

Michael Franck Award Nomination - Sheldon Larky

Criteria

This award will be presented to a lawyer who has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the profession.

- The recipient must be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan.
 - The recipient's contribution may have been made during the past year or by virtue of cumulative effort or service.
 - The recipient is selected by the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly's Nominating and Awards Committee.
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Instructions

Please answer each question as thoroughly as possible. If you require more space than provided, please submit additional information by email to Carrie Sharlow at repassembly@michbar.org, please note in your email the name of the award and the nominee's name.

Supporting nomination letters should be attached below, emailed to Carrie Sharlow at repassembly@michbar.org, faxed to her attention at (517) 372-2410, or sent by mail. Please note in your communication the name of the award and the nominee's name.

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Nominee Section

Name of Nominee: *

Sheldon G. Larky

Title:

Solo Practitioner and part time District Court Magistrate

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Nominator Section

Name of Nominator: *

Edward L Haroutunian

Title:

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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.

See Letter attached

Please provide a complete resume that includes dates of:

- Service to and on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan
- Other service to the legal profession
- Service to the public
- Any awards the nominee may have received

Optional: List news, magazine, radio, and TV features about the nominee's 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 e.g. 12/12/07, p. 12, Lansing State Journal, "Lawyer Begins TLC Program in Schools"

Please provide a letter written by the nominator explaining why the nominee should be considered for the award. The letter should be signed by the nominator and any additional supporters. One dated and signed letter is required, it can be attached below, emailed to Carrie Sharlow at repassembly@michbar.org, faxed to her attention at (517) 316-7204, or sent by mail. Please note in your communication the name of the award and the nominee's name.

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March 13, 2023

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Via Fax: 517-372-2410

Re: Nomination of Sheldon G. Larky for the Representative Assembly's
Michael Franck Award

Dear Ms. Sharlow:

With this letter I have provided the requisite information needed for the nomination of Sheldon G. Larky for the Representative Assembly's Michael Franck Award.

The Michael Franck Award is presented to a lawyer who has made outstanding contributions to the improvement of the legal profession.

Having known Shel Larky for over 30 years, and having served on the Representative Assembly since the mid 1990's with him, it is an honor and privilege for me to nominate Sheldon G. Larky for the Michael Franck Award, as presented by the Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan—the final policy making body of the Bar.

Being a member in good standing of the State Bar, and the longest serving living member of the Representative Assembly (Shel began his service in about 1978), Shel Larky epitomizes the very best of the Michigan legal community. Shel's contributions to the legal profession over many decades include not only his activities with the Oakland County Bar Association, being a past President, and editor of the Oakland Bar's monthly magazine Laches, as well as representing the Oakland Bar as a representative to the American Bar Association, and being a recipient of the Oakland Bar's distinguished service award, but also his contributions with respect to the Attorney Grievance Commission, and the State Bar Character and Fitness Committee. Shel's volunteer activities earned him the 2021 Distinguished Service Award from the State Bar ADR Section.

Shel's resume is attached and in many respects speaks for itself. However, let me elaborate on three areas which most will recognize:

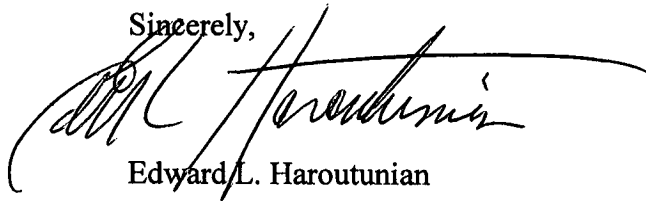
1. In the Representative Assembly when issues are presented and discussed, and positions both for and against are presented, Shel Larky will, in a very calm and reasoned manner, set forth his opinion, supported by facts which are indisputable. His ability to synthesize the position based on relevant arguments is extraordinary, and in that process he adds a much needed level of stability to the process. A stability based upon the facts and the law, and in this way he significantly contributes to the improvement of the legal profession. His voice is refreshing to hear whether for the proposition in question or against it. He has set the example by which others can see how the process should work.

2. In all of the volunteer activities set forth on Shel's resume, Shel brings a level of professionalism and consideration for his fellow lawyers which is exemplary. He has acted as a role model for other lawyers in terms of how to handle difficult situations.

3. Shel Larky has also acted as a mediator and arbitrator for many years and through this process has assisted not only the legal profession, but also the litigants represented by the legal profession. Shel has mediated several cases for me over many years. Shel's ability to ferret out and discern the specific underlying issues involved, that may not have been the original issues presented, and to focus the attention of the lawyers and litigants on those underlying issues is an art form that Shel brings to the table. In so doing, Shel Larky significantly helps to improve the legal profession. And I can personally attest to Shel's ability to do just that.

I have been a practicing lawyer for over 54 years, and I am honored to nominate Sheldon G. Larky for the Representative Assembly's Michael Franck Award for 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward L. Haroutunian", written over a horizontal line.

Edward L. Haroutunian

Current State Bar activities:

1. Believed to be the current longest living serving member of the Representative Assembly. (Approx. 1978 to present)
2. Member of the Representative Assembly's Rules and Calendar Committee. (Approx. 2018 to present)
3. Member of the Client Protection Fund Committee. (2021 to present)
4. A State Bar representative to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. (2022 to present)

Other current activities:

1. Volunteer fee dispute arbitrator for the Attorney Grievance Commission.(2008 to present)
2. For almost twenty years, co-chair of the Oakland County Bar Association's Legislative Committee. (2005 to present)
3. District Court Magistrate for eighteen years, 2005-2015 in the 45th District Court and 2015-present in the 52nd District Court.
4. Volunteer mediator for Family Law Assistance Project and Lakeshore Legal Aid. (Approx 2008 to present)
5. A director in the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates. (2021 to present)
6. Provider of alternative dispute resolution services for more than thirty years.

Past State Bar activities:

1. Recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Service Award from the State Bar ADR Section.
2. Member and Chair of the State Bar Character and Fitness Committee. (Approx. 1974-1980)
3. Member of the Professional Development Task Force. (Approx. 1983)

Past local bar activities:

1. Editor of *LACHES*, the Oakland County Bar Association's monthly magazine for eight years
2. Past president of the Oakland County Bar Association
3. Past Oakland County Bar Association representative to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates.
4. Recipient of the OCBA's distinguished service award.
5. October 2011 recipient of the Champion of Justice award from Common Ground Legal Services and Family Law Assistance Project of Lakeshore Legal Aid and Thomas M. Cooley Law School.