

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:**

Alena Clark

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

73252

*** Nominee's Email Address:**

clarka55@michigan.gov

Nominee's Address:

(No response)

*** 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

Provide below a link to your nominee's bio:

<https://sbm.reliaguide.com/lawyer/48602-MI-Alena-Clark-44995>

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 writing to recommend Alena Clark for fellowship to the Michigan State Bar Foundation Fellows. I have known Ms. Clark since 2010 when she and I were both working at the Third Judicial Circuit Court. At that time, I was the Director of the dedicated high lethality domestic violence Family Division docket while Ms. Clark was the Judicial Attorney for Hon. Charlene Elder.

In that role I worked closely with Ms. Clark in developing court practices designed to support survivors of intimate partner violence and in addressing complex and sensitive matters before the court. Through this work, I observed firsthand that Ms. Clark legal acumen, professionalism, and ability to approach difficult issues with care and sound judgment. Based on this experience, I am confident she possesses the character and qualities needed to represent the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

Ms. Clark is empathetic and treats all those around her with dignity and respect. She considers perspectives other than her own, seeks understanding, and demonstrates humility, fairness, and respect in all professional interactions. Her ability to listen thoughtfully and engage respectfully with differing viewpoints reflects the judicial temperament essential to appellate service.

Although we no longer work together directly, Ms. Clark and I have remained professionally connected through our involvement in various legal organizations, including the LGBTQ+ Law Section and the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. Through her continued leadership in these spaces, Ms. Clark has demonstrated a deep commitment to the legal profession, her colleagues, and newer members of the bar. She has consistently supported and informally mentored new attorneys, encouraged engagement with underserved and disenfranchised communities, and worked to make the legal profession more accessible and inclusive. For these reasons, I am confident she possesses the character and qualities necessary to represent the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

*** Nominator's Name:**

Katie Strickfaden

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

69165

*** Nominator's Email Address:**

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Alena Marie Clark
Department of the Attorney General

Attorney Verified Active Member in Good Standing



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ABOUT MY PRACTICE

Practice Areas: Appellate Practice Administrative Law/Regulatory Law Energy Federal Practice Litigation Utilities

BIOGRAPHY

Alena M. Clark (she/her) earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Western Michigan University. She started her legal career in public service serving with Corporation Counsel for the City of Dearborn, and afterwards as a judicial staff attorney in the Domestic Relations Division of the Wayne County Circuit Court and in the Probate Division of the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Alena's career continued in public service as an assistant prosecuting attorney for nearly a decade in Saginaw and Genesee Counties. As an APA Alena served as a trial specialist where she prosecuted serious felonies such as homicide, arson, criminal sexual conduct, and animal killing/torture. She also served as an appellate APA and represented the People of the State of Michigan by presenting cases before both the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court.

In April of 2023, Alena accepted an appointment by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel to serve as an assistant attorney general. Presently, Alena is assigned to the Public Service Division of the DAG where she represents the Michigan Public Service Commission, and has the opportunity to handle cases in administrative, state, and federal court. In addition to her duties as an AAG, Alena is also a current instructor for the Michigan Commission for Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) and teaches courses for police officers in the areas of domestic violence, stalking, non-fatal strangulation, human trafficking, and personal protection orders.

Alena is a Past President of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM), one of the first women's bar associations to be established in the nation (Est. 1919). She has also proudly served at the regional level as President of the Great Lakes Bay Region, and Interim President of the Wayne Region of WLAM. She has been recognized for her significant contributions to WLAM by twice being awarded WLAM's regional leadership award.

Alena is an active member in several sections of the State Bar of Michigan and also serves as a member of the American Indian Law Committee, the Advocates Guild of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society, and the Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan. In September of 2024, Alena was elected to serve as the Clerk of the Representative Assembly.

Locally, Alena serves her community as a Director on the Board for the Genesee County Humane Society and is active with the Flint Women's Forum. Michigan Lawyers Weekly recognized her as one of the "Women in the Law" for 2020.

EDUCATION

- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Year Graduated: 2009

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Admitted On: November 25, 2009
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- State of Admission: Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee
License#: 6th Circuit Court of Appeals
Admitted On: November, 2023
ACTIVE

EDUCATION

- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Year Graduated: 2009

WORK EXPERIENCE

COURTS PRACTICED

- Michigan District Courts
- Michigan Circuit Courts
- Michigan Court of Appeals
- Michigan Supreme Court

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Michigan Public Service Commission
May 2023 - Present

ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

LEGAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan
President 2019-2020;
- Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society's Advocates Guild

SECTIONS

Administrative & Regulatory Law Section American Indian Law Appellate Practice LGBTQA+ Military and Veterans Law

COMMITTEES

American Indian Law Committee Board of Commissioners Representative Assembly