



## To Become a Licensed Attorney in Michigan

The State Bar of Michigan welcomes qualified applicants who are entering the practice of law in this state. All attorneys who practice law in Michigan are required to be members of the State Bar.

We have provided these helpful steps for you to follow after you have received your certified results from the Board of Law Examiners indicating a passing score on the Michigan bar exam or certification through reciprocity with another state.

**Step 1.** Appear and present the Board of Law Examiners certification sent to you by mail. You may present this certification at a mass swearing-in ceremony or to one of the circuit courts of the state. Upon motion made in open court by a licensed Michigan lawyer, the court will administer the oath of office and enter an order admitting you to the State Bar of Michigan. (This order will expire after three years).

**Step 2.** After being admitted to the Bar by the court, you must complete the Membership Application online at <http://le.michbar.org> using a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card to become a member of the State Bar of Michigan. Paper applications are no longer accepted. This application is not complete without a true, or certified copy of the Order of Admission (from the swearing-in ceremony) and payment of the required fees as noted within the instructions. Create an account as a Prospective New Active Attorney or Prospective New Voluntary Inactive Attorney.

**Please note:** Some counties send the Order of Admission directly to the State Bar of Michigan following the swearing-in ceremony. Members sworn in at the Supreme Court need only send a copy of the Order of Admission to the State Bar.

**Step 3.** After the Membership Application, Order of Admission, and payment are received and processed, your Bar license number (P number) is assigned. Only then are active members eligible to practice law in Michigan. It may take up to a week for the State Bar to process the application and assign your P number. Notification of your P number will be provided electronically. A bar card will be sent by mail within 10-15 business days of assignment of your P number.

**Please note:** If you must conduct business in a court or jail after receiving your P number and before receiving a bar card, a Certificate of Good Standing may be used, provided the court or jail accepts it. It is your responsibility to contact the court or jail to determine if a Certificate of Good Standing is accepted.

To purchase a Certificate of Good Standing visit <https://www.michbar.org/file/programs/pdfs/NormalCOGS.pdf>. All requests must be in writing and must include the certificate processing fee(s).

## Admission Ceremonies Fall 2019

### Detroit Bar Association

There will be an admissions ceremony on Monday November 11, 2019 at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 13th Floor Auditorium, 2 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Please visit [www.detroitlawyer.org](http://www.detroitlawyer.org) for more information or contact Darlene Trudell at [dtrudell@detroitlawyer.org](mailto:dtrudell@detroitlawyer.org) or (313) 961-6120, ext. 201.

### Federal Bar Association-Eastern District

There will be an admissions ceremony at the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, in conjunction with a New Lawyers Seminar held on December 3 and 4. For more information, please visit [www.fbamich.org/event/new-lawYER-seminar/](http://www.fbamich.org/event/new-lawYER-seminar/) or email [fbamich@fbamich.org](mailto:fbamich@fbamich.org).

### Genesee County Bar Association

Please visit [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org) or call (810) 232-6012.

### Grand Rapids Bar Association

There will be an admissions ceremony on Friday, November 15, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the L.V. Eberhard Center, 301 Fulton St. West, Grand Rapids. Please visit [www.grbar.org](http://www.grbar.org) or contact Kenny Williams-Buck at [kenneth@grbar.org](mailto:kenneth@grbar.org), (616) 454-5550; admission to the federal court is coordinated with this ceremony.

### Grand Traverse–Leelanau–Antrim Bar Association

Please contact Teri Quinn at (231) 922-4701 or [c13court@13thcircuitcourt.org](mailto:c13court@13thcircuitcourt.org)

### Ingham County Bar Association

There will be an admissions ceremony on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at WMU Cooley Law School, Lansing. Please contact the Ingham County Bar Association at [icbayounglawyers@gmail.com](mailto:icbayounglawyers@gmail.com) for more information.

### Jackson County Bar Association

Please contact Christine Lammi at the Fourth Circuit Court Administrator's Office, (517) 768-8502 or email [clammi@mijackson.org](mailto:clammi@mijackson.org).

### Kalamazoo County Bar Association

There will be an admissions ceremony on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the courthouse at 227 West Michigan Avenue, Court D. Please contact Denise Wilson, Kalamazoo County Circuit Court, (269) 384-8190.

### Macomb County Bar Association

Please visit [www.macombbar.org](http://www.macombbar.org) or call (586) 468-2940, ext.1000.

### Oakland County Bar Association

There will be an admissions ceremony on Friday, November 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Oakland County Commission Auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. Please visit [www.ocba.org](http://www.ocba.org) for ceremony registration and details. Please direct questions to Katie Tillinger at [ktillinger@ocba.org](mailto:ktillinger@ocba.org) or (248) 334-3400.

### Saginaw County Bar Association

Please contact Kelli Scorsone, SCBA Executive Director, [scba@saginawcounty.com](mailto:scba@saginawcounty.com)

### Washtenaw County Bar Association

Please contact the Civil/Criminal Clerk's Office at (734) 222-3001.