

Michael Franck Award Nomination (2021) - Jennifer Grieco

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Subject: Franck Award
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Name of Nominee: *	Jennifer Grieco
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Name of Nominator: *	Jennifer Cupples
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Explain the merits of your nomination, submit any supporting materials for your nominee by email, fax, or mail. Give specific examples.

Jennifer Grieco makes it a habit to contribute and positively impact legal community, and this year is no exception to her demonstrated leadership. Following her role and efforts during her term as President of the State Bar of Michigan (2018–2019), as Founder of Peak Law and the Peak Law Movement, Jennifer has grown her commitment to social justice and professional improvement by way of her Black Law Matters podcast. In her podcast, she talks to a range of legal community guests about diversity, equity and inclusion, and ways that lawyers can work together to make the world better. After listening to an episode of her podcast, it is clear that Jennifer is committed to moving lawyers "to raise the bar on the bar". Another example of her leadership is her involvement in developing the Principles of Professionalism during her State Bar Presidency tenure, which was recently issued as Administrative Order No. 2020–23 by the Michigan Supreme Court. Jennifer has also served as cooperating attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan in connection with the November 3, 2020 general election, and in this role led efforts to ensure local governments were in compliance with legal requirements for registration and access to voting. Her volunteerism also includes secretary of the Oakland County Zoological Authority, board member of the Detroit Zoological Society, board member of Lakeshore Legal Aid, and panelist for the Attorney Discipline Board. Jennifer is the epitome of a notable leader and is someone who is always contributing to the improvement of the profession.

See attached curriculum vitae.

Optional: List news, magazine, radio, and TV features about the nominee's
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accomplishments (do not submit actual articles or DVDs). Feel free to include any hyperlinks to these stories, if they are still online.

State date/page and media
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Lansing State Journal,
"Lawyer Begins TLC Program
in Schools"

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March 13, 2021

Via E-Mail and online application submission

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State Bar of Michigan
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Re: Nomination of Jennifer M. Grieco for the SBM Michael Franck Award

Ms. Sharlow:

Please accept my nomination of Jennifer M. Grieco for the 2021 SBM Michael Franck Award. When reviewing the criteria for this award, I could not think of a more fitting lawyer who has consistently made outstanding contributions to the improvement of the profession, time and time again. Jennifer Grieco makes it a habit to contribute and positively impact the legal community, and this past year is no exception to her continued efforts and impact.

Following her role and efforts during her term as President of the State Bar of Michigan (2018-2019), as Founder of Peak Law and the Peak Law Movement, Jennifer has grown her commitment to social justice and professional improvement by way of her Black Law Matters podcast. In her podcast, she talks to a range of legal community guests about diversity, equity and inclusion, and ways that lawyers can work together to make the world better. After listening to an episode of her podcast, it is clear that Jennifer is committed to moving lawyers "to raise the bar on the bar". Another example of her leadership is her involvement in developing the Principles of Professionalism during her State Bar Presidency tenure, which was recently issued as Administrative Order No. 2020-23 by the Michigan Supreme Court. Jennifer has also served as cooperating attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan in connection with the November 3, 2020 general election, and in this role led efforts to ensure local governments were in compliance with legal requirements for registration and access to voting. Her volunteerism

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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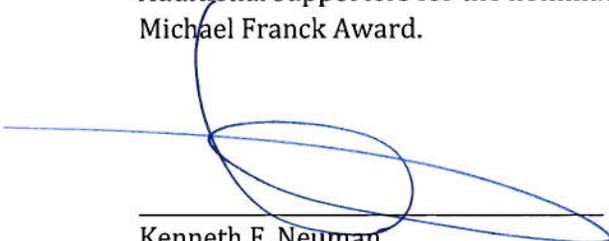


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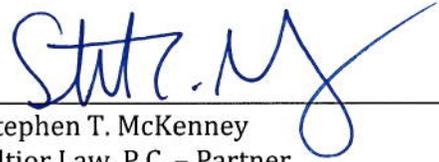
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Enclosure – Jennifer M. Grieco curriculum vitae

Additional supporters for the nomination of Jennifer M. Grieco as recipient for the 2021 SBM Michael Franck Award.



