

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2014 – 2015 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 subentity 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 subentity.*

**Committee Name:** Judicial Qualifications

**Jurisdiction:** Evaluate candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies and report in confidence to the authority requesting its assistance. The chief staff attorney of the Attorney Grievance Commission serves as reporter for this committee. The appointed members are limited to three two-year terms. Chairs of the committee may serve more than three two-year terms. This committee may have more than 15 members.

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**Committee Meetings held between May 2014 and April 2015:**

May 13, 2014  
June 10, 2014  
September 9, 2014  
October 14, 2014  
November 18, 2014  
February 10, 2015  
March 10, 2015

**Resources provided by the State of Michigan in support of committee work:**

In support of the work of this Committee, the State Bar of Michigan provides a meeting room in the Michael Franck Building as well as a light breakfast and lunch for the Committee members. The State Bar staff liaisons coordinate the interview schedule, report the Committee's ratings for each candidate directly to the Governor's Office in confidence, and handle administrative tasks and other matters as necessary.

**Committee Activities:**

As requested by the Governor, the Judicial Qualifications Committee interviews and rates candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies. A representative from the Governor's Office, the Reporter, and the State Bar staff liaisons also attend the meetings. The work of the Committee members, the Reporter, and the State Bar staff liaisons (which includes preparation for the interviews, candidate interviews, and the ratings reported by the State Bar directly to the Governor's Office) is confidential.

Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and/or as requested. From May 2014 through April 2015, the Committee met 7 times and interviewed 78 candidates for judicial vacancies.