

CANDIDATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION
All responses will be made available to the public

Name Elizabeth Anne Kelly

Name as it will appear on ballot Elizabeth Kelly

Community in which you live Linden, Michigan

Education

List each college and law school attended, including dates and degrees received.

- Mott Community College, Associate Degree, June 1992
- University of Michigan – Flint, Bachelor Degree, April 2004
- Michigan State University College of Law, Juris Doctor, December, 2007

Employment Record

List all law related jobs.

Clerical:

Genesee County Bar Association, 1989-1991

Worked as a paralegal for various attorneys from 1991 to 2007

During Law School:

Assistant to Hon. Robert E. Weiss (dec.), on formation and committee for the formation of the Genesee County Maltreated Infant/Toddler Court, February 2007 to July 2008

Genesee County Circuit Court, temporary employee as fill-in for judicial secretary and judicial advisory assistant, January 2007 to July 2008

As a Lawyer:

Elizabeth. A. Kelly, PC, since June of 2008

First woman lawyer awarded a contract with Genesee County to represent indigent defendants in misdemeanor criminal cases, Fall of 2010 to present

Genesee County Public Defender Program: Felony appointed cases from 2007 to 2014; Abuse and Neglect Panel for Mother's and Father's and for Parents in Baby Court, 2007 through 2011

Judicial Offices held

Chronological. Indicate jurisdiction and whether the position was appointed or elected.

-Not applicable.

Public Office held

List any non-judicial public office held, including terms of service and whether the position was

appointed or elected.

-Not applicable

Honors and Awards

List any scholarships, honorary degrees, or other public acknowledgments.

Mott Community College: honors student; Outstanding Paralegal Co-Op Student of the Year

University of Michigan – Flint: Golden Key International Honors Society

Michigan State University College of Law: 1st place intra school negotiation competition; American Bar Association Negotiation Competition, representing MSU College of Law at Regionals; Jurisprudence Award-Matrimonial Practice

Professional Affiliations

List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are or were a member, including dates of membership. Indicate whether you have served as an officer, committee chair, committee member of any bar association, or professional organization.

State Bar of Michigan, Affiliate Member (2004-2007), Attorney Member (2007 to current in good standing)
Genesee County Bar Association, 2007 to current
Centennial Inns of Court, Executive Board 2009-2010, member 2007-2011

Court Admission

List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, those dates, and an explanation of any lapse of membership.

State of Michigan, continuously since June 2007;
United States Supreme Court, continuously since March 2014

Published Writings

List the title, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports or other material you have written.

-Not applicable

Five Year Practice History

- A. Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally, or not at all?
- B. What percentages of these appearances was in: federal courts, state courts of record, other courts?
- C. What percentage of your litigation was civil or criminal?
- D. State the number of cases you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled) in courts

- of record, indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel.
- E. What percentage of these were jury or non-jury.
 - F. If you believe the responses to A-E do not reflect yours experience, please describe any experience which you consider the equivalent of trial experience.
 - A. Regularly. I am in court almost every day;
 - B. State Courts;
 - C. 70% civil; 30% criminal;
 - D. Approximately 103 in the last five years that were tried to verdict or judgment, I was sole counsel in all but one;
 - E. All were bench trial;
 - F. If this question addresses practice history, there are hundreds more cases that I have settled or were the result of a plea bargain in the last five years. Resolving cases in this manner is crucial to our system functioning and to peaceful resolutions for clients.

Law Related Teaching

Have you ever taught a law course at a college or law school? Please detail.

-I have volunteered my time to speak at classes.

Endorsements

List all organizations that have endorsed your candidacy.

Genesee County Circuit Court Judges Honorable Duncan Beagle, Honorable David Newblatt, and Honorable Michael Theile

United Auto Workers (UAW)
Greater Flint AFL-CIO Council
Michigan AFSCME 25
Genesee Lapeer Shiawassee Building Trades
Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights
Ironworkers Local 25
Bricklayers Local 2

Pro Bono Activities

Describe any pro bono community services activities in which you have engaged.

-I get referrals from the YWCA victim advocates and area shelters. I take, on average, two cases per month and waive my fees. I also assist with Personal Protection Orders for petitioners in abuse cases.

Disciplinary Action

Have you ever been admonished, reprimanded, suspended, disbarred, or otherwise disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar

association, disciplinary committee or other professional group?

-No, there has never even been a written complaint against me of any kind whatsoever, nor have I ever been personally sanctioned or even ordered to pay any attorney fees for my conduct.