



# Lapeer County Democratic Party Newsletter

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Lapeer Dems meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 6pm (potluck then meeting) in the Lincoln Room at the Center Building, Lapeer.

## Lapeer Democratic Party News:

### Monthly Meetings:

April County Committee meeting is 4/9/26 at 6:30pm. The meeting is held at our office in Lyric Mall, Lapeer. Open to members.

The April General meeting is 4/23/26. Meetings start with a potluck at 6pm, meeting at 6:30 pm in the Lincoln Room, Lapeer Center Building. **Our quarterly charity is the Lapeer Center Building – checks and cash accepted.**

## Upcoming Social and Fundraising Events for Lapeer County Democratic Party

### Social/Community Events (Mark your calendar):

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Pizza and Trivia at Tilted Axis in Lapeer.

July 25th Democratic Picnic at Monson Home. Details TBA.

### Fundraising Events (Mark your calendar):

April 25, 2026 – Four Comedians including Dustin Cole. Adult comedy program (18+) at the Elks in Lapeer, 6-9pm. Light refreshments and alcohol by donation.

September 19 Annual Dinner at the Elba Township Hall.

### Outreach Events for Lapeer Dems: (Mark your calendar)

4/26/26 - Spring Expo in Lapeer – volunteers needed

August 21-23, 2026 Lapeer Days – watch for announcements.





## Are you a Member of the MDP?

The Democratic Electors of the State of Michigan are hereby notified that by the direction of the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee, the **2026 State Endorsement Convention of the Michigan Democratic Party** will be held in Detroit at Huntington Place on **Sunday, April 19, 2026**.

The purposes of the MDP's 2026 Endorsement Convention shall be to endorse Democratic candidates to the November General Election in the following contests: Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Supreme Court, State Board of Education, Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Wayne State University Board of Governors, and University of

Michigan Board of Regents. **All members of the Michigan Democratic Party are encouraged to attend the 2026 State Endorsement Convention. Be sure your membership is up to date.**

## Michigan Dems Invitation to the Legacy Dinner April 18th

April 18 is right around the corner, and we're putting the final touches on this year's Legacy Dinner to honor Governor Gretchen Whitmer and her accomplishments. Get your ticket NOW before it's too late!

It's shaping up to be a special and exciting night, with Special Guest Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. We're bringing together Democratic leaders from across Michigan to honor Governor Whitmer's legacy, from protecting reproductive freedom for all Michiganders to investing millions in Michigan's infrastructure, which created thousands of good-paying jobs, modernized our state's infrastructure, and fixed the damn roads. As we prepare for the November Midterm Election, it's important to reflect on what we've accomplished together and get ready for what's next.

If you've been thinking about attending, now's the time to lock in your spot. Tickets are selling fast, and you don't want to miss out on the Michigan Democratic Party's biggest night of the year! Tickets Found here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/mdplegacy2026?refcode=03262026>



## Save the Date

Saturday April 25, 2026 from 6-9 pm

Comedy Night Fundraiser for Lapeer County Democratic Party

Come and have some fun. Lapeer Elks Lodge

Advance tickets \$25 at the door \$30

Food can be purchased and alcohol by donation will be available.



## Why put Ray Pooley on the Ballot for Congress?

1. The Republican incumbent candidate, Lisa McClain should not run unopposed.
2. Ray Pooley supports:
  - a. Bringing manufacturing back to USA
  - b. Smart border policy
  - c. Pro-union
  - d. Protecting our environment
  - e. Empowering family farms – regenerative farming practices
  - f. And more...

For more info: [pooley4congress.com](http://pooley4congress.com)

## \*\* Lapeer Dems Pizza Trivia Night \*\*

May 7, 2026 from 6:30-8:30pm at Tilted Axis, Lapeer (Upper room). \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members (includes pizza appetizer and non-alcoholic drink.) Join the fun – winners get \$10 gift cards. Everyone Welcome!

## Look who Is the New Vice Chair of the LCDP



I am Gigi Griffith and am taking this opportunity to introduce myself to the membership in case you don't already know me. I'm always looking for new places to volunteer and share my expertise. For the Democrats I am technically involved in every committee we have and also mail copies of the newsletter to those without computer access. Last year I won the Youth Leadership Award for the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District at the Best of the West event. It was presented in 2025 and it was really special.

I also volunteer with several groups in Lapeer County. The Friends of the Marguerite de Angeli Branch Library for a little more than a decade. I am on the Steering Committee for Fight 4 the First, a group dedicated to fighting for first amendment rights and stopping censorship in our local libraries. I volunteer weekly for the Downtown Development Association (we run historic main street and all the events downtown like Winterfest). I am a member of the League of Women Voters. I volunteer for Holiday Depot during the holiday season. I have been active in helping at my church. I helped in our local pride group and occasionally with the Literacy Center. I bring this experience and look forward to the challenges of this office and helping the LCDP.

