association. He graduated from Hillsdale College in 1983 and Notre Dame Law School in 1986. Barnes and his wife, Beth, have four children and are active members of St. William Parish where Barnes serves on the parish council, was past chair of the stewardship commission, and has coached many athletic teams. Barnes serves on Detroit Catholic Central's alumni board and Dads' Club board. He is past grand commander of the Alhambra's Manresa Caravan, which assists developmentally disabled children. He provides legal and other services to a number of community, charitable, and philanthropic causes.

Burns won in District I representing Oakland County. He has been a solo practitioner for 10 years. His law practice focuses on criminal defense, estate planning,

probate court representation, contract law, small business representation, and consumer protection advocacy. He was one of the first attorneys in Michigan to earn an ICLE probate law and estate planning certificate and is a founding participant of the Oakland County Bar Association Inns of Court. Burns served two terms on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and one term on the Oakland County Parks Commission. He was also on the board of directors of the Clawson Chamber of Commerce, the Clawson Community Credit Union, the Troy Community Coalition, and the Clawson-Troy Optimist Club. A University of Detroit Mercy School of Law graduate, Burns completed a legal clerkship with the Michigan Attorney General before going to work for the Better Business Bureau upon passing the bar exam. Burns lives in Clawson with his wife, Barbra, and their four-year-old twins, Jack and Maggie.

Haroutunian won in District I representing Oakland County. He graduated from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School and practices in the areas of family law, estate planning, real estate, and commercial litigation. He has worked as a special assistant attorney general representing the state of Michigan and as a facilitator and arbitrator in family and real estate cases. He served on Oakland County's Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates and as special investigator for the Attorney Grievance Commission and is currently a hearing-panel chair for the Attorney Discipline Board. He was on the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly in 1991–1997 and 2001–2007

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serving as clerk, vice chair, and chair, and on the SBM Board of Commissioners in 2004–2007 and 2010–present. Haroutunian is a member of the American, Oakland, Detroit, and Armenian bar associations, a life Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, and a Fellow of the Oakland County Bar Foundation. He has lectured on family and real estate matters and has authored several articles. He practices in the firm of Haroutunian Licata Haroutunian, P.C., in Bingham Farms with his daughter, Krista, and his wife, Susan Licata Haroutunian, of counsel to the firm.



Victoria A. Radke

Three attorneys won unopposed races to the State Bar Board of Commissioners. **Victoria A. Radke** of Escanaba won in District A representing the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula.

Radke operates her own law firm in Escanaba. **Robert J. Buchanan** and **E. Thomas McCarthy Jr.**, both of Grand Rapids, won in District C representing Oceana, Muskegon, Ottawa, Newaygo, Kent, Osceola, Mecosta, Clare, Isabella, and Gladwin counties. Buchanan is managing partner for Buchanan & Buchanan PLC. McCarthy is a shareholder with Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge PC in Grand Rapids. All will serve three-year terms expiring at the close of the 2016 Annual Meeting.



Robert J. Buchanan



E. Thomas McCarthy Jr.

SBM Representative Assembly

Eight attorneys won contested races for the State Bar Representative Assembly.

In the 4th Circuit representing Jackson County, **Philip M. Moilanen** and **Erica L. Zimny** won terms.

In the 9th Circuit representing Kalamazoo County, **Jeffrey J. Dufon** won a term.

In the 30th Circuit representing Ingham County, **Francis X. Hathaway**, **Michael E. Jankowski**, and **Shenique A. Moss** won terms.

In the 38th Circuit representing Monroe County, **Michael C. Brown** and **Lisa D. Janos** won terms.

Forty-four attorneys won unopposed races in the State Bar Representative Assembly. They are:

3rd Circuit—Wayne County

Matthew R. Abel
James W. Heath
John A. Hubbard
Mark M. Koroj

6th Circuit—Oakland County

Daniel J. Cherrin
Sarah E. Kuchon
Sheldon G. Larky
Jeffrey B. Linden
Ray H. Littleton II
Steven L. Rotenberg
Paul A. Thursam
James T. Weiner

7th Circuit—Genesee County

Nancy K. Chinonis

8th Circuit—Ionia County

Thomas W. Chadwick

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

Lee Hornberger

16th Circuit—Macomb County

Carl E. Chioini
Laura I. Marji
Sterlin Mesadieu
Karen Trickey Pappas

17th Circuit—Kent County

Elizabeth K. Bransdorfer
Jeffery S. Crampton
Richard E. Hillary II
Hon. Nicholas M. Ohanesian
Thomas R. TerMaat

18th Circuit—Bay County

Jan A. Miner
Alan R. Sullivan

19th Circuit—Benzie and Manistee Counties

Benjamin M. Dost

22nd Circuit—Washtenaw County

Peter M. Falkenstein
Robert K. Fergan

27th Circuit—Newaygo and Oceana Counties

Ellsworth J. Stay Jr.

29th Circuit—Clinton and Gratiot Counties

Colleen M. Davis

37th Circuit—Calhoun County

David E. Gilbert
Alisa Parker

40th Circuit—Lapeer County

Bernard A. Jocus

41st Circuit—Dickinson, Iron, and Menominee Counties

Kristin L. Kass

42nd Circuit—Midland County

Sara J. Eastman
Ashley R. Garchow

43rd Circuit—Cass County

Robert W. LaBre

44th Circuit—Livingston County

William H. Hougaboom

46th Circuit—Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties

Everette E. Ayers III

50th Circuit—Chippewa County

James A. Riggle

51st Circuit—Lake and Mason Counties

Hon. Jeffrey C. Nellis

56th Circuit—Eaton County

Jessica S. Fox
Michael W. Thomsen

The 150-member Representative Assembly was created in 1972 to increase the

proportion of members who actively participate in State Bar policy; it serves as the SBM final policymaking body.

SBM Judicial Tenure Commission

Thomas J. Ryan won election for a three-year term on the Judicial Tenure Commission that begins January 1, 2014, and expires December 31, 2016. He is a past president of the State Bar of Michigan, having served as its 66th president in 2000–2001. He is also past president of the Oakland County Bar Association and served on the Oakland/Livingston Legal Aid board of directors in 1987–1995, including a stint as its vice president in 1994–1995. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association, the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is the attorney for

Beverly Hills, Clarkston, and Keego Harbor and special counsel for Dexter. He has completed his second term as a member of the Judicial Tenure Commission after being elected in 2004 and has served as its secretary, vice president, and immediate past chair. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his law degree from the University of Detroit. Ryan, a solo practitioner, was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1973.

The JTC is a constitutionally created body that promotes the integrity of the judicial process and preserves public confidence in the courts.

SBM Young Lawyers Section Executive Council

Two attorneys—**Stephanie E. Farkas** and **Laura I. Marji**—won uncontested elections in District 1 representing Wayne and

Macomb counties for two-year terms expiring in 2015.

Two attorneys—**Syeda F. Davidson** and **Samantha J. Orvis**—won uncontested elections in District 2 representing Oakland County for two-year terms expiring in 2015.

Three attorneys—**Kara R. Hart-Negrich**, **Mark W. Jane**, and **Donald Rencher**—won uncontested elections in District 3 representing all Michigan counties except for Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb for two-year terms expiring in 2015.

The Young Lawyers Executive Council governs the members of the Young Lawyers Section, one of the State Bar's largest sections. 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. ■