

Full Nelson**To the Editor:**

When you have been around as long as I have, lawyers who have been highlighted as historic figures in the *Michigan Bar Journal's* Lawyers in History series are not always "historic." As a young lawyer in the 1950s, I was advised to beware of Walter Nelson because he regularly fights you at every level with unusual arguments.

He was a contrarian in his approach to dealing with many legal issues. While I was never in direct opposition to him, on occasion I would be in the courtroom on motion day when he was arguing a matter. It was always interesting to watch him in action, and I frequently found pearls of wisdom in his arguments that I have used over the years.

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SBM Notice to Members

VACANCIES

The State Bar Board of Commissioners is seeking names of persons interested in filling the following agency vacancies:

Institute of Continuing Legal Education Executive Committee—One vacancy for a four-year term beginning October 1, 2019. The role of committee members is to assist with the development and approval of institute education policies; formulate and promulgate necessary rules and regulations for the administration and coordination of the institute's work; review and approve the institute's annual budget and the activities contemplated in support of the budget; and generally promote the activities of the institute. The board meets three times a year, usually in February, June, and October.

Michigan Indian Legal Services Board of Trustees—Two vacancies for three-year terms beginning October 1, 2019. The MILS bylaws require that a majority of the board be American Indians. The board sets policy for a legal staff that provides specialized Indian law services to Indian communities statewide. The board hires an executive director. The board is responsible for operating the corporation in compliance with applicable law and grant requirements. Board members should have an understanding and appreciation for the unique legal problems faced by American Indians. Board members are responsible for setting priorities for the allocation of the scarce resources of the program. The board is accountable to its funding sources. The board meets on Saturdays, on a minimum quarterly basis, in Traverse City.

Deadline for responses is July 5, 2019

Applications received after the deadline indicated will not be considered. Those applying for an agency appointment should submit a résumé and a letter outlining the applicant's background and nature of interest in the position.

Interested persons should write:
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