

State Bar Election Results

State Bar Commission Seats

Kimberly M. Cahill of Center Line, Charles R. Toy of East Lansing, Allyn D. Kantor of Ann Arbor, W. Anthony Jenkins of Detroit, Julie I. Fershtman of Farmington Hills, and Michael S. Hohausner of Troy, have been elected to the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners. They will serve three-year terms expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2006.

Cahill will represent District D, Macomb County. Toy will represent District E, which includes Barry, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Livingston, Montcalm, and Shiawassee counties. Kantor will represent District G, which includes Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe, and Washtenaw counties. Jenkins will represent District H, Wayne County. Fershtman and Hohausner will represent District I, which includes Lapeer, Oakland, and St. Clair counties.

Kimberly M. Cahill, a partner in Schoenherr & Cahill, P.C. and president of Schoenherr Developments, Inc., has served as a State Bar Commissioner since 1997. Cahill is currently the 2002–2003 State Bar Treasurer. She served as chair of the State Bar's Representative Assembly (1999–2000) after serving as the vice-chair and clerk. She has been a member of the Executive, Fiscal, Legislation, and Rules Committees of the Board of Commissioners. She is a former chair of the State Bar's Domestic Violence Committee and currently serves on the Awards committee and the Judicial Qualifications committee. She has served as Commissioner liaison to numerous sections and committees. Cahill has also served as president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and director of the Macomb County Bar Association and president of both the Macomb region of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM) and the state WLAM.

Charles R. Toy, a shareholder of Farhat & Story P.C., has served as a Commissioner since 2000. An active member of the State Bar for more than 17 years, Toy served as a member of the Representative Assembly (1992–1998) and a member of the Assembly Review Committee (1996–1998). Toy currently serves on the Professional Standards Commissioner Committee and is the Commissioner Liaison to the Character and Fitness Committee and the Environmental Law Section. Toy has been a member of the Environmental Law Section Council since 1987, and held all officer positions through Chairperson (2001). Toy also has served on the State Bar Long Range Planning Committee Goal Group (1996–1998) and the Standing Committee on Oil and Gas Law (1986–1992). Toy is active in the Eaton and Ingham County Bar Associations, and served as an Ingham County Bar Association Board member (1999–2002). Toy is also a contract Administrative Law Judge for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Allyn D. Kantor, a principal in the Ann Arbor office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., has been actively involved in State Bar activities for the past 25 years. Kantor has served as a member of the Representative Assembly, chair of the Special Issues Committee of the Representative Assembly, and as a member of the State Bar Character and Fitness Committee. He is a past president of the Washtenaw County Bar Association. He was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve on the Michigan Dispute Resolution Task Force that drafted the ADR court rules. Kantor is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Ann Arbor Symphony and the Advisory Board of Home Care and Hospice of Michigan.

W. Anthony Jenkins, a partner and member of the Board of Governors of Dickinson



The Board of Tellers: Gwen Walker, William O. Crino, (State Bar staff member Glenna Peters), and Brian C. Zubel, chairperson.

Wright PLLC, is a two-term incumbent member of the Board of Commissioners and has served on several committees, commissions, and task forces. He is a past president of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, a member of the State Bar Fellows Society, and is Michigan's state delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. Mr. Jenkins has served on several civic and charitable boards, including the City of Detroit Elected Officials Compensation Commission, the City of Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, and the Advisory Board to the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Julie I. Fershtman, Of Counsel to Zausmer, Kaufman, August, & Caldwell P.C., has served two three-year terms on the Board of Commissioners, including four years on its Executive Committee. Fershtman is the immediate past chair of the Representative Assembly and is a past chair of the State Bar Young Lawyers section. She is the director of the Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA), past chair of the OCBA Professionalism Committee, and a former Inns of Court officer. She has served as an ABA/Young Lawyers Division national assembly delegate for several years. Fershtman is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and Oakland County Bar Foundation. She

has written two law-related books and 140 published articles, lectured in 22 states, and served as an ICLE speaker.

