

2026 New Fellow Nominees

Nominee Name	Firm/Organization	City	Nominator	SBM License Date	Comments
Matthew M. Aneese	Sam Bernstein Law Firm	Farmington Hills	Thomas R. Behm	10/26/2011	
Jeffrey S. Aronoff	Miller Canfield	Detroit	Thomas Cranmer	11/9/2004	
Kyla Barranco	Michigan Department of Attorney General	Byron Center	Ann M. Sherman	10/25/2016	Will have been practicing 10 years this fall
Edmund O. Battersby	Sam Bernstein Law Firm	Farmington Hills	Thomas R. Behm	11/15/1983	
Michael L. Battersby	Sam Bernstein Law Firm	Farmington Hills	Thomas R. Behm	11/3/1978	
Elizabeth P. Benton	Michigan Poverty Law Program	Ypsilanti	Bob Gillett	12/4/2013	
Chad D. Catalino	Office of the Public Defender Allegan County	Allegan	Marla R. McCowan	11/26/2003	
Alena M. Clark	Assistant Attorney General	Lansing	Katie Strickfaden	11/25/2009	
Patrick J. Crowley	Marquette County Courts	Marquette	Thomas P. Murray Jr.	6/6/2003	
Dustin J. Daniels	Miller Johnson	Grand Rapids	Craig H. Lubben	4/28/2011	
Jacquelyn A. Dupler	Foster Swift	Lansing	Julie I. Fershtman	5/23/2013	
Nicole A. Evans	54B District Court	East Lansing	Aaron Burrell	5/5/2011	
Nicole A. Evans	54B District Court	East Lansing	Nicolas M. Ohanesian	5/5/2011	
Nicole A. Evans	54B District Court	East Lansing	Takura Nyamfukudza	5/5/2011	
Nicole A. Evans	54B District Court	East Lansing	Tanisha M. Davis	5/5/2011	
Nicole A. Evans	54B District Court	East Lansing	Zenell Brown	5/5/2011	
Stanley J. Feldman	Sam Bernstein Law Firm	Farmington Hills	Thomas R. Behm	1/25/1995	
Bobby A. Ficklin Jr.	The Ficklin Law Firm	Lansing	Self	5/27/2014	
Nicholas A. Gable	Disability Rights Michigan	Lansing	Bob Gillett	11/21/2014	
Joseph J. Gavin	Miller Johnson	Grand Rapids	Craig H. Lubben	12/2/2005	
Stefania Gismondi	Foster Swift	Southfield	Julie I. Fershtman	10/28/2010	
Michael C. Hammer	Dickinson Wright	Ann Arbor	Timothy H. Howlett	11/16/1988	
Jennifer L. Hartke	Lakeshore Legal Aid	Southfield	Self	5/15/2001	
Elizabeth V. Janovic	Washtenaw County Trial Court	Ann Arbor	Chad C. Engelhardt	1/11/2008	
Laura A. Jeltema	Warner Norcross + Judd	Grand Rapids	Jennifer Bentley	11/23/2005	
Linda D. Kennedy	Panagos Kennedy	Troy	Self	11/21/2002	
Elizabeth A. Kitchen-Troop	Kitchen Sharkey	Ann Arbor	Julie I. Fershtman	11/5/2004	
Jason P. Klingensmith	General Motors	Warren	Nicole Wotlinski	11/8/2000	
Patrick F. McGow	Miller Canfield	Detroit	Thomas Cranmer	11/16/1992	

James McGrath	Cooley Law School	Lansing	Katherine A. Gustafson	5/25/2021	Graduated from law school in 1997, is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court as of 2008
Amy E. Murphy	Miller Johnson	Grand Rapids	Craig H. Lubben	2/26/2018	DC bar member since 2015
Reginald A. Pacis	Butzel Long	Detroit	Jennifer Bentley	5/21/1997	
Lee B. Reimann	Tri-Star Trust Bank	Lansing	Jennifer Bentley	11/29/1994	
Alexander S. Rusek	Foster Swift	Lansing	Julie I. Fershtman	11/7/2013	
Jennifer L. Sabourin	Miller Canfield	Detroit	Thomas Cranmer	11/9/1999	
Laura H. Selzer	Miller Canfield	Detroit	Thomas Cranmer	11/27/1995	
Abril V. Siewert	The Siewert Law Firm	Huntington Woods	Emily A. Calabrese	11/22/2013	
Kirsten J. Silwanowicz	Detroit Housing Commission	Detroit	Julie I. Fershtman	9/25/2015	
Rebecca Sposita	Sam Bernstein Law Firm	Farmington Hills	Thomas R. Behm	6/6/2006	
Matthew L. Wikander	Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge	Grand Rapids	Jennifer Bentley	11/23/2004	
Nicole E. Wilinski	Collins Einhorn Farrell	Southfield	Julie I. Fershtman	11/14/2000	

Notes: We received 42 nominations. Removing one person who was nominated and already a Fellow (A. Michael Palizzi), and accounting for duplicates for Nicole A. Evans (five total nominations), we have **37 unique and qualified nominees**. Of those 37, three were self-nominated. All nominees meet the practice length requirement and are in good standing.