

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.

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.

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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
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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 and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

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

<p>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.</p> <p>The Judicial Qualifications Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month and/or as requested. From April 2017 through March 2018, the Committee met 8 times and interviewed 88 candidates for judicial vacancies.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>S4 <input 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;">Reset Section</p>
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REPORT Future Goals and Activities:

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.

The Committee wishes to thank long-standing Reporter Ruthann Stevens for her hard work and dedication, and welcome Emily Downey who will serve in that capacity beginning in April 2018.

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

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Judicial Qualifications Committee
2017-2018 Annual Report Addendum

Committee Meetings held from April 2017 – March 2018

April 11, 2017

May 9, 2017

June 13, 2017

September 12, 2017

October 10, 2017

November 14, 2017

February 13, 2018

March 13, 2018