

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:

Patrick Crowley

* 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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* 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:

(No response)

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

Licensed and active in the State Bar of Michigan since 2003
Appointed by the Supreme Court of Michigan as a Commissioner to the State Bar (2024)
Serves on the State Bar of Michigan Public Policy Committee
Admitted to the Michigan Appellate Courts, and both the Eastern and Western Federal District Courts of Michigan
Proud member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar
Northern Michigan University (Alumnus)
University of Dayton School of Law (Alumnus), Class President
Member of Phi Delta Phi (legal honors fraternity) and Golden Key International Honour Society
Achieved Eagle Scout rank in 1989
Member of the Marquette Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board
Member of the Marquette County Opioid Taskforce
Member of the Michigan State Planning Body
Vice President of the Marquette County Bar Association

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

Adjunct Professor, Cyber Law, Northern Michigan University

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

As Marquette County’s Chief Public Defender, he leads felony-level litigation, handling the most serious and high-profile criminal cases with unwavering commitment and integrity.

Patrick Crowley began his career as a Prosecutor, he ran a successful law firm, practicing criminal, family, civil, and landlord/tenant law.

Patrick sits on the Board of Directors for Room at the Inn, a vital homeless shelter in Marquette. Patrick also serves as a youth football coach and as Vice President of Marquette County Youth Football. Patrick lives with his wife, Sacha, and is the proud father of two adult children. In his free time, he enjoys the outdoors, hunting, hiking, fishing, and exploring the natural beauty of the UP and all the vibrant community festivals, theater, and sporting events it has to offer.

*** Nominator's Name:**

Thomas P Murray Jr

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

43773

*** Nominator's Email Address:**

tmurray@sambernstein.com

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER



Patrick J. Crowley

Marquette County

Chief Public Defender

Patrick J. Crowley has spent nearly 25 years representing clients in criminal cases ranging from trespass and shoplifting all the way up through armed robbery and multiple murders and has tried hundreds of Bench and Jury trials in District and Circuit court.



As the Marquette County Chief Public Defender he is responsible for capital-level criminal trial litigation, including the Public Defender office's highest-profile criminal cases.

Before moving back to Marquette as an NMU Alumni to create the Office of the Marquette County Public Defender office, Mr. Crowley helped to form Crowley, Cornish, Rockafellow, & Sartz, PLLC. In Lansing Michigan where he represented clients as both retained and court appointed counsel. Mr. Crowley also briefly served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney handling both family and district courts in Muskegon, Michigan and later as trial counsel in Kent, Ionia, and Montcalm counties handling criminal defense, family law, landlord / tenant and other general litigation.

Member in good standing

- State Bar of Michigan (2003)
- Michigan Appellate Courts (2003)
- Marquette County Bar Association (Vice President)

- Federal Eastern (2005) & Western (2004) Districts of Michigan
- United States Supreme Court Bar (April 2015)

Volunteer Work

In addition to his legal work, Mr. Crowley serves on the Board of Directors for Room at the Inn, a Marquette homeless shelter. He has previously served on the corporate board of a Mid-Michigan Credit Union, served on the Standing Committee on Character and Fitness, the Committee for Lawyer Referral Service, and the Standing Committee on Publications and Website Advisory for the State Bar of Michigan. Patrick also volunteers as a scout leader and youth football coach.

Organizations & Affiliations

Alumni of Northern Michigan University and the University of Dayton School of Law. Member of the Phi Delta Phi honors legal fraternity, Golden Key National Honor's Society, Boy Scouts of America – Eagle Scout 1989, National Eagle Scout Association, and a local area Men's Ice Hockey League player.

Adjunct Professor of Cyberlaw at Northern Michigan University (since 2023).

Legal Presentations

Scheduled to Present on Winning Trial Strategies to the Great Lakes Legal Conference in June 2026.

Other recent presentations include classes to the 2015 Solo and Small Practice Institute and the State Bar of Michigan on cutting costs in the practice of law. At the 2013 American Bar Association Techshow, Mr. Crowley presented on Tablet usage in the law and on technology for "The Frugal Lawyer."

This office will NEVER “tell” you to take a plea. We will explain to you any plea offers and let you choose whether this is the right choice for you. We are not afraid to go to trial. Ever.

