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Circle of Excellence data is based on a calendar year to better align with the Access to Justice Fund. The Access to Justice Campaign is a partnership of the State Bar of Michigan, the Michigan State Bar Foundation, and Michigan's civil legal aid programs to increase resources for civil legal aid to the poor in Michigan.

If you are interested in developing a pro bono policy for your firm or have questions about the Circle of Excellence, please contact State Bar Pro Bono Service & Justice Initiatives Counsel Robert Mathis at rmathis@michbar.org or (517) 346-6412.