

GUIDELINES FOR THE FELLOWS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. **Minimum 10 Years Required:** The Nominating Committee considers that it is necessary for new Fellows nominees to have been admitted to the bar in Michigan or another jurisdiction (or a combination) for at least 10 years in order to have achieved the professional distinction and community contributions required by the Fellows membership standards. Any person whose 10 year admission date occurs during the calendar year in which he or she is nominated is eligible for nomination.
2. **Nominations By Relatives Prohibited:** To enhance the integrity and objectivity of the Fellows nominations process, the Nominating Committee requires that nominations for new Fellows are not to be submitted by anyone related by blood or marriage to the potential nominee.
3. **Maximum of 75 New Fellows Per Year:** The nominating committee guideline is that no more than 75 persons per year are accepted as new Fellows. Because not all persons accept membership, the Nominating Committee, in its discretion, may extend more than 75 invitations annually. Should more than 75 persons accept Fellows membership in any given year, the maximum number of Fellows permitted for the following year may be reduced by the number of excess Fellows for the prior year.
4. **Automatic Fellows Invitation to Governor:** An invitation to accept Fellows membership shall be extended to any sitting Governor of Michigan who is a member of the State Bar of Michigan. The invitation shall be automatic and shall not require the submission of a nomination form.
5. **Two Years Ineligibility For Non-Acceptance:** Persons who did not accept a Fellows nomination extended to them are not eligible for consideration as a new Fellow until the third year following the year in which they did not accept the invitation.

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