Kenneth F. Neuman
Altior Law, P.C. - Managing Partner
March 9, 2021



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EMPLOYMENT:

Altior Law, P.C., formerly known as *Neuman Anderson Grieco McKenney, P.C.*,
Birmingham, Michigan
March 2010 - Present
Shareholder

Specializing in complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on business tort claims including professional malpractice, coverage claims, shareholder/member disputes, and construction defect litigation.

Maddin Hauser Wartell Roth & Heller, P.C., Southfield, Michigan
January 2007 – February 2010
Shareholder

Specializing in professional liability defense including legal malpractice defense, construction defect litigation and insurance coverage disputes.

Sommers Schwartz, P.C., Southfield, Michigan
May 1996- January 2007
Shareholder, Marketing Director and B Shareholder Representative

Specializing in personal injury and commercial litigation including medical malpractice, products liability, toxic torts and construction defects.

The Honorable George M. Glasser, Sixth District Court of Appeals, Toledo, Ohio
January 1996- May 1996
Judicial Intern

Jones & Bahret Co., L.P.A., Toledo, Ohio
May 1995 – December 1995
Law Clerk: Primary emphasis in insurance defense.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- *The State Bar Michigan*
 - Commissioner, Board of Commissioners, 2011-2019
 - President, 2018-2019
 - President-Elect, 2017-2018
 - Vice-President, 2016-2017
 - Secretary, 2015-2016
 - Treasurer, 2014-2015

- Executive Committee, 2012-2013; 2014-2019
 - Public Policy, Image and Identity Committee, 2011-2013
 - Audit Committee, 2012-2013
 - Strategic Planning Workgroup (2013) (2016-2017)
 - Judicial Campaign Workgroup (2013)
 - 21st Century Practice Task Force Member
 - Chair, Finance Committee 2014-2015
 - Chair, Professional Standards, 2015-2016
 - Chair, Member Services, 2016-2017
 - Chair, Public Policy, 2017-2018
 - Professionalism Work Group, 2018-2019
 - Strategic Planning Committee, 2018-2019
 - Governance Task Force, 2018-2020
 - Appointed to District I, Character and Fitness Committee, 2011-2017
 - Member, Negligence Council, 2008-2018
 - Secretary, Negligence Council, 2017-2018
 - Treasurer, Negligence Council, 2016-2017
 - Chair, Membership Committee
- *Michigan State Bar Foundation*
 - Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation, 2007-present
 - Access to Justice Campaign – Steering Committee
- *Lakeshore Legal Aid Board of Directors*
 - Appointed Director in 2016, reappointed in 2019
 - Bylaws Committee
 - Strategic Planning Operations Committee
 - Development Committee
- *The Oakland County Bar Association*
 - President, 2010-2011
 - President-Elect, 2009-2010
 - Treasurer, 2008-2009
 - Director - Board of Directors, elected to 3-year term, 2003, 2006, 2009
 - Chair, Strategic Planning subcommittee 2
 - Co-Chair Bench Bar Conference – January 2005
 - OCBA Board Liaison – Legislative Committee
 - OCBA Board Liaison – Medical/Legal Committee
 - OCBA Board Liaison – New Lawyers Council
 - Co-Chair- Public Service Committee, 2002-2003
 - Chairman - New Lawyers Council, 2001-2002
 - Vice Chairperson - New Lawyers Committee, 2000-2001
 - Sustaining Member
 - Judicial Candidate Forum Committee – 2017-2020
 - Board of Directors Nominating Committee – 2020
- *The ACLU Oakland County Lawyers Committee*
 - Member, 2019-

