

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:

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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.

Yes

Upload Your Nominees Bio

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Provide below a link to your nominee's bio:

(No response)

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:**

"Jackie" is a real powerhouse of a lawyer, handling high-intensity domestic relations cases with a healthy and essential dose of compassion and common sense. In addition to the complex matters she handles, she has shown impressive bar association leadership, such as serving as past president of the Ingham County Bar Association Young Lawyers. Significantly, she has shown a strong interest in bar foundations - even the MSBF, where she has been on the MSBF's Lansing Fundraising Committee. She is a board member of LSSCM (Lansing Office Advisory) and a Fellow of the Ingham County Bar Foundation. Let's make her a Fellow, and let's also keep an eye on her as a potential MSBF board member one day.

*** Nominator's Name:**

Julie I. Fershtman

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

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Jacquelyn A. Dupler

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Overview

Jackie Dupler is a family law attorney serving clients across mid-Michigan. She specializes in a wide range of family law matters, from straightforward divorce cases to family situations with more complicated circumstances. Jackie works directly with clients from pre-filing divorce through the entire process, including Friend of the Court preparation and hearings, discovery, mediation, emergency motions, negotiation, trial, and appeals.

She has extensive experience navigating family situations involving substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, mental health concerns, co-parenting, and financial difficulties with the nuance these cases require. As part of her family law practice, Jackie handles complex asset and debt-related issues such as business ownership, self-employment, and complicated retirement accounts and pensions.

Committed to practicing family law with compassion, Jackie advocates firmly for her clients with the best interest of all in mind—especially when children are involved. She understands that every family is different, with unique wishes and outcomes, but more importantly, that legal matters regarding divorce, custody, parenting time, child support, and spousal support have ramifications that extend far beyond the courtroom.

Jackie works closely with her clients to not only obtain the best results regarding their case but to also help prepare them in the long run for real-life changes as the family dynamics evolve. With a tailored and effective approach, she believes in encouraging resolution and compromise where possible. Jackie's philosophy in divorce negotiations is, "Sometimes you have to love your kids more than you hate your ex-spouse!"

In the event that resolution cannot be met outside the courtroom, Jackie represents her clients with confidence, staying focused on assertively promoting their best interests through legal action.

Practices

Divorce
Family Law

Education

Michigan State University
College of Law, J.D. (2012)
Michigan State University, B.A.,
cum laude, (2008)

Bar & Court Admissions

State Bar of Michigan
United States District Court for
the Western District of Michigan
United States Supreme Court

Honors & Recognition

Athena Leadership Award Nominee, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, (2024)

Regional Leadership Award, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM), (2024)

"Go-To Lawyer" in Family Law, Michigan Lawyers Weekly, (2025)

"Influential Women of Law" Honoree, Michigan Lawyers Weekly, (2023)

Best Lawyers® in America "One to Watch," Family Law, (2024-2025)

"Women Lawyer Stars" Honoree, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM), Mid-Michigan Region, (2021)

Ingham County Bar Association, "5 Under 35 Award", (2017)

Memberships & Affiliations

Legal Affiliations:

- State Bar of Michigan (SBM)
 - Member - Family Law Section; Young Lawyers Section (2013-Present)
- Ingham County Bar Association (ICBA)
 - Board Member
- Ingham County Bar Association (ICBA) Member, Family Law Section; Young Lawyers Section (YLS)
 - Director - Board of Directors (2015-2017 as ICBA-YLS President and President-Elect)
 - Member - Membership (2016-2017); Barrister's (2016-2017)
 - ICBA Young Lawyers Section - Board Member (2015-2019)
 - Immediate Past-President (2017-2018); President (2016-2017); President-Elect (2015-2016)
 - Co-Chair - Social Events (2017-2019)
 - Member - 5k (2015-2019), Social Events (2015-2017), Finance (2016-2017), ICBA Liaison (2016-2018), ICBF Liaison (2016-2018), Communications (2016-2018), SBM (2017-2018), Fundraising (2018-2019), Community Outreach (2018-2019)
- Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Lansing Office Advisory
 - Board Member (2018-Present)
- Ingham County Bar Foundation (ICBF)
 - Fellow, (2022)
 - *Ex Officio* Director - Board of Directors (2016-2017);

