

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 C. Hammer

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

41705

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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.

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:**

Mike has been an outstanding CEO. He has been instrumental in the Firm's phenomenal growth and performance. Just as importantly, he has focused on our culture with empathy. He has placed an emphasis on diversity. Under Mike's leadership and with his support, the Firm and its attorneys have maintained their long history of serving their communities. Mike is also an outstanding lawyer who has had a significant role in the bankruptcy practice in Michigan.

*** Nominator's Name:**

Timothy H. Howlett

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

24030

*** Nominator's Email Address:**

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Michael C. Hammer

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Michael (Mike) Hammer is Dickinson Wright's Chief Executive Officer. As CEO, Mike oversees all aspects of the firm's professional service and business operations, and develops and implements the firm's strategic direction and growth plan, working closely with his management group, elected governing board, practice leaders, and administrative officers.

Mike is a 30-year veteran of the firm, and previously served as Deputy CEO for ten years. Under his guidance, the firm hired hundreds of lateral partners and opened 14 offices, including in Arizona, Texas, California, Illinois, Nevada, Toronto, Tennessee, Ohio, and Florida. Through these efforts, he strengthened and broadened the firm's practice offerings to its clients.

In his private practice, Mike's clients rely on him to provide sound business advice across a broad range of areas, including outside general counsel services, financial restructurings, bankruptcy, distressed acquisitions and sales, and commercial disputes and litigation.

Prominent Assignments

- Canyon Partners Real Estate LLC – Successfully obtained dismissal of a bankruptcy case allowing a State Court receiver to remain in possession to complete construction of a large mixed-use real estate project.
- Visteon Corporation – Successfully obtained dismissal of initial lawsuit seeking recovery of alleged bond repayment shortfall relating to construction of Visteon's headquarters.
- Automotive Suppliers – Prepared and negotiated numerous contracts with "new technology" automobile companies such as Tesla, Faraday Future, Telit, NextEV, Zoox, etc. Counseled and litigated numerous stop ship and contract dispute/termination cases, and negotiated and closed numerous asset sales.
- Hanon Systems USA Corporation and Hanon Systems Corporation (Korea) – Handled numerous contract and supplier issues, corporate governance and financing matters.
- Family Christian Stores – Represented 37 consignment vendors in bankruptcy of largest retailer of Christian books and merchandise.

- Wells Fargo – Represented Wells Fargo in \$60 million loan workout involving the largest law school in the country.
- Visteon Corporation – Served as Special Debtor’s Counsel to Visteon in its bankruptcy case for supplier matters. Lead counsel on 215 preference cases.
- Borders Group, Inc. – Served as Special Debtor’s Counsel to Borders in its bankruptcy case for supplier, vendor, and real estate matters.
- General Motors Corporation – Represented over 40 suppliers in GM’s bankruptcy case.
- Chrysler LLC v. Plastech Engineered Products – Served as lead counsel in 12 state property repossessions involving \$183M in tooling, efforts to resource \$200M in business and subsequent lift stay and injunction trial in ensuing bankruptcy.

Areas Of Practice

- Distressed Assets & Business Disposition
- Commercial & Business Litigation
- Automotive Litigation
- Automotive Workouts
- Bankruptcy Court Approved Sales
- Creditor Rights & Bankruptcy Litigation

Education & Credentials

Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

J.D., 1988

- cum laude

University of Michigan

B.A., 1985

Bar Admission

Michigan, 1988

Acknowledgements

- *Michigan Super Lawyers®*

- Bankruptcy Law, 2006-2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2009-2026
 - Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2009-2026
- *DBusiness Magazine*
 - "Top Lawyers," Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law, 2013-2021
- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*
 - "Managing Partners Spotlight," 2024-2025
 - "Leader in the Law," 2018
- United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan
 - Pro Bono Award, 2001, 2006-2008, 2010, 2014, 2016

Professional Involvement

- CEO, Dickinson Wright PLLC
- Member, Dickinson Wright Management Group
- Member, Dickinson Wright Governing Board
- Past Board Member, Bankruptcy Law Section, National Federal Bar Association
- Past Co-Chair, FBA Bankruptcy Section, Eastern District of Michigan
- Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1997-present

Community Involvement

- Board of Trustees, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, Mich. (2012-2017)
- Board of Directors, Barton Hills Country Club (2016-2019)
- Board President, HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) (2008-2013)

Publications/Presentations

- Co-Author, "Bridging Borders," *DBusiness Magazine*, February 2026

- Author, "Autonomous Vehicles: The Future Has Arrived in Michigan", *Detroit Lawyer*, March-April, 2017
- Speaker, ICLE's 35th Annual Labor & Employment Law Institute – When Labor Law and Bankruptcy Intersect/Collective Bargaining Agreements/Retiree and Pension Benefits/Retention and Severance Plans, Detroit, Mich., April 30, 2010
- Speaker, FBA/Employment Law Seminar on current bankruptcy issues, Detroit, MI, May 14, 2009
- Co-Moderator and Organizer, FBA/TMA Spring Auto Conference, Detroit, Michigan, March 24, 2009
- Author, "Inside the Minds: The Impact of the Subprime Mortgage Crisis," *How Bankruptcy Lawyer Can Navigate the Current Crisis*, Aspatore Books, 2009
- Co-Author, *Strategies for Secured Creditors in Workouts and Foreclosures* (American Law Institute and American Bar Association), 2004