

State Bar 2019 Election Results

SBM Board of Commissioners

Three attorneys—**E. Thomas McCarthy Jr.**, **Thomas G. Sinas**, and **Erika L. Butler**—won contested seats in this year's Board of Commissioners elections. All will serve three-year terms expiring at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting.

McCarthy and Sinas were elected to serve District C, representing Oceana, Muskegon, Ottawa, Newaygo, Kent, Osceola, Mecosta, Clare, Isabella, and Gladwin counties. McCarthy, a shareholder at Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge, has been an elected member of the Board of Commissioners since 2013. Sinas practiced in Minnesota until 2013, when he returned to Michigan and opened the Grand Rapids office of the Sinas Dramis law firm.

Butler was elected to serve District H, representing Monroe, Lenawee, and Wayne counties. She has been a Michigan lawyer for nearly 20 years with a solo practice representing nonprofits, small businesses, and individual clients throughout Metropolitan Detroit and beyond.

Four attorneys won unopposed races in the State Bar Board of Commissioners.

Suzanne C. Larsen, a partner with Kendrick's Bordeau Keefe Seavoy & Larsen PC in Marquette, was elected to serve District A, representing the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula.

Danielle M. Anderson of Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC's Kalamazoo office, was re-elected to serve District F, representing Allegan, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties.

Sarah E. Kuchon and **James W. Low** were elected to serve District I, representing Oakland County. Kuchon is a partner with Hohausser Kuchon in Troy. Low is with the Dollar Law Firm PLLC in Southfield.

The Board of Commissioners provides oversight to the State Bar on finance, public



E. Thomas McCarthy Jr.



Thomas G. Sinas



Erika L. Butler



Suzanne C. Larsen



Danielle M. Anderson



Sarah E. Kuchon



James W. Low

policy, professional standards, and member services and communications.

SBM Representative Assembly

Elizabeth M. Johnson, **David A. McCreedy**, **Daniel J. Ferris**, **Jennifer A. Cupples**, and **Hon. Kristina L. Robinson** won contested races for terms on the Representative Assembly in Circuit 3, representing Wayne County.

Forty-two attorneys won unopposed races.

4th Circuit—Jackson County

Rebecca K. Arnold

5th Circuit—Barry County

Steven G. Storrs

6th Circuit—Oakland County

Michael J. Blau
J. Matthew Catchick Jr.

Karen R. Geibel
Edward L. Haroutunian
Emily A. Karr
Joshua A. Lerner
Joseph F. Sawka
Christopher Schaedig
Jennifer R. Turchyn

9th Circuit—Kalamazoo County

Reh Starks-Harling
Paul J. Yancho

12th Circuit—Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties

Matthew C. Eliason

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

John R. Blakeslee
James L. Rossiter

14th Circuit—Muskegon County

Elsie M. Elzinga

16th Circuit—Macomb County

Randall J. Chioini
Alyia M. Hakim
Laura Polizzi
Stephen M. Steinhardt

17th Circuit—Kent County

Michael D. Adams
Michael P. Hanrahan
Patrick M. Jaicomio

18th Circuit—Bay County

Marcus R. Garske

20th Circuit—Ottawa County

Christopher M. Wirth

22nd Circuit—Washtenaw County

Elizabeth C. Jolliffe

25th Circuit—Marquette County

Erica N. Payne

30th Circuit—Ingham County

Stephen J. Gobbo

31st Circuit—St. Clair County

Hilary B. Georgia
Gerrow D. Mason

36th Circuit—Van Buren County

Adam D. Bancroft

37th Circuit—Calhoun County

James L. Jordan

38th Circuit—Monroe County

Anne M. McCarthy

39th Circuit—Lenawee County

Jennifer A. Frost

**41st Circuit—Dickinson, Iron,
and Menominee Counties**

Hon. Christopher S. Ninomiya

42nd Circuit—Midland County

Angela M. Cole

43rd Circuit—Cass County

Kelley James-Jura

47th Circuit—Delta County

Lauren M. Wickman

51st Circuit—Lake and Mason Counties

Jordan Miller

56th Circuit—Eaton County

Timothy H. Havis

57th Circuit—Emmet County

Christina L. DeMoore

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 Bar's final policymaking body.

SBM Judicial Tenure Commission

Thomas J. Ryan of Sylvan Lake won a contested election for a three-year term on the Judicial Tenure Commission that begins January 1, 2020, and expires on December 31, 2022.

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**

Three attorneys—**Elisha M. Oakes** of Saint Clair Shores, **Colemon L. Potts** of Detroit, and **Silvia A. Mansoor** of Detroit—won contested elections in District 1, representing Wayne and Macomb counties, for two-year terms expiring in 2021.

Two attorneys—**Matthew P. Breuer** of Royal Oak and **Randall L. Tatem** of Troy—won uncontested elections in District 2, representing Oakland County, for two-year terms expiring in 2021.

Three attorneys—**Amy S. Krieg** of Ann Arbor, **Samantha J. Orvis** of Grand Blanc, and **Matthew A. Sous** of Saginaw—won uncontested elections in District 3, representing all Michigan counties except for Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb, for two-year terms expiring in 2021.

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. It has won numerous awards for its public service and educational programs. ■

2019 Annual Meeting**Members of the Michigan State Bar Foundation**

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members of the Michigan State Bar Foundation will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11 at the State Bar of Michigan, Michael Franck Building, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

At the meeting, Foundation members will elect trustees, receive a report on Foundation activities, and conduct other business consistent with the bylaws of the Foundation.

**2019 Annual Business Meeting and Reception
Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation**

The Annual Reception of the Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation (invitation only) will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11 at the Hall of Justice—Michigan Supreme Court Building, 925 Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48915.

A short Annual Business Meeting and award presentation will occur at 5:45 p.m. At the meeting, Fellows members will elect officers and receive a report on Foundation activities.