Member Information
Please enter any changes to your name and contact information in the spaces provided. A name change requires additional supporting documentation, as noted in change form at http://www.michbar.org/programs/forms. The primary address you supply is considered your “directory address” and will be used for State Bar purposes. If your primary address is a PO Box or an address other than for your business or residence, then you must also provide a street or building address for your business or residence. You may not practice law in Michigan to provide this information.

1. State Bar Portion (Required). This is the annual amount established by the Michigan Supreme Court for the fiscal year October 1 through September 30. If you have been a member for at least 50 years you are exempt from paying this portion of the State Bar license fees.

2. Discipline System Portion (Required). This is the annual amount established by the Michigan Supreme Court for the fiscal year October 1 through September 30 to reimburse approved claims arising from lawyer theft of funds.

3. Client Protection Fund Assessment (Required). This is the annual amount established by the Michigan Supreme Court for the fiscal year October 1 through September 30. This amount is established by the Michigan Supreme Court to effect a status change and constitutes notice of your eligibility. You must check the appropriate box, (2) add or subtract the fee amount adjustment from the chart at right, and (3) sign your name on the signature line. Your signature is required to effect a change of status and constitutes notice of your eligibility in writing to the secretary of the State Bar. You must call (517) 346-6341 to complete your status change to Emeritus or Resigned.

4. Current Section Membership Dues (Optional). These are the annual dues for those sections in which you are currently enrolled. Pay this amount to keep your current section enrollment. Your current section enrollment is indicated with an asterisk (*) next to the section dues amount under Changes in Section Enrollments.

5. Section Membership Changes (Optional). To add or cancel section memberships, mark the appropriate box under Changes in Section Enrollments. Enter the total for additions and cancellations at the bottom of each column and on the appropriate line in step 5.

6. Status Changes. Your current membership status is indicated next to the amounts in steps 1-3 and in the box in the upper right-hand corner of your invoice. To change your status: (1) check the appropriate box, (2) add or subtract the fee amount adjustment from the chart at right, and (3) sign your name on the signature line. Your signature is required to effect a change of status and constitutes notice of your eligibility in writing to the secretary of the State Bar. You must call (517) 346-6341 to complete your status change to Emeritus or Resigned.

Inactive—If you change your status from active to inactive and pay inactive fees, you maintain your status as a member in good standing, but you are not authorized to practice law in Michigan, effective October 1, 2019. You receive all other active member benefits, including section membership eligibility.

Active—If you have been inactive for less than three years, you may elect this status if you complete the “Petition to Return to Active Status” form, certifying that no disciplinary action has been taken or is pending in another jurisdiction. This form is available at http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/pdfs/active/pdf or by calling (517) 346-6377. If you have been inactive for three years or more, you must be recertified by the Board of Law Examiners. You may be required to re-take the bar exam and undergo the character and fitness process, unless Rule 5 of the Rules for the BLPF applies. If you have questions concerning referral fees please contact the Ethics Helpline at (877) 558-4760.

Resignation—You must call (517) 346-6341 to complete your status change. You may elect this status if you are an active or inactive member and not subject to pending disciplinary action in this state or any other jurisdiction. Members electing to resign will receive a letter from the State Bar that must be completed, signed and returned before a change of status is processed. A resigned member is no longer authorized to practice law in Michigan nor eligible to receive any other member benefits. Once you resign, to be readmitted you may be required to re-take the bar exam and undergo the character and fitness process, unless Rule 5 of the Rules for the BLPF applies.

7. Hall of Justice Learning Center (Optional). The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center is an educational facility located within the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing. It provides interactive education to Michigan citizens, including students of all ages, on the important role of the law in our society. The State Bar of Michigan endorses the efforts of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society in supporting this important facility. Your voluntary contribution to the Learning Center will be transferred to the Historical Society-Learning Center Fund and is deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. You will receive a tax receipt for your records.

8. Access to Justice Fund (Optional). The Access to Justice Campaign seeks to ensure access and fairness for all in the justice system. The ATJ Campaign, established in 1997, is a collaborative centralized campaign, administered by the Michigan State Bar Foundation in partnership with the State Bar of Michigan, to increase resources for fifteen civil legal aid programs in Michigan. Please consider donating $500 (or $500 if your income permits), the individual attorney amount recommended by the State Bar in its Volunteer Pro Bono Standard implementing MRPC 6.1, the public service ethics rule. Your charitable contribution supports statewide operations, 100% of which will be distributed to support civil legal aid to the poor throughout Michigan. You will receive a tax receipt from the Michigan State Bar Foundation. For more information about the ATJ Campaign, please see www.ATJfund.org.

