

2025-2026 REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

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7.6 Assembly Review. The Assembly Review Committee, consisting of five (5) members, each of whom shall be a different judicial circuit, shall periodically review the functions of the Assembly, and shall from time to time make recommendations for amendments or other matters or procedures to improve Assembly effectiveness and activity.

Outreach & Hearings (12)

Chair:

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7.3 Outreach and Hearings. Upon referral from the Representative Assembly or its Chairperson, the Committee on Hearings, consisting of twelve (12) members, not more than two (2) of whom shall be members from the same judicial circuit, shall hold hearings on any matter referred and shall report any outreach matters to the Assembly on which non-members of the Assembly ask for an opportunity to present their views. Upon referral of a matter to the Committee or as a part of outreach activities, each Committee member shall be assigned one or more judicial circuits or a geographic region near their judicial circuit.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The Committee shall meet no less than twice per calendar year. Meetings shall be scheduled during the April and September Representative Assembly meetings. A Regular Meeting may be dispensed with if, in the judgment and agreement of a majority of the Committee, there is no need for the meeting. No Regular Meeting may be dispensed with if a non-member has requested an opportunity to present his or her views to the Committee. The Chair of the Hearings Committee shall notify each member of the Committee of the purpose and agenda of the meeting at least 48 hours in advance of the Regular Meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS and HEARINGS: The Committee shall call Special Meetings or schedule and assign a Committee member or members to conduct a hearing upon the referral of a matter to the Committee or upon the request of a non-member of the Representative Assembly after review and recommendation by a Committee member of the same judicial circuit or assigned region (the "Assigned Committee Member"). A Special Meeting or hearing may be held only after reasonable notice is provided to the Committee members. If it is decided by the Committee that a hearing on a matter of complexity or controversy may be benefited by assigning multiple members to a hearing panel, three (3) Committee members shall make themselves available for such a hearing: Chair of the Committee, the Assigned Committee Member, and an additional Committee member. Any Special Meeting or hearing may be attended by teleconference via telephone or video if convenient to the parties and will be facilitated by the State Bar of Michigan. The Committee may invite any person to attend. It shall report as soon as possible and make appropriate recommendations to the Assembly at its next meeting on the hearings so held. The report shall be calendared to permit prompt consideration.

Drafting (5)

Chair:

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Deborah K. Blair (3rd Circuit)

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Ann C. Sharkey (29th Circuit)

7.4 Drafting. The Committee on Drafting, consisting of five (5) members, each of whom shall be from a different judicial circuit, shall consider and report to the Representative Assembly on any resolution, report, recommendation, or other matter referred to it by the Assembly, or the Chairperson of the Assembly if the Assembly is not in session, for revision as to structure, organization, grammar, diction, and punctuation.

Nominating/Awards (5)

Chair:

Mark A. Holsomback (9th Circuit)

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Members:

Judge Macie Tuiasosopo Gaines (3rd Circuit)

David E. Gilbert (37th Circuit)

Chad W. Peltier (11th Circuit)

Kymerly K. Reeves (6th Circuit)

7.5 Nominating. The Nominating and Awards Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each of whom shall be from a different judicial circuit. The Committee shall perform the functions provided for in Rule 8.

Rules & Calendar (5)

Chair:

Mary A. Bowen (6th Circuit)

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Members:

Elizabeth K. Abdnour (30th Circuit)

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Steven E. Makulski (4th Circuit)

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7.2 Rules and Calendar. The Committee on Rules and Calendar, consisting of five (5) members, each of whom shall be from a different judicial circuit, shall consider and report to the Representative Assembly on all proposals to amend these Rules of Procedure. It shall prepare a calendar for each meeting of the Assembly in accordance with these Rules of Procedure and the Clerk shall distribute it to the Assembly members, together with reports to be considered, at least thirty (30) days before the meeting. It shall make appropriate recommendations to the Assembly relating to special orders of business and changes in the calendar.

Special Issues (7)

Chair:

Robin E. Dillard (3rd Circuit)
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Members:

Brad A. Brelinski (4th Circuit)

Kristina A. Bilowus (30th Circuit)

Tracey L. Lee (6th Circuit)

Scott R. Sanford (2nd Circuit)

Amanda J. Skeel (33rd Circuit)

Gail M. Towne (9th Circuit)

7.7 Special Issues. The Special Issues Committee, consisting of seven (7) members, each of whom shall be from a different judicial circuit, shall consider and report to the Officers of the Assembly on specific issues or matters that may merit attention by the State Bar and/or the Assembly, and consider and report to the Assembly on any matter referred to them by the Officers of the Assembly.

Diversity (11)

Chair:

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Kara R. Hart-Negrich (30th Circuit)

Nicole S. Huddleston (6th Circuit)

Ashleigh K. Russett (17th Circuit)

Delicia A. Taylor-Coleman (3rd Circuit)

Judge Karl A. Weber (25th Circuit)

Judge Chastity A. Youngblood (3rd Circuit)

7.8 Diversity. The Committee on Diversity, consisting of eleven (11) members, not more than two (2) of whom shall be members from the same judicial circuit, and no more than three (3) associate members, shall ensure meaningful diversity and inclusion in the ranks of the Representative Assembly; make proposals and craft policy that will enhance diversity and inclusion in the greater bar community; and make appropriate recommendations to the Representative Assembly.