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## INGHAM COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION?

The Ingham County Bar Foundation was established in 2002 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable corporation dedicated to supporting organizations and events of interest to the legal profession.

While lawyers have long recognized their individual obligations to the greater community, the Foundation has provided a vehicle for lawyers and non-lawyers to collectively raise funds to promote access to justice, expand the availability of legal services, support charitable organizations, promote legal education and foster the honor and integrity of the legal profession.

Some lawyers have established and contributed to memorials as lasting gifts in support of the memories of friends, loved ones or colleagues.

Since its founding, the ICBF has given tens of thousands of dollars in grants to community organizations and supported events to fulfill its mission. Recipients of grant funds have included the Veterans Court Foundation, Peer Mediation Programs and Ingham County Access to Justice Center.

The Ingham County Bar Foundation is a membership corporation whose members select the board of directors. There are 12 members on the board of directors, including four officers.

The Foundation has 50 Fellows who have pledged to contribute at least \$1,000 over 10 years, and it has over 90 members who pay annual dues of \$25. Membership is not restricted to members of the legal profession.

While the Foundation is growing in its impact among Tri-County community organizations, its immediate goal is growing its endowment fund. The Foundation recognizes that raising funds depends upon communicating its mission to the lawyers and other citizens.

To further its efforts for identity, the Foundation has established well-known fundraising events. Its marquee events are the annual Memorial Golf Classic and periodic Recognition of Retired Judges events.

Involvement with the Ingham County Bar Foundation signifies one's deep-seated commitment to the community and pride in honoring the legal profession. To grant recipients and the community at large, the Ingham County Bar Foundation is the benevolent face of the legal profession and those closely associated with it.

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