

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:

Amy E. Murphy

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

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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

Provide below a link to your nominee's bio:

www.millerjohnson.com/attorney/murphya/

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:**

Amy Murphy is an outstanding lawyer with a history of community service. She is currently serving as the president of the Western Michigan Federal Bar Association. She also serves on the board of Opera Grand Rapids. She serves as the of Miller Johnson's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. She has been named as a 2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch for Commercial Litigation and White Collar Defense. In 2025 she was also named to Crain's Grand Rapids' 40 under 40 Class.

*** Nominator's Name:**

Craig H. Lubben

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

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Amy is skilled in high stakes and complex litigation. When it comes to resolving difficult and delicate legal issues, clients trust Amy to deliver thoughtful advice and tenacious advocacy.

Amy focuses her practice in civil, white collar, and appellate litigation. She has litigated a wide variety of claims, including breach of contract, business torts, breach of fiduciary duty, theft of trade secrets, copyright and trademark infringement, violation of noncompetition clauses, employment discrimination, professional malpractice, fraud, shareholder oppression, and securities and antitrust claims. She has successfully represented clients in business disputes, constitutional challenges, and state and federal government investigations. Recently, Amy defended to favorable conclusion a complex class action involving contract, securities, and antitrust law.

Amy has experience in all aspects of civil litigation. She has first-chaired both jury and bench trials, taken and defended depositions, written and argued dispositive motions, prepared witnesses for examination, conducted discovery, and navigated mediation and settlement.

Amy is a skilled oral advocate, with experience in federal and state appellate courts. Notably, she presented argument in the Michigan Supreme Court in a high-profile constitutional challenge in which Miller Johnson's clients prevailed. The high court's opinion described the case as "perhaps the most substantial dispute ever presented to this Court."

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal
- Election Law
- Government Affairs
- Government Investigations
- Internal Investigations and Compliance
- Litigation
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Unfair Competition
- White Collar

Education

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School, with honors
- B.A., University of Pennsylvania, with honors

Bar Admissions

- Michigan
- District of Columbia

Honors

- Named as a *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for Commercial Litigation and Criminal Defense: White Collar (2024 and 2025)
- Recognized as a Super Lawyers Michigan Rising Star in Civil Litigation: Plaintiff

Outside of the courtroom, Amy counsels clients in a wide variety of matters, including intellectual property, document retention and preservation obligations, and compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

Amy works with clients ranging from public and privately held companies, family-owned businesses, healthcare institutions, non-profit organizations, targets of government investigations, company executives, and private individuals.

At the start of her career, Amy served as a law clerk to the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the Honorable Richard D. Bennett of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. After those clerkships, Amy practiced at Williams & Connolly in Washington D.C. for several years before joining Miller Johnson.

Bar and Court Admissions

Amy is a member of the bars of Michigan and the District of Columbia. In the federal system, Amy is admitted to practice in the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Sixth, and D.C. Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan and the District of Maryland. Amy is admitted to practice in all of Michigan's state courts.

Professional and Community Activities and Recognition

In 2025, Amy was named to *Crain's Grand Rapids' 40 Under 40 Class* for her dedication to the profession and her community engagement. Amy currently serves as president of the West Michigan Federal Court Association. She has held a leadership role in Michigan's chapter of the Women's White Collar Defense Association. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of Opera Grand Rapids.

At Miller Johnson, Amy has chaired the firm's Commercial Litigation practice group. She is active in the firm's

- Michigan Law Revision Commission, Commissioner
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, 2021 Fellows Program

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan
- District of Columbia Bar
- Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan, President Elect
- Grand Rapids Bar Association
- Women's White Collar Defense Association, Michigan Chapter, Member & Social Media Coordinator

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland

Clerkships

- The Honorable Anthony J. Scirica, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- The Honorable Richard D. Bennett, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

Women's Initiative Network and recruiting efforts.

Amy has been named as a 2025 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for Commercial Litigation and Criminal Defense: White Collar.

Education

Amy earned her law degree with honors from University of Michigan Law School, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Michigan Law Review*. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with honors from the University of Pennsylvania.

Publications

Discarding the *North Dakota* Dictum: An Argument for Strict Scrutiny of the Three-Tier Distribution System, 110 Mich. L. Rev. 819 (2012)

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