- *The Attorney Discipline Board*
 - Panel Member, 2020-
- *The Oakland County Zoological Authority*
 - Secretary and Board Member, 2020-
- *The Detroit Zoological Society*
 - Board of Directors, 2020-
- *Oakland County Bar Foundation*
 - Trustee, 2008-2010
 - Fellow - Oakland County Bar Foundation, named 2003
- *Oakland Livingston Legal Aid,*
 - Board of Trustees – Oakland Livingston Legal Aid, 2001-2003
- *The Woman’s Bar Association of Oakland County*
 - President, 2003-2004
 - Past-President, 2004-2005
 - President -Elect, 2002-2003
 - Historian, 2001-2002
- *The Michigan Association for Justice –
formerly the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association*
 - Member, Executive Board - 2002-2006
 - Co-Chair Community Coalition Committee, 2005-2006
 - Interrogatory Bank Committee Chairperson, 2004-2005
 - Bike Helmet Safety Committee Member, 2003-2006
 - Legislative Response Committee Member, 2003-2005
 - Amicus Team Committee Member, 2005-2006
 - Sustaining Member

AWARDS:

- Best Lawyers – Lawyer of the Year, Professional Liability (Troy) 2021
- Women Lawyer’s Association of Michigan – Jean L. King Leadership Award (September 2020)
- State Bar of Michigan Negligence Section – Earl J. Cline and Sherwin Schreier Award for Excellence (June 2019)
- Women Bar Association – Evelyn Forrest Respected Advocate Award (May 2019)
- *Crain’s Detroit Business* – Notable Women Lawyers (2018)

- Oakland County Bar Association - Michael K. Lee Memorial Award Recognizing Diversity (October 19, 2017) - *Awarded for promoting diversity in the legal profession and supporting pipeline programs.*
- Top 100 Attorneys, Michigan Super Lawyer (2013-2020)
- Top 50 Women Attorneys, Michigan Super Lawyers (2011-2020)
- Top 50 Business Attorneys, Michigan Super Lawyers (2013-2018)
- Top 25 Women Business Attorneys, Michigan Super Lawyers (2013-2018)
- Michigan Super Lawyer, 2011-2020, Business Litigation and Professional Liability
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly – Women in the Law – 2011 Award given to twenty women in the State of Michigan in 2011.*
- Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit 2012-2020 – *DBusiness* magazine
- Leading Lawyers Magazine – 2017-2020
 - Top 10 Women and Top 10 Women in Business, 2017
- Oakland County Bar Association – 2011 Pro Bono Service Award
- National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) Lexis/Nexis Community & Educational Outreach Award, August 2011 for the OCBA Pro Bono Mentor Match Program created as OCBA president
- *Crain’s Detroit Business – 2010 “40 Under 40” Honors the best and brightest in Southeast Michigan who have made their marks in business before the age of 40.*
- 2007 Michigan Super Lawyer – Professional Liability Defense
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly: 2004 Up and Coming Lawyers Award given to only five lawyers in the State of Michigan in 2004*

SEMINARS/PUBLICATIONS

- Monthly President’s Page in the Michigan Bar Journal: 2018-2019
- Featured in the *Detroit Legal News* (November 6, 2018) – “Higher Calling: New SBM Presidents Aims to Promote Greater Professionalism”
- Featured in the *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* (October 1, 2018) – “New SBM President Seeks to Improve Access to Justice”

