

2026 Fellows Nomination Form

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The Michigan State Bar Foundation is currently seeking nominations for the Class of 2026 Fellows. ONLY active Fellows are eligible to complete the nomination form. Nominations may not be submitted by persons related by blood or marriage to the nominee.

Following is the criteria for the Fellows Program:


- * Attorneys who have demonstrated professional excellence.
- * Attorneys who serve their community.
- * Attorneys who practice law for a minimum of 10 years.
- * Attorneys who are in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan.

Please answer each question as thoroughly as possible.

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* Nominee's Name:

Matthew M. Aneese

* Nominee's P Number (please enter number only):

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* Total Years Admitted to Practice Law (a minimum of 10 years required). Also, include in your total the years practiced out of state.

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Do you have a vitae, resume or bio for your Nominee? If not, you will be asked to answer additional questions below.

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Upload Your Nominees Bio

Provide below a link to your nominee's bio:

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Please list State Bar, local or affinity bar associations and other community activities:

Michigan State Bar Association. In 2015, he was elected by his peers to the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly where he served three terms as a member. In 2019, Matthew was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions for the State of Michigan. Matthew is a long-time member of the Michigan Association for Justice and served on its Executive Board from 2023 to 2026.

Please list legal teaching, publications, professional recognition and/or memberships:

Matthew has received numerous awards from respected publications including The Best Lawyers of America and The National Trial Lawyers. His legal achievements have been featured in Michigan Lawyer's Weekly and in Hour Magazine, and Matthew has been selected by his peers as a Michigan Super Lawyer or Michigan Rising Star every year since 2015. Michigan Super Lawyers 2015-present. Best Lawyers in America 2024-present. While in law school, Matthew served as a judicial intern to both the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and a Senior Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

*** PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF WHY YOU BELIEVE THIS CANDIDATE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FELLOWS PROGRAM:**

I have known Matt for more than 10 years. He enjoys an excellent reputation as an up-and-coming trial lawyer. he has received numerous awards for his skill as a trial lawyer. I have also served as a mediator for Matt in several significant cases. He has always demonstrated a great understanding of the law and has achieved significant results for his clients. I strongly recommend him for fellowship in the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

*** Nominator's Name:**

Thomas R. Behm

*** Nominator's P Number (please enter number only):**

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BACKGROUND

Matthew Aneese is an experienced trial attorney and multi-faceted litigator. As the leader of the firm's Major Case Unit, Matthew handles high-stakes cases in state and federal courts throughout Michigan. Matthew is an expert at claims involving wrongful death, catastrophic injuries, trucking and commercial vehicle crashes, corporate liability,

motor vehicle crashes, premises liability, and general negligence. Over the course of his career, Matthew has obtained over \$100 million dollars in verdicts and settlements for his clients.

Matthew is also engaged in mass tort and multi-district litigation across the country. Currently, Matthew serves as counsel for numerous government clients in national mass tort actions involving public nuisance, antitrust violations, price fixing, RICO, conspiracy, and consumer protection. Matthew's work in the mass tort arena includes litigation arising out of the opioid crisis, pharmaceutical price fixing, and social media addiction.

In the courtroom, Matthew frequently secures multi-million-dollar results for clients who have been harmed or mistreated by insurance companies and big corporations. Matthew has a reputation for exceptional legal advocacy and has obtained successful jury verdicts and appellate court victories in several challenging cases.

Matthew has received numerous awards from respected publications including The Best Lawyers of America and The National Trial Lawyers. His legal achievements have been featured in Michigan Lawyer's Weekly and in Hour Magazine, and Matthew has been selected by his peers as a Michigan Super Lawyer or Michigan Rising Star every year since 2015.

Outside the courtroom, Matthew has held prominent positions in several state-wide legal organizations and committees. In 2015, he was elected by his peers to the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly where he served three terms as a member. In 2019, Matthew was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions for the State of Michigan. Matthew is a long-time member of the Michigan Association for Justice and served on its Executive Board from 2023 to 2026. While in law school, Matthew served as a judicial intern to both the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and a Senior Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Matthew is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and is a life-long resident of the State of Michigan. Since joining The Sam Bernstein Law Firm in 2009, Matthew has represented clients in nearly every county in Michigan.

Education



J.D., Wayne State University
Law School



B.A., Oakland University

Awards, Memberships & Affiliations