

# State Bar of Michigan | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

## Article VI § 6, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

*No later than May 1 of each year, the chair of each committee and sub entity of the Bar, with the assistance of the staff liaison, shall report to the Executive Director on a form provided by the State Bar on the activities and accomplishments of the committee or sub entity.*

## Awards

- Jurisdiction:
- Recommend attorney recipients qualified to receive awards made in the name of the State Bar of Michigan.
  - Recommend recipients of the annual Liberty Bell Award made to non-attorneys.
  - Recommend the establishment of new awards or discontinuation of existing awards.

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### Term Ending: 2020

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P79611 Robert A. Haertel, Roscommon  
P25664 Hon. Richard B. Halloran, Detroit  
P68691 Daniel Andrew Klemptner, Farmington Hills  
P38750 Hon. David A. Perkins, Detroit  
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## State Bar Liaison

- PL1077 Darin Alan Day, Lansing

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**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

Please attach any additional information needed regarding Committee meetings as an addendum.

*\*Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type Conference call Description Introductory call explaining annual process	11.21.17	
Meeting Type Conference call Description Call to finalize outreach efforts	1.16.18	
Meeting Type Conference call Description Call to determine award winners in all categories but Liberty Bell	3.20.18	
Meeting Type Email/conference call after Liberty Bell deadline Date Description	TBD	
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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

Staff contacts co-chairs to schedule meetings and mailing dates, sends future meeting dates via email to committee members. Designs and updates language of Awards Brochure and online nomination forms to reflect new awards, deadlines and other changes. Prepares and issues news releases and brochures (printed and electronic) to legal newspapers, SBM Board of Commissioners, Representative Assembly, SBM Foundation, local and affinity bars, prosecutor and defender associations, law school deans, courts, large firms, SBM Sections and Committee chairs, etc. Prepares and posts announcement for Michigan Bar Journal, e-Journal, SBM eblast, SBMblog, social media sites and other publications. Prepares agendas and minutes and posts to SBM Connect prior to the meetings.

Prepares tables summarizing nominees' accomplishments as applications are received. Conducts simple background checks on nominees before names are submitted for consideration. Compiles nominations for book to be printed for committee members. Creates and sends online survey to committee members to help streamline the decision-making process during the final teleconference by determining the extent of support for each nominee prior to the commencement of formal discussions and to ascertain the early formation of consensus from the Committee as a whole for the various nominees both within the designated award nomination categories and as to the category in which each will be considered when the Committee confers and votes upon the award recommendations.

Drafts memorandum from co-chairs to SBM Board of Commissioners with recommendations for award winners. Creates letters from SBM executive director to award winners, and drafts emails to non-winner nominators.

Prepares publicity for the award recipients and sends news releases and posts list on website, blog and social media sites. Orders Awards and oversees video production company to produce videos of each award winner for the banquet and for posting online. Writes short stories about each winner for Bar Journal. Writes scripts for how Awards banquet should proceed. Writes speeches for SBM presidents to present awards. Works with banquet facility to set up production portion of banquet. Drafts and designs an event program for the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet.

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**Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:**

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>Committee members seek high quality nominations for SBM awards from other members and bar associations.</p> <p>For the coming year's awards cycle, which started Oct. 1, 2017, and ends at the 2018 Annual Meeting at the end of September in 2018, where the awards will be handed out, there are 34 nominations to consider. Of these nominations, the committee can recommend eight award recipients.</p> <p>Liberty Bell nominations have not yet been received. Local and special purpose bar associations send their local Liberty Bell Award winners on to the State Bar for consideration. Most of these bar associations present their Liberty Bell Awards on Law Day, on or around May 1 each year. So the deadline for them to nominate winners is later in May.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>In the last year's cycle, commencing at the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Committee gave out awards to eight Michigan attorneys, and the Liberty Bell Award to one non-attorney (awards were not selected prior to the due date of last year's annual report).</p> <p>2017 Award Winners:                  Roberts P. Hudson Award: Gerard Mantese                  Frank J. Kelley Award: Hon. Robert Holmes Bell, Hon. Bernard A. Friedman and Barbara L. McQuade                  Champion of Justice Award: Michael C. McDaniel and Hon. Kelly Ramsey                  Kimberly M. Cahill Award: Patrick J. Wilson                  John Reed Award: Professor Alan S. Schenk                  Liberty Bell Award: Annemarie Conway</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>Committee members review nominations submitted by other attorneys, as well as local and special purpose bar associations, and decide which nominees to recommend become award recipients. When doing so, they are always very aware of the importance of diversity and inclusion among award winners, and whenever possible they strive to grant awards to diverse nominees.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4  <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1  <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2  <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4  <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
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**Future Goals and Activities:**

The committee members work very hard every year to seek out nominations and ensure that they are submitted by the nomination deadlines. An important goal of this committee is to also make sure that the quality of the award recipients is always outstanding and that the winners represent diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. The committee will continue to work to achieve these goals into the future.

**Other Information:**

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

Note: The Awards Committee has one co-chair ex-officio as the Vice President of the SBM Board of Commissioners. The second co-chair is the operating co-chair appointed by the President of the SBM Board.

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair	X	Dennis Barnes and Dana Warnez
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	X	Darin Day, Samantha Meinke
Other	X	Liaison Assistant Anne Smith

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