- Panelist, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education: “Serving on a Non-Profit Board” (November 2017)
- Faculty, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education: “Depositions Skills Workshop” (May 19, 2014)
- Panelist, National Conference of Bar Presidents, ABA Mid-Year Meeting (February 7, 2014): “Win-Win: Matching Unmet Legal Needs with Available Legal Talent.”
- Panelist, State Bar of Michigan Bar Leadership Forum (June 2012): “Running an Effective Meeting”
- Faculty, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education: “Depositions Skills Workshop” (May 6-8, 2012)
- Author, American Bar Association, *the Young Lawyer* (May 2012): “Mentor Match Program is a Win-Win for Legal Community”
- Panelist, State Bar of Michigan Bar Leadership Forum (June 2011): “Leaders Developing Leadership”
- Monthly President’s Page in the OCBA magazine *Laches*, August 2010-June 2011; also published in the *Oakland County Legal News*: “OCBA Update”
- Speaker – American Business Women’s Association (ABWA) - Novi Oaks Chapter (March 9, 2011): “Lessons Learned Competing in a Male Dominated Profession”
- Featured in the *Oakland County Legal News* (June 29, 2010) – “Duty Bound: New OCBA President Issues Her Own ‘Call to Service’”
- Featured in *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* (May 3, 2010) – “Going Solo: The New Lawyer Training Void”
- State Bar of Michigan, Negligence Law Section Quarterly – “It is Always Good to be Reminded: Risk Management for Negligence Practitioners” (Summer 2009)
- Featured in *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* (January 19, 2009): “Seeking Someone to Blame: As Real Estate Deals Fail, More Losers Sue Lawyers”
- Michigan Association of Justice Speaker – Rapid Fire Seminar “Top Ten (11) Ways to Avoid Being a Legal Malpractice Defendant” (May 9, 2008)
- MTLA Speaker – Rapid Fire Seminar “Winning Non-Economic Damages in Mold Litigation” (May 12, 2006)
- Oakland County Bar Association Speaker – State of the Law – Medical Malpractice (November 2005)

- Speaker – “Toxic Mold in Michigan Schools” – seminar sponsored by Sommers Schwartz, Michael B. Serling, P.C. and Philip J. Goodman, P.C., (June 2005)
- Panelist – “The Secret of My Success Symposium” sponsored by the Woman’s Bar Association and Wayne State University Women’s Law Caucus (March 31, 2005): topic – “How to Make Partner as a Younger Woman”.
- MTLA Speaker – Medical Malpractice Seminar “Making the Case Against the Resident: The Resident Standard of Care” (November 7, 2003)
- MTLA Speaker – Rapid Fire Seminar “Mold Creates a New Cause of Action – Failure to Diagnose Sick Homes” (May 11, 2001)
- Guest Speaker, Due Process Television Show “Environmental Law” (October 23, 2001)
- Speaker, Lorman Business Institute, Solving Water Intrusion and Mold Problems in Michigan (Feb. 27, 2002)
- Michigan Air & Waste Management Association re: Mold – Inspections, Liability and Insurance Issues (May 16, 2002)
- Guest Speaker, “Currently Speaking” Delta College Quality Public Broadcasting (October 22, 2002) re: mold
- Speaker, Lorman Business Institute, Solving Water Intrusion and Mold Problems in Michigan (2/11/03)
- Speaker, The Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Re: Mold Matters – Evaluating a Case – A Reality Check (March 25, 2003)
- Author, Michigan Trial Lawyers Association *White Paper Series* “Making the Case Against the Resident- the Resident Standard of Care in Michigan” – July 2004
- Featured in *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* (June 30, 2001): “Toxic Mold Litigation Takes Hold in Michigan”
- Author, “Mold Grows in Michigan”, *Negligence Law Section Quarterly* (Spring 2001)
- Author, “Mold Creates New Cause of Action: Failure to Diagnose Sick Homes” *MTLA Quarterly*, Winter 2001

BAR ADMISSIONS STATUS:

State Bar of Michigan (November 1997)
 United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (November 1997)
 United States District Court, Western District of Michigan
 State Bar of Nevada (November 2013)

EDUCATION:

Law School: University of Toledo, College of Law
Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, May 1997
The Toledo Chapter of the Order of the Coif
University of Toledo Law Review:
Note and Comment Editor (1996-1997)
Recipient: Burton A. Maddock Memorial Scholarship
Geleerd Memorial Scholarship
Constitutional Law Book Award
Legal Ethics Book Award
Advanced Sales Book Award

Undergraduate: University of Toledo
Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (1993)