Michael S. Hohaus, founder of the Hohaus Law Firm, P.C., has served on the Board of Commissioners since 2000. He also served for several terms on the Representative Assembly. In addition, Hohaus has been chairperson of the Hearings Committee, and has served as secretary and chairperson of the Civil Procedure Committee. He has also served on the Underrepresented Groups in the Law Committee and as a Hearings Panelist for the Discipline Board. Hohaus is a member of several Bar associations, and has served as president of the Oakland County Bar Association, preceded by 20 years of various OCBA activities. He is a fellow of the State Bar and Oakland Bar Foundations.

The State Bar's Board of Commissioners acts as the primary managing body for the Bar. It sets State Bar policy between meetings of the Representative Assembly. Twenty members are elected from districts apportioned based on lawyer population. Other members include three Representative Assembly officers, five members appointed by the Supreme Court, and three officers of the Young Lawyers Section.

Judicial Tenure Commission and Representative Assembly

The State Bar appointed Board of Tellers has verified the results for the Judicial Tenure Commission, Representative Assembly, and Young Lawyers Section Executive Council. The results are as follows:

Hon. Jeanne Stempfen of Detroit was elected to the Judicial Tenure Commission in an uncontested election for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2004, and expiring December 31, 2006.

There were elections in 16 Representative Assembly circuits. Elected were:

2nd Judicial Circuit—Berrien County

Colleen M. Cullitan, St. Joseph
John Dewane, St. Joseph

3rd Judicial Circuit—Wayne County

John A. Cothorn, Detroit
Douglas Hamel, Southgate

Katherine A. Kakish, Detroit
Julia A. Perkins, Detroit
Michael J. Riordan, Detroit
Robert W. Spada, Detroit
John E. Stempfle, Detroit
Stephen M. Taratuta, Detroit
Francisco J. Villarruel, Detroit

4th Judicial Circuit—Jackson County

David R. Lady, Jackson

6th Judicial Circuit—Oakland County

Michael D. Elkins, Bloomfield Hills
Kirsten E. Gramzow, Pontiac
David L. Haron, Troy
Lisa B. Kirsch-Satawa, Southfield
Sheldon G. Larky, Bingham Farms
James Patterson, Hazel Park
Sharon Noll Smith, Bingham Farms
Mark L. Teicher, Bloomfield Hills

7th Judicial Circuit—Genesee County

Linda A. Pohly, Flint

8th Judicial Circuit—Ionia and Montcalm Counties

Thomas Chadwick, Ionia

9th Judicial Circuit—Kalamazoo County

Gary R. Peterson, Portage

14th Judicial Circuit—Muskegon County

Shawn P. Davis, Muskegon

16th Judicial Circuit—Macomb County

Carl E. Chioini, Mount Clemens
Thomas C. Rombach, New Baltimore

17th Judicial Circuit—Kent County

Michael A. Zagaroli, Grand Rapids

20th Judicial Circuit—Ottawa County

Nelson P. Miller, Grand Haven

23rd Judicial Circuit—Iosco and Oscoda Counties

Donna J. Lehl, Tawas City

29th Judicial Circuit—Clinton and Gratiot Counties

Brian A. Ameche, St. Johns

30th Judicial Circuit—Ingham County

Meredith A. Jagutis, Lansing
Linda L. Widener, East Lansing

32nd Judicial Circuit—Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties

Michael K. Pope, Ironwood

35th Judicial Circuit—Shiawassee County

Daniel J. Loomis, Corunna

Young Lawyers Section—Executive Council

Elections were also held for the Young Lawyers Section Executive Council. Elected in uncontested races for two-year terms expiring at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2005 were:

District 1—Wayne and Macomb Counties

Faizah Shabazz, Brownstown

District 2—Oakland County

Ginta D. Kukainis, Southfield

District 3—All other counties

Jeff Kirkey, Ann Arbor