

July 23, 2021

State Bar of Michigan
ATTN: Carrie Sharlow
306 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: Letter of Interest – Nomination of Clerk of the Representative Assembly

Dear Ms. Sharlow:

Please accept this as my letter of interest in being nominated for Clerk of the Representative Assembly. Attached is my resume highlighting my background and experience.

In addition to having served as an Advisor Member of the Character and Fitness Committee, I am also a member of the Representative Assembly representing the 30th Circuit. It would be an honor to expand my contribution to the Representative Assembly by serving as its Clerk. I am a collaborative person by nature and therefore believe in the power of a group process. I also understand the importance of being at the table, helping develop goals, and strategic planning. If elected Clerk of the Representative Committee, I will work diligently to promote and achieve the goals of the body.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (1)

YOLANDA M. BENNETT

EDUCATION

MASTER OF LAWS, TAXATION: Western Michigan Thomas M. Cooley Law School – 2017

JURIS DOCTORATE: Western Michigan Thomas M. Cooley Law School – 2005

UNDERGRADUATE: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science - Arizona State University – 1995

BAR ADMISSION

- State Bar of Michigan: April 2006
- United States District Court, Western District of Michigan

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- State Bar of Michigan
 - Elected Member of the State Bar Representative Assembly, 30th Judicial Circuit (2014-Present)
 - Chair of the Representative Assembly Diversity Committee (2020-Present)
 - Advisor Member on the Standing Committee for Character and Fitness (2013-2014)
- Ingham County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Davis Dunning Bar Association
- American Inns of Court

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Volunteer Income Tax Association (volunteer tax preparer)
- Western Michigan Thomas M. Cooley Law School (volunteer student mentor)
- Lansing Board of Water & Light (volunteer, community events)
- Legal Aid and Defender Association (expungement clinic)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Attorney, Lansing Board of Water & Light, Lansing, 2016-Present
- Assistant City Attorney, City of Lansing, Lansing, 2006-2016
- Extern, Sixty-Plus Elder Law Clinic, Western Michigan Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, 2005-2006