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### **Jana L. Benjamin named Executive Director, Board of Law Examiners**

LANSING, MI, May 30, 2013 – Attorney Jana L. Benjamin, a former admissions officer for the University of Michigan Law School, has been named executive director of the Board of Law Examiners, the Michigan Supreme Court announced today.

As the BLE’s first executive director, Benjamin will assist the BLE board to oversee and administer the bar examination, which is given twice a year.

Justice Brian K. Zahra, the Supreme Court’s liaison to the BLE, said that Benjamin’s experience “includes law school admissions, private law practice, public service, and a stellar academic background.”

Zahra added, “The Board of Law Examiners exists to protect the public. The exam questions test proficiency in Michigan law – which is what the public has a right to expect of Michigan attorneys. Ms. Benjamin will be helping the BLE carry out this very critical responsibility.”

Benjamin earned a B.A. degree with high honors from the University of Michigan. She graduated cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was executive editor of the University of Michigan Journal of International Law and research assistant to Dean Lee Bollinger. From 1991-92, she served as law clerk for Judge John Feikens of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She clerked for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Charles L. Levin from 1992-93.

From 1993-98, Benjamin was an associate attorney in the law firm of Dickinson Wright, PLLC; from 1995-96, she also served as an instructor for the American Institute of Paralegal Studies.

In 1999, Benjamin joined the University of Michigan Law School as assistant director of admissions, where she served until 2003. From 2003-12, she was a judicial law clerk and prehearing attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals. In 2012, she joined the State Court Administrative Office, the administrative arm of the Michigan Supreme Court.

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