

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LANSING, MI, Sept. 15, 2009 – The Michigan Supreme Court today announced the appointments of the following attorneys to the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners:

Angelique Strong Marks of West Bloomfield, whose work experience includes serving as vice president and general counsel to Handleman Company of Troy and as senior corporate counsel to DTE Energy and CMS Energy. Marks was named one of Crain's Detroit Business' "40 Under 40" in 2005; in 2004, she was designated one of Michigan Lawyers Weekly's "Up and Coming Young Lawyers." Marks was a Michigan representative to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and has served on the State Bar's Board of Commissioners as a Young Lawyers Section representative.

David A. Perkins of Detroit, a juvenile court referee with the Wayne County Circuit Court. Perkins, who has also served as a magistrate in the 30th District Court in Highland Park, is a past president of the Black Judges Association of Michigan and of the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association. Perkins previously served on the State Bar's Board of Commissioners as a representative of the bar's Young Lawyers Section. He has been active in the American Bar Association and was a member of the ABA's House of Delegates.

Laurin' C. Roberts Thomas of Dimondale, member of the Michigan Parole and Commutations Board. Thomas, named an Attorney of the Year in 2003 by Michigan Lawyers Weekly, has served on a number of State Bar committees and is a past chair of the bar's Consumer Law Section. A State Bar Commissioner from 2005 to 2008, Thomas was also a member of the State Bar's Representative Assembly from 1999 to 2005. She is a past president of the Lansing Black Lawyers Association.

All three appointees will serve as commissioners-at-large for three year terms, effective on the adjournment of the outgoing board tomorrow afternoon.

The Board of Commissioners is one of two governing bodies of the State Bar of Michigan, the other being the Representative Assembly. The Board of Commissioners oversees the State Bar's operations, including finance, public policy, member services, and strategic planning.