Appointee Vacancy

Foreign Language Board of Review

Board of Review Member – Criminal Defense Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney and Circuit Court Judge

The Michigan Supreme Court is looking for qualified applicants seeking appointment to the Foreign Language Board of Review (FLBOR). Please note that this is a volunteer, unpaid position.

Group and Position Summary

The FLBOR establishes criteria for certification of foreign language interpreters and administers tests for certification of court interpreters. The board makes recommendations to the State Court Administrator regarding interpreter code of ethics and interpreter certification requirements for individuals and companies and receives allegations of interpreter misconduct in the course of trial or other court proceeding. For more information about the FLBOR, visit its website. Questions about serving on the FLBOR should be directed to the FLBOR.

The FLBOR consists of 9 members appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court, with one representative from each of the following groups: circuit judges, district judges, probate judges, court administrators, certified/practicing interpreters, LEP advocates, prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, and a family law attorneys Members typically serve a three-year term, though a shorter term may be used if there is an early vacancy. Members may not serve more than two full terms.

This year, there are three vacancies: a criminal defense attorney position, a prosecuting attorney position, and a circuit court judge position. The terms will begin on January 1, 2027 and end on December 31, 2029. For information on the responsibilities of the FLBOR members, see MCR 8.127(B).

Criminal Defense Attorney Education & Experience

- Criminal defense attorney in good standing
- Experience using interpreters in the courtroom

Prosecuting Attorney Education & Experience

- Prosecuting attorney in good standing
- Experience using interpreters in the courtroom

Circuit Court Judge Education & Experience

- Currently a judge in good standing in a Michigan circuit court

To Apply:
Please e-mail a resume or CV to jobapps@courts.mi.gov and include "Foreign Language Board of Review" in the subject line. Your resume must include your contact information and P number, and **if you are applying for the criminal defense or prosecuting attorney position**, you must also include a completed personal background investigation consent form. The background investigation consent form may be downloaded to apply an electronic signature or printed and scanned for a physical signature.

In lieu of providing a cover letter, please respond to the following questions in your e-mail

1. Please identify the vacancy for which you are applying.
2. Have you previously served on the Foreign Language Board of Review? If so, when?
3. What experience do you have that makes you qualified for this appointment?
4. Why do you want to be appointed to the Foreign Language Board of Review?

Letters of recommendation are not required nor expected. All letters of recommendation must be received by the application deadline identified below.

Accessibility & Inclusion Statement
The Michigan Judicial Branch is committed to providing equal opportunities and creating an inclusive, respectful, and accessible place for all. If you require any accommodations during the application process, please contact the Councils and Commissions team at - 517-373-9526.

Application Deadline: November 23, 2026