

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:

Michael L. Battersby

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

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* Nominee's Email Address:

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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.

No

Upload Your Nominees Bio

Provide below a link to your nominee's bio:

(No response)

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

Michigan State Bar Association; Ohio State Bar Association; Illinois State Bar Association. He is a member of the American Association of Justice, Michigan Association of Justice and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

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

He is also a hearing panelist for the Attorney Grievance Commission since 1995 and currently serves as Chairperson of an Oakland County panel. He has lectured at the University of Michigan Law School and the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science & the Arts on tort and civil rights law. Super Lawyers (2015-2021; 2023).

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

I have known Michael for over 20 years. He enjoys an excellent reputation in the legal community and has handled numerous cases to conclusion. I have also had the opportunity to mediate several cases where he was representing the plaintiff. I have always found him to be well prepared and courteous in his representation of 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):**

40073

*** Nominator's Email Address:**

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BACKGROUND

Mike joined The Sam Bernstein Law Firm in 1982.

Mike chose the legal profession simply because he wanted to help people. He graduated from Marygrove College in Detroit with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975. He received his

Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law, now known as Michigan State College of Law, in 1978.

For the past 42 years, Mike has exclusively practiced in the plaintiff's personal injury area of law. He is a member of the State Bars of Michigan, Ohio and Illinois. He is also a proud member of the American Association of Justice and the Michigan Association of Justice. Mike has been a hearing panelist for the Attorney Grievance Commission since 1995 and currently serves as Chairperson of an Oakland County panel.

Mike is a proud father of four talented and strong-willed daughters. Additionally, Mike holds the proud title of "Papa" to nine wonderful and busy grandchildren.

Mark helps educate future lawyers and leaders. He has lectured at the University of Michigan Law School and the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science & the Arts on tort and civil rights law.

Education



J.D., Detroit College of Law



B.A., Marygrove College

Awards, Memberships & Affiliations



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