

State Bar of Michigan | 2016-2017 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.

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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P34648 Jeffery V. Stuckey, Lansing
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P32596 Betty R. Widgeon, Ann Arbor

Term Ending: 2018

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State Bar Liaison

- P38916 Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn, Lansing
Janna Sheppard, 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	Date	Location
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Resources provided by the State Bar 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. 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 for the Committee as necessary.

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Committee Activities:

As requested by the Governor, the Judicial Qualifications Committee interviews and rates candidates for appointment to judicial vacancies. Representatives 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.

The Judicial Qualifications Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month and/or as requested. From May 2016 through March 2017, the Committee met 8 times and interviewed 61 candidates for judicial vacancies.

Future Goals and Activities:

Other Information:

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair		
Co-chair	x	Co-Chairs, Kathleen L. Bogas and Daniel T. Stepek
Staff Liaison	x	Staff Liaisons, Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn and Janna Sheppard
Other		

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Committee Meetings held from May 2016 – March 2017

July 12, 2016

August 9, 2016

September 13, 2016

October 11, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 13, 2016

January 10, 2017

February 14, 2017