9. Late Charge. Payments postmarked after November 30, 2019, or if payment is completed online after 11:59 p.m. EST on that date, are delinquent and must include a late charge of $50.

10. Reinstatement Fee. If you fail to pay the required fees and the $50 late fee by the deadline noted in the pre-suspension letter, you will be suspended for non-payment. If no disciplinary order is in effect and the suspension period is less than three years, membership is reactivated immediately upon the payment of required fees and the late charges owed from the date of suspension, plus a $100 reinstatement fee. If the suspension has lasted for three years or more, a return to active status also requires recertification by the Board of Law Examiners (see step 6).

11. Total. To calculate your total, start with the subtotal in step 4a and add or subtract as appropriate any amounts in steps 5-10. Make checks payable to the State Bar of Michigan. Mail payments to: State Bar of Michigan, PO Box 1406, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1406. (Visa & MasterCard credit/debit card payments, and e-check are only accepted online.)

12. Lawyer Referral Service (LRS). If you are interested in becoming a lawyer referral panel member, please check the box and a LRS coordinator will contact you.
13. Mandatory Regulation Disclosures (Required)

The Michigan Supreme Court requires all Michigan lawyers on active or inactive status, including judges, corporate, government, and retired lawyers, to complete and sign the Mandatory Regulation Disclosures. Failure to do so will delay your bar card.

A. IOLTA and Non-IOLTA Trust Account Compliance.

Lawyers who hold client or third-party funds must place those funds in an interest- or dividend-bearing trust account with a financial institution (listed on the approved list maintained by the State Bar of Michigan) that has agreed to abide by the trust account overdraft notification (TAON) provisions of MRPC 1.15A. For information about IOLTA trust accounts, see MRPC 1.15 and Attorney IOLTA Guidelines at http://www.msb.org or call the Michigan State Bar Foundation (MSBF) at (800) 968-6723. To review MRPC IOLTA trust accounts, see MRPC 1.15 and Attorney IOLTA (TAON) provisions of MRPC 1.15A. For information about IOLTA trust accounts with interest payable to clients or third parties for Michigan matters.

B. Other Licensing Jurisdictions.

List all other states, provinces, countries, or federal courts where you are or have been licensed to practice law, including the year you were first admitted. You must also check the box that lists your current status in that jurisdiction. If you have ever received professional discipline in any of these jurisdictions that you have not previously disclosed, you must provide details of that discipline in a separate letter to the Grievance Administrator, Attorney Grievance Commission, 535 Griswold, Ste 1700, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

C. Malpractice Insurance.

Check box a if you maintain malpractice insurance, either individually or through your firm.

D. Misdemeanors and Felonies.

If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense since you have been licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction and you have not reported it directly to the Grievance Administrator and the Attorney Discipline Board, check the "yes" box and provide written notice to the Grievance Administrator, Attorney Grievance Commission, 535 Griswold, Ste 1700, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and to the Attorney Discipline Board, 333 West Fort Street, Ste 1700, Detroit, Michigan 48226, with details of the conviction, including the offense, date of conviction, and name and address of the sentencing court.

14. Communication Preferences.

A. Michigan Bar Journal:

All issues of the Michigan Bar Journal are available online. If you choose to opt-out of print copies we will alert you through email when a new issue is available. Opting out of all issues includes opting out of the April Resource directory. If you want to receive just the printed copy of the April Resource Directory, please select “Mail the April Resource Directory only.” Opting out of printed publications saves the SBM substantial printing and mailing costs.

15. Privacy Preferences.

SBM believes the materials sent to members have value. All mailings to members must adhere to our Privacy and Website Policies (http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo). We understand and honor requests to be removed from SBM endorsed & member benefit providers or third party mailing lists. This section allows you to opt out of these mailing lists. Check all that apply. You may change your preferences online or by using the Member Contact Information and Preferences form found at: http://www.michbar.org/program/forms

16. Occupation/Practice Information.

To help us better serve your needs, please provide your occupation/practice information and indicate the size of your law firm or whether you are a solo practitioner.

Although members are encouraged to provide this information, doing so is purely voluntary. This information will not be shared with third parties.

17. Attorney Successor Appointment.

Check yes if you are in private practice and have a succession plan in place to handle your cases and wind up your practice if you become unable to practice. Check no if you do not have a plan. See the Planning Ahead Handbook at http://www.michbar.org/plans/planningahead.

Visit https://e.michbar.org to pay your fees online. Please note that to use this service, you must have an unshared email address on record with the State Bar of Michigan.

If you are not paying online, please include your P# on the check and mail payment with your remittance document to:

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