

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

**Name:** Tabitha Marsh

**Name as it will appear on ballot:** Tabitha M. Marsh

**Community in which you live:** Mundy Township, Grand Blanc, MI, Genesee County

**Education**

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

Kellogg Community College:

- Associate's Degree
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 1996-1998

University of Michigan in Ann Arbor:

- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Graduated Cum Laude
- Elected Student Government Representative
- Chosen Black Celebratory Commencement Student Speaker for her class
- 1998-2001

MSU College of Law:

- Juris Doctorate degree
- Moot Court Board
  - A group of law students who were selected to receive a coveted position on this prestigious Board who performed well in the Moot Court Competition Class and demonstrated strengths that would complement those of the College of Law's competition teams.
- Chosen Commencement Student Speaker for her class
- 2001-2004

**Employment Record**

List all law related jobs.

SMITH, HAUGHEY, RICE & ROEGGE, PC

Grand Rapids, MI

Summer Associate

- Legal services provided by law school students who are compensated for work performed in a large law firm setting assisting other attorneys in a variety of areas of the law.
- Conducted legal research and analysis in multiple areas, including family, criminal, contract, and real estate law.

- Drafted motions, briefs, complaints, affidavits, and client letters.
- Attended press conferences, mediations, depositions, motions, and hearings.

INGHAM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Lansing, MI

Domestic Abuse Response Team Extern

- A program that provides law students with academic law school credits for their services performed in the prosecution of domestic abuse court cases.
- Researched and drafted motions, briefs, and appeals regarding evidentiary matters.
- Observed aspects of state district and circuit court litigation including preliminary examinations, motion hearings, trials, sentencing, and plea agreements.
- Aided the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with questioning of witnesses during court proceedings, oral argument, and trial preparation.

THE HONORABLE DAVID M. LAWSON

Bay City, MI

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Judicial Extern

- Served as a judicial extern for a Federal court who hears civil and criminal cases that include fraud, kidnapping, human trafficking, etc.
- Observed aspects of Federal District Court litigation including trials, motion hearings, and settlement conferences.
- Drafted and edited judicial orders.

THE HONORABLE JOHN A. GADOLA

Flint, MI

GENESEE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION

Judicial Advisory Assistant

- Conducted legal research while analyzing and interpreting laws, rules, and legal opinions.
- Drafted court orders and completed court documents and forms.
- Evaluated and coordinated court procedures and schedules.
- Provided judicial and jury security and assisted the judge with decisions and opinions.
- Served as the liaison between the court and attorneys, litigants, and other members of the public.

FLETCHER, WOLF, PIANTO & ASSOCIATES

Flint, MI

Associate Attorney

- Prepared legal documents such as motions, answers, orders, case evaluation summaries, and probate court petitions.
- Attended court proceedings such as motion hearings, case evaluations, settlement conferences, and probate court hearings.
- Conducted legal research in preparation for court hearings and documents.
- Drafted appellate court motions, briefs, and other correspondence.
- Conducted consultations with clients and prospective clients.

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. THEILE  
GENESEE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION  
Judicial Advisory Assistant

Flint, MI

- Conducted legal research while analyzing and interpreting laws, rules, and legal opinions.
- Drafted court orders and completed court documents and forms.
- Evaluated and coordinated court procedures and schedules.
- Provided judicial and jury security and assisted the judge with decisions and opinions.
- Served as the liaison between the court and attorneys, litigants, and other members of the public.

ROCHELLE J. THOMPSON, P.C.  
Associate Attorney

Flint, MI

- Prepared legal documents such as complaints, motions, answers, orders, and judgments.
- Attended court proceedings such as motion hearings, settlement conferences, arraignments, pre-trials, preliminary examinations, and trials.
- Served as an attorney on the Neglect and Abuse panel for the Honorable John A. Gadola.
- Served as a Genesee County public defender.

LAW OFFICE OF TABITHA M. MARSH, P.L.L.C.  
Sole Practitioner

Flint, MI

The qualifications that were gained since graduation from law school inspired Attorney Marsh to open her own law office so that she could better serve the residents of Genesee County and work hand in hand with the residents, helping them to maneuver through challenging legal matters. She accepted the challenge that other women, minorities, and business owners face in Genesee County. The rapid growth of her practice has been encouraging and rewarding and has given her a broader appreciation for families and businesses in this community, causing her to be in tune with the average resident of this community.

