

Ingham County Bar Association

Top 5 Under 35 Nomination Form

Deadline: January 14

A. Purpose

This award recognizes young lawyers who have distinguished themselves in their relatively short career by manifesting: exemplary character, integrity, judgment and legal scholarship; service to the profession and the bar; service to the community; and a reputation for or the advancement of the highest legal standards and professional responsibility.

B. Nominations

Only current members of the Ingham County Bar Association may nominate individuals for the award.

C. Nomination Form

To submit nominations for the Ingham County Bar Association Top 5 Under 35 Award, please complete the nomination form and return it to Jordan Ahlers-Smith at jahlers@speakerlaw.com, referencing ICBA Top 5 Under 35 Nomination.

D. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the Top 5 Under 35 Award, nominees must:

1. Be in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan;
2. Be a member of the Ingham County Bar Association OR have a residence or office in Ingham, Eaton, or Clinton County; and
3. Be 35 years old or younger OR have practiced for five years or less.

E. Award Criteria

Nominees for the Ingham County Bar Association Top 5 Under 35 Award will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Professional excellence;
2. Service to the profession and the bar;
3. Service to the community; and

4. Reputation for or the advancement of the highest legal standards and professional responsibility.

F. Nominee's Resume

Nominators are encouraged to include the nominee's resume or biography, describing their background and contributions.

G. Articles/Letters

Nominators may submit up to 4 news articles written by or about the candidate and no more than 3 letters of support from individuals or organizations. Identical letters from different supporters should be signed on one sheet rather than attaching multiple copies of the same letter.

H. Other Relevant Information

Nominators may provide any additional information that will be helpful and relevant in evaluating this nominee.

I. Deadline

Nomination forms and supporting materials must be received no later than 11:59 pm on January 14. No extensions will be granted.

J. Selection Process and Announcement

The Ingham County Bar Association Awards Committee will select the Top 5 Under 35 Award recipients. The Top 5 Under 35 Award recipients will receive a plaque at the Annual Barristers Night.

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(Please print clearly, type, or attach a separate piece of paper if necessary)

Nominee's Name:	Nominator's Name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Phone(s):	Phone(s):
Email:	Email:

1. **Please indicate in what capacity you know the Nominee.**

2. **Please indicate the qualifications of the nominee and set forth the reasons why the nominee should receive the Top 5 under 35 Award.**

Date:_____ Signature of Nominator_____

Please return your completed nomination form along with any supporting documentation by January 14, via e-mail to:

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