## Member Spotlight – Rose Bogardus

By Becky Fitts



Maybe you know her for her delicious home-made cookies, but Rose Bogardus is by definition a one of a kind and an inspirational small-town politician.

Rosalyn (Rose) Bogardus is a woman of ethics and of kindness she was born in 1943 marrying Her husband Tom in 1965 after graduating from Central Michigan University with a degree in Music education. They have two biological children though they helped raise several nephews

and a niece. At 83 Rose has been active in politics most of her life. She joined the League of Women Voters in her thirty's. She then ran for office as a Genesee County Commissioner (dem) in 1987 and served as a commissioner from 1987-1994. From there, Rose ran for Michigan House of Representatives (dem) in 1996 and was elected and served from 1997 – 2002 representing the 47<sup>th</sup> district. After leaving the Michigan House of Representatives serving one term, she was re-elected as a Genesee County Commissioner in 2008 and served one term respectively retiring in 2012. She is still an active member of the Lapeer County Dems serving on the events planning committee and a member of PAC. She has served as co-chair of the Lapeer Democratic Party a few times over the years, most recently resigning from that position in February of 2026 due to health problems.

Rose is an inspiration to all who have ever been called into public service from making cookies to bring people together, to standing her ground when it comes to public policy and making ethical decisions, to helping train and teach others the process of running a successful campaign she is a woman of character and a backbone of our community holding to the values of the Democrats.

### March 28<sup>th</sup> “No Kings” Rally Had Outstanding Support in Lapeer



Nearly 500 people attended. Over 200 signatures collected for Ray Pooley. What a Great Day!



## Lapeer Shows Out Like a Lion for "No Kings" March

*Peaceful Protest Draws Roaring Crowd in Stunning Display of Solidarity*

*By Rob Solomon*

Early Spring in mid-Michigan is as fickle as a big city sports fan, ready to turn on whim or with the wind. Still, the chill in the air was only a small cause for concern among those attending the "No Kings" protest in Lapeer on Saturday, March 28th. As early attendees began to gather on the lawn in front of the courthouse, some wondered aloud what kind of turnout could be expected in a county considered "staunchly conservative." The reality on the ground painted a much more colorful picture. Within moments, a few dozen protestors had arrived. Minutes later, a crowd of as many as 500 had joined together to exercise their 1st Amendment rights.

From young folks standing against a fascist future, to military veterans fighting against unchecked presidential power - the passion was apparent. With grievances artistically expressed on poster board, pizza boxes, buttons and banners, they came in droves from all corners of the county and beyond. There, they were rallied by a series of speakers that seemed to know exactly what is at stake: Rising inflation and cost of living. Continued human rights abuses by ICE and DHS agents. Blatant corruption throughout the entire administration. The ongoing DOJ cover-up of the Epstein Files. Unauthorized war in the Middle East. Threats to election integrity. Some noted the extended absences of Congressperson Lisa McClain from District 9, as she instead acts as a cheerleader for those who champion cruelty and chaos in Washington, D.C.

"No Kings" protestors marched against a president that now claims to have a mandate not from the voters that elected him - but from an even higher power. This tyrannical thinking directly opposes the purpose of a Constitution that has protected us all for nearly 250 years. As such, it was no surprise to see so many self-identified "independents" among the crowd. It should be apparent to all that reside in Lapeer that this is not a "red" or "blue" place. It is a community of people who mainly believe in common sense governance at the local and national level. These beliefs seem to transcend factional politics - we have more in common than we are often led to believe. The diverse perspectives and viewpoints shared at the event point to a promising future - a world where informed debate builds consensus and offers solutions to the very real issues we are facing.

A chorus of honking horns blared support for the cause, as participants marched through the middle of town. Total attendance was estimated near 500 people. The latest numbers suggest that Trump is now the least popular president in the history of polling. There are plenty of positive indicators as we move toward critical mid-term elections. Building on the momentum of "No Kings" and employing other peaceful forms of resistance might ensure that the entire Trump administration leaves like a lamb this November.

## Your Help Is Needed to Win District Elections in Michigan

*By Beth Little*

With all the attention on redistricting to win the US House, there's been little mention of Michigan's opportunities to flip some districts in this new Democratic - favorable environment. Bridge Magazine has done a recent article on our opportunities to flip some seats blue, but it's not been included in the national count of new seats from redistricting. With teamwork and focus, Michigan Dems may be able to slide a few surprise wins in, in November, to give Democrats a secure majority in the House.

