

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
Law & the Media
Law Related Education
& Public Outreach
Lawyers and Judges Assistance
Libraries, Legal Research,
and Legal Publications
Membership Services
Professional Ethics
Publications and Website Advisory
Unauthorized Practice of Law
United States Courts
Upper Michigan Legal
Institute Advisory

Justice Initiatives

Criminal Issues
Equal Access
Justice Policy
Pro Bono

*Applications additionally considered
for service on district Character &
Fitness committees

Dear Colleague:

It is an exciting time at the State Bar, where studies on the future of the delivery of legal services are underway. Now more than ever, we need the solid commitment of a diverse cross-section of our membership to serve on our esteemed committees. Committee members' voices can help shape our planning and strategizing while maintaining valuable existing programs and roles.

If you are like me, time is your most precious commodity. Only you can decide whether a commitment to Bar work is right for you. Committee service can be demanding, so please make sure you can prepare for and attend meetings several times during the year. I find investing time in Bar work is incredibly fulfilling, adding otherwise unparalleled meaning to my career. By joining the rich history of service to the Bar through participation as a member of one of its many committees, you may play a meaningful role in the Bar's efforts to improve justice in Michigan. An active e-mail address is required for committee work. You should also know that travel, lodging, and other personal expenses of attending committee meetings are not reimbursed.

A list of committees is at <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/committees>. If you have questions about a committee, please check the roster and contact the staff liaison for that committee. Applying for a committee appointment is easy—visit the website and submit the requested information such as your résumé or curriculum vitae by April 24. You'll also receive an e-mail with a link to the electronic application in early April. I will review the applications and make committee appointments by September 1. Although we cannot guarantee everyone a position on every committee they wish to join, I will make every effort to productively use your willingness to volunteer in the Bar's ongoing quest to improve the profession and help the public.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Buiteweg, President-Elect
State Bar of Michigan