- Golf Committee (2017-2019)
- Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association
 - Member, (2022)
- Michigan State Bar Foundation
 - Lansing Fundraising Committee, (2022)

Professional Affiliations:

- Michigan State Board of Accountancy
 - Member
- Michigan Advocacy Program
 - Board Member, Secretary (2019-Present)
- Lansing Area Safety Council
 - Board Member (2019-Present)
- Mid-Michigan Treatment Court Foundation
 - Board Member (2019-2023)
 - Fundraising Committee (2019-2023)
- Michigan Board of Accountancy
 - Board Member (2020-Present), appointed by Governor Whitmer. Reappointed in (2024).
- Michigan State University College of Law Alumni Association
 - Board Member (2020-2024)
- Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan - Mid-Michigan Region
 - Member (2015-Present)
 - Board Member (2015-2016, 2020-2023),
 - State Liaison (2015-2016),
 - Secretary (2020-2023)
- Michigan Association for Justice
 - Member (2015-2021)
 - Membership Committee (2019-2021)
- Tri-County Family Law Association
 - Member (2015-Present)
- National Association of Career Women - Lansing Chapter

- Member (2015-Present)

Community Affiliations

- Ingham County Friend of the Court FOCUS on the Children Program
 - Presenter (2017-Present)
- People's Law School
 - Presenter (2014, 2016, 2017)
 - Moderator (2017-2020)
- ICBA Young Lawyers Section
 - Educational Event - Collateral Consequences - Presenter (2019)
- Parkside at College Fields Homeowners Association
 - Board Member (2017-2018)
- ICBA Young Lawyers Section
 - Horn of Plenty Food Drive Volunteer (2015-2018)
- Homeless No More
 - Planning Committee, Member

News & Resources

Events

June 11, 2025

Legal Insights to Summer Co-Parenting and College-Prep Challenges

December 11, 2024

Holiday Spirit Savers for Year-End Parenting Time

May 2, 2024

Children Are Our Future: Mastering Advanced Concepts of Custody, Parenting Time & Support

April 12, 2023

Can a Business Survive a Divorce?

August 9, 2022

Protecting Your Business and Assets when the Marriage Fails

March 9, 2022

Putting Children First in Co-Parenting

News

August 21, 2025 | Best Lawyers in America

Six Foster Swift Attorneys Listed as Best Lawyers® "Ones to Watch" 2026

August 15, 2024 | Best Lawyers in America

Seven Foster Swift Attorneys Listed as Best Lawyers® "Ones to Watch" 2025

May 23, 2024 | Michigan.gov

Dupler Reappointed by Gov. Whitmer to Michigan Board of Accountancy

May 14, 2024 | Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM)

Dupler Receives Women Lawyers Leadership Award

February 20, 2024 | Meltwater Newswire

Preparing Women Business Leaders for 2024 Legal Challenges

January 18, 2024 | Ingham County Legal News

MSU Law 3L Student is Honored with Prestigious Stell Award from WLAM

August 17, 2023 | Best Lawyers in America

Foster Swift Best Lawyers® 2024 "Ones to Watch"

July 31, 2023 | Michigan Lawyers Weekly

Dupler Honored as an "Influential Woman of Law"

January 30, 2023 | Ingham County Legal News

Foster Swift Elects Three New Shareholders

March 28, 2022 | Michigan Business Network

New Virtual Program Addresses Legal Strategies for Women Business Leaders

August 30, 2021

Foster Swift Welcomes Family Law Attorney

Blog Posts

September 6, 2022 | Your Family Law Advocate Blog

How to Protect Your Business When the Marriage Fails

May 19, 2022 | Your Family Law Advocate Blog

How to Put Your Children First in Co-Parenting

October 26, 2021 | Your Family Law Advocate Blog

Get to Know Your Family Law Advocate: Jackie Dupler

June 28, 2019 | Your Family Law Advocate Blog

Welcome to Your Family Law Advocate Blog