There are 2 seats that we should be able to flip; District 4 in the Kalamazoo area and in District 7 in the Lansing area. These are 2 districts that were narrowly drawn and should have been tossups the first year they were implemented. If the blue wave that we've been seeing in the country is also impacting Michigan voters, they should be easy Democratic wins. The next 2 will be a little tougher: District 1 with the longtime incumbent Jack Bergman taking a healthy lead in 2024 by 21.4%. We've seen 30% swings in districts in 2024 elections so

District 1 could be within reach. Bergman is 79. District 10, mostly Macomb County, won in 2024 by John James by 6.1% should be achievable in this new environment; especially since James isn't running for this seat because he's running in the Governor's race.

So, to recap: In order of ease of flipping: Districts 4 (west side of state, farmland), 7 (Lansing area and surrounding farmland), 10 (Mostly Macomb County and some of Oakland) and 1 (all of the UP and upper lower peninsula – the “Up North” District). If you are interested in helping to flip these seats, please reach out to these 4 congressional districts and volunteer to canvass (go door to door), phone bank, write post cards, and or send donations. I've reached out to the district chairs and asked how we can get involved. These are the responses so far. District 7: Will welcome any help. Reach out to at [chair@mi7dems.org](mailto:chair@mi7dems.org) and subscribe to the newsletter on [mi7dems.org](http://mi7dems.org) to keep up to date on events and happenings. The chair is Liam Richichi.

District 10: To get more involved, visit their website which gives options to volunteer by going door to door, phone banking and donate: <https://www.michigan10thdistrictdemocrats.com/>

Feel free to reach out to the 4th and the 1st if you want to help those districts out this year.

US Congressional District 1: [cd1demscommunication@gmail.com](mailto:cd1demscommunication@gmail.com)

US Congressional District 4, email: [info@mi4thdems.org](mailto:info@mi4thdems.org) website: <https://mi4thdems.org>

## Michigan Democratic Party Endorsement Convention April 19<sup>th</sup>

by Alex Diedrich

Below is a list of all candidates filed to be considered at the Endorsement Convention April 19th at Huntington Place in Detroit. Where able, introductions are provided in the candidate's own words from their website or campaign Facebook pages and emailed to the county party. These statements are from the candidates themselves and do not reflect any endorsement or position of the Lapeer County Democratic Party. The Lapeer County Democratic Party does not endorse in Democratic primaries or prior to the Endorsement Convention. The link at the bottom of this paragraph contains the list of candidates on the MDP website, candidates missing information should have that information updated prior to the convention.

<https://michigandems.com/candidates/>

### Attorney General:

Eli Savit

Eli Savit is running for Attorney General to fight for the rights and freedoms of every Michigander. He'll take on corporate polluters, protect workers and consumers from exploitation, and hold powerful interests accountable. At a time when our constitutional rights are under attack, Eli will be a fearless advocate for justice, fairness, and opportunity for all. [eliformichigan.com/](http://eliformichigan.com/)

Karen MacDonald

Karen McDonald grew up in a working-class Michigan family that taught her the value of hard work and standing up for others — lessons that shaped her career as a teacher, attorney, judge, and now Oakland County Prosecutor. From the classroom to the courtroom, she's fought for kids, families, and justice with compassion and common sense. In the wake of the Oxford High School tragedy, Karen made history by securing landmark convictions, but it was not enough. Karen's actions sent a clear message: as a state and a country, we can do more to prevent gun violence. A mother of five, she's dedicated to building a safer, fairer future for every Michigan family — and she's just getting started. [mcdonaldforag.com/](http://mcdonaldforag.com/)

Bill Noakes

People of Michigan: I will be your attorney, your advocate no matter who comes against you. You can count on me to be on your side. Noakes: Democrat for Michigan Attorney General

## Secretary of State:

### Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist

Garlin Gilchrist is a husband, dad, a public servant, and an engineer dedicated to making government work for regular people. Now, he's running for Secretary of State to make government work for all of us — and to protect your right to vote. [garlingilchrist.com/](http://garlingilchrist.com/)

### Suzanna Shkreli

Born in Livonia and raised in Farmington Hills and then Clarkston, Suzanna Shkreli is a first-generation American of Albanian heritage. She's served as a Macomb County Assistant Prosecutor, Deputy Legal Counsel in Governor Whitmer's administration, Michigan's Child Advocate, Director of Juvenile Justice Reform, and Commissioner of the Michigan State Lottery. Now, she's running as a Democratic candidate to be Michigan Secretary of State to defend our democracy and make life for all Michiganders better. [suzannashkreli.com/](http://suzannashkreli.com/)

### Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum

Barb Byrum brings 18 years of public service shaped by Michigan values and a deep commitment to her community. From the Senate house to the courthouse, she has delivered results that matter — protecting voting rights, improving public services, and strengthening trust in government. She's experienced, steady, and prepared to meet the challenges of this moment. [barbbyrum.com/](http://barbbyrum.com/)