- Prepare legal documents such as complaints, motions, answers, orders, judgments and re-hearing petitions.
- Attend court proceedings such as motion hearings, settlement conferences, arraignments, pre-trials, preliminary examinations, preliminary hearings, re-hearings and trials.
- Served as an attorney on the Neglect and Abuse panel for the Honorable John A. Gadola.
- Serve as a Genesee County public defender.
- Represent juveniles in Juvenile Delinquency matters and Neglect and Abuse matters.
- Served as Lawyer-Guardian Ad Litem for minors in Neglect and Abuse matters.

**Judicial Offices held**

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

**Public Office held**

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

## **Honors and Awards**

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

- Graduated High School at the top of her class, Commencement Student Speaker
- Kellogg Community College, Summa Cum Laude
  - Received several academic scholarships
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
  - Class of 2001 Black Celebratory Commencement Student Speaker
  - Elected Student Government Representative
  - Cum Laude
  - Received several academic scholarships
- Michigan State University College of Law
  - Commencement Student Speaker
  - Dean's List
  - Moot Court Board
  - Wolverine Student Bar Association Treasurer
  - Recipient of Lansing Black Lawyer's Association Scholarship
  - Recipient of Floyd Skinner Bar Association Scholarship
  - Recipient of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP Scholarship
  - Recipient of Winship Memorial Scholarship

## **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: 2005-Present

State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section: 2005-2015

State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section: 2007-2009

State Bar of Michigan Consumer Law Section: 2007-2009

State Bar of Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Section: 2007-2011

State Bar of Michigan Family Law Section: 2007-Present

State Bar of Michigan Criminal Law Section: 2007-Present

Genesee County Bar Association: Various years

Member of the Mallory VanDyne Scott Bar Association: Various years

- This is an Association of African American Judges and Attorneys that practice law in Genesee County, Michigan, whose mission is “To enrich the community by zealously advocating on behalf of the under-represented. To educate the public and enhance the justice system through scholarship, public service, and education”. This Association accomplishes its mission through Community Legal Education Seminars, Scholarship Contests, Community Fun Days, participating in Career Fairs to expose students to the practice of law, and the like.

Executive Board of the Flint Children’s Museum: 2014-Present

Embassy Covenant Church International Ministerial Team: 2005-Present

Embassy Covenant Church International Presbytery Board: 2015-Present

- The Presbytery Board is responsible for making decisions for, and on behalf of, the church membership with a Mission of “Empowering People to Change the World”.

**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 District Courts-2005-Present

State of Michigan Circuit Courts-2005-Present

State of Michigan Probate Courts-2005-Present

State of Michigan Appellate Courts-2005-Present

State of Michigan Supreme Court-2005-Present

**Published Writings**

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

**Five Year Practice History**

A. Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally, or not at all?

Regularly

B. What percentages of these appearances was in: federal courts, state courts of record, other courts?

State Courts-100%

C. What percentage of your litigation was civil or criminal?

Civil: 60%      Criminal: 40%

- 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.

I have had approximately 320 trials and/or evidentiary hearings wherein I served as sole legal counsel

- E. What percentage of these were jury or non-jury.

Non-jury: 90% plus

- 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.

The rigors of my exposure as a Summer Associate, Domestic Abuse Response Team Extern, Judicial Extern, Judicial Advisory Assistant to 2 Circuit Court Judges, Associate Attorney for 2 law firms, in addition to my experience conducting preliminary examination hearings in District Court in criminal matters, and evidentiary hearings in civil, criminal, probate, and child protection proceedings equate closely to additional trial experience.

### **Law Related Teaching**

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

No

### **Endorsements**

List all organizations that have endorsed your candidacy.

### **Pro Bono Activities**

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

Participated with the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Pro Bono Clinic

Represented individuals who could not financially afford to hire legal counsel

Provided legal counsel and advice to private citizens, businesses, ministers, educators, churches, doctors, etc.

Served as a Genesee County Public Defender for over 12 years representing indigent criminal defendants who could not financially afford to hire legal counsel

**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