

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:

Kyla Barranco

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

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* Nominee's Email Address:

Barrancok@michigan.gov

Nominee's Address:

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United States

* 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.

Yes

Upload Your Nominees Bio

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Provide below a link to your nominee's bio:

See above

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

(No response)

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

(No response)

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

I am Michigan's Solicitor General, and Kyla is one of our two Assistant Solicitors General in the Michigan Department of Attorney General. Because I directly supervise Kyla, I am very familiar with her work and her level of talent. Kyla is a fantastic attorney. She is one of the best oralists in our office of 300+ attorneys, in addition to being a very solid writer and a wise editor of the work of others. She is also a great team player and a wonderful colleague, always the first to volunteer for a key case or assignment and always ready to help a staff member through a difficult substantive or procedural issue or a complex brief. She also serves her community by sitting on the Board of the Girl Scouts of America. She is a gem all around and is very deserving of this honor.

*** Nominator's Name:**

Ann M. Sherman

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

67762

*** Nominator's Email Address:**

shermana@michigan.gov

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EXPERIENCE

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lansing, MI

Assistant Solicitor General

September 2023–February 2024 (acting); February 2024–present

- Drafted U.S. Supreme Court merits brief in *Perttu v. Richards* (No. 23-1324) and assisted Solicitor General in preparing for oral argument, including organizing internal moot courts, attending national moot courts, and acting as second chair at oral argument
- Reviewed and revised certiorari-stage and merits-stage briefs in U.S. Supreme Court cases and collaborated on appellate strategy in those cases
- Advised Attorney General on participation in multistate amicus briefs, comment letters, and litigation
- Represented executive and legislative branch clients in high-profile matters
- Reviewed appellate briefs, developed appellate strategies, and led moot courts for Department attorneys in 20+ practice areas

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lansing, MI

Assistant Attorney General, State Operations Division

October 2016–September 2023

- Represented state departments, officers, and employees in all aspects of litigation and administrative proceedings in areas including employment law, civil rights claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, the Freedom of Information Act, and the Open Meetings Act
- Wrote appellate briefs and argued cases on appeal in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Michigan Supreme Court, and Michigan Court of Appeals
- Co-recipient of WMU-Cooley Law Review's Distinguished Brief Award for brief submitted in *Rouch World v. Department of Civil Rights*, 510 Mich 398 (2022)

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lansing, MI

Legal Intern, Solicitor General Division

2015–2016

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

Beulah, MI

Student Prosecutor, Benzie County Prosecutor's Office

Summer 2015

EDUCATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, East Lansing, MI

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2016

Honors: Jurisprudence Awards: Research, Writing, and Advocacy; Pre-Trial II; Moot Court First Place Oralist & Best Brief Award, Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Competition

Activities: *Michigan State University International Law Review*, Senior Managing Editor
Moot Court Appellate Board
Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in Political Science, May 2013

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore, Executive Board Member (Secretary), April 2022–present

Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference, Reporter (*Posey's* Implications on Appellate Sentencing Review), May 2025; Moderator (Brief Writing: Basics and Beyond), March 2019