

THE FELLOWS OF THE MICHIGAN STATE BAR FOUNDATION

Every profession is fortunate to have a few of its men and women whose efforts cause them to stand out as examples of the profession at its best. That is clearly true in the legal profession in Michigan.

There are, among the lawyers who make up the 35,000 plus membership of the State Bar of Michigan, certain individuals who have earned their status as a result of outstanding contributions to the profession, service to the public and earnest efforts to assist in the promotion and improvement of the justice system.

Those are the lawyers, recognized by their peers, who are presented for the honor of nomination as Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

An invitation to join the Fellows is a meaningful recognition. No more than five percent of the State Bar of Michigan's members in good standing will be asked to become Fellows. Those who receive this personal and professional honor may take pride in knowing that their contributions as Fellows will help set the standard for all members of the State Bar.

WHAT YOU CAN OFFER THE FELLOWS

Since its inception in 1984, the Fellows program has provided a broad, distinguished group of Bench and Bar leaders to further the purpose of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. As a Fellow, you will provide vital financial and personal support to the Foundation. Your tax-deductible annual contribution helps fund important public interest programs receiving Foundation grants.

Such programs have included training sessions to help educators teach students about the legal system; legal publications to assist the profession and the public; projects to improve pro bono services; conferences on Michigan's justice system; video documentaries profiling lawyers who have made important contributions to society; helping seniors mediate legal problems and many more.

All programs, while different in scope, are designed to assist the advancement of justice, reinforce public understanding of the legal system or support legal services to the poor. More information on projects the Foundation funds can be found at www.msbf.org.

A SIGN OF DISTINCTION

Fellows status is known in the legal profession as a sign of distinction. Often, Fellows and their law firms include this distinction in published biographical information. Fellows members are also acknowledged at Foundation events, and the election of new Fellows is publicized throughout our State. In addition, the Foundation distributes a news release each year to recognize all Supporting and Patron Fellows.

HOW THIS HONOR IS BESTOWED

Current Fellows nominate new Fellows for consideration by the Fellows Nominating Committee and approval by the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Fellows nominees must complete and return the acceptance form in order to confirm their membership in one of the following categories. Upon fulfillment of the pledge, Life Fellows status is conferred.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Annual Payment Amount</u>	<u>Total Pledge Amount</u>
1. Patron Fellow	\$500	\$5,000
2. Supporting Fellow	\$250	\$2,500
3. Fellow	\$100	\$1,000

FELLOWS MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation continues as long as the Fellow is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan and fulfills his or her contributions pledge.