## State Supreme Court:

### Megan Cavanagh

Born in Lansing and raised in East Lansing, Megan Cavanagh grew up immersed in public service. The daughter of a longtime Michigan Supreme Court Justice, she learned early that the law is not just a profession—it's a responsibility to the community. Yet her path to the bench was distinctly her own. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in environmental engineering, Megan worked as a consultant evaluating environmental risk and property development before discovering her true calling in the law. She earned her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School while working full-time, building a career grounded in discipline, independence, and perseverance. For more than 15 years, Megan practiced appellate law in Detroit, earning respect across the legal community for her sharp analysis and commitment to fairness. Her work extended beyond individual cases to strengthening Michigan's judicial system—serving in leadership roles within the State Bar of Michigan and focusing on improving access to courts and the administration of justice statewide. Elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2018, Megan has championed a justice system that is accessible, transparent, and centered on people. She has led efforts to improve child welfare outcomes, strengthen legal representation for families, collaborate with tribal courts, and ensure that courts serve every community with fairness and dignity. Her career reflects a simple but powerful belief: justice should not be an abstract ideal—it should actively improve people's lives. [cavanaghforjustice.com/](http://cavanaghforjustice.com/)

### Noah Hood

Justice Noah Hood is a lifelong Detroit, public servant, and jurist committed to facts, fairness, integrity, and the rule of law. Born in 1986 and raised on Detroit's east side, he grew up in a family deeply rooted in public service, faith, and community leadership. His father served on the Detroit City Council and as senior minister at Plymouth United Church of Christ, while his mother has served for decades as a federal judge after being appointed to the U.S. District Court by President Bill Clinton. Justice Hood graduated as valedictorian of Cass Technical High School before attending Yale University, where he studied anthropology and languages. He went on to earn his law degree from Harvard Law School and began his career practicing commercial litigation in Detroit. Driven by a commitment to public service, Hood joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Toledo, where he prosecuted complex federal cases including fraud, identity theft, money laundering, and crimes against children. His work earned recognition from federal law enforcement partners for his leadership and dedication to justice. In 2019, Hood was appointed to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in Detroit, one of the busiest trial

courts in the country, where he presided over high-volume criminal dockets and handled serious felony trials. During his tenure, he also presided over the Veterans Treatment Court, a problem-solving court for justice-involved veterans. His experience on the bench shaped his belief that justice must be both efficient and fair, ensuring that every case receives careful attention. In 2022, Hood was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals. There, he authored numerous opinions on nearly every aspect of Michigan law, including search-and-seizure, the Confrontation Clause, juvenile justice, family law, zoning law, construction law, and no-fault. Today, Justice Hood continues his service on Michigan's highest court, bringing a deep respect for the law, a commitment to thoughtful judicial decision-making, and a lifelong dedication to the people of Michigan. [noahhoodforjustice.com/](http://noahhoodforjustice.com/)

## **State Board of Education:**

### **Judith Pritchett**

Judith P. Pritchett, Ph.D. (D-Washington Township) was elected to the State Board of Education in 2018. She currently serves as Secretary of the Board. Judith served as an educator and administrator for over 25 years in public education serving many communities in Macomb County including Utica Community Schools, Mount Clemens Community Schools, and Centerline Public Schools. She has worked as a High School Social Studies teacher, a High School Principal, an Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Superintendent of Schools. Prior to her retirement in 2017, she held the position of Chief Academic Officer for the Macomb Intermediate School District. She is still very active in assisting with educational policy and advocating for equitable opportunities for all students in the state. Dr Pritchett is a member of the Detroit Institute of Arts Board of Directors and also a member of the Alumni Board of Directors for Oakland University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, Master of Curriculum and Instruction, Education Specialist in Curriculum and Leadership and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Oakland University. She and her husband have been residents of Macomb County for over 50 years and are the proud parents of two children and two granddaughters.

### **Tiffany Hilley**

Tiffany D. Tilley is a native Detroiter. Her professional background includes education, real estate development, community and economic development, years serving in government, and nonprofit leadership. Through her community work she has managed and opened the doors for millions of dollars to help communities in Southeastern Michigan. In 2018, Tilley won the State Board of Education election by almost 1.8M votes. At her first Board Meeting she was unanimously voted by the Board to also serve as the NASBE Rep., making her a leader in education both statewide, and nationally. Today she serves as the Co-Vice President of the Board where she gives a voice to underserved populations, including using her platform to advocate for increasing equitable funding, CTE programs, early childhood education (ECE), closing the achievement gap, mental health support, and for foster youth across our State. As a proponent for diversity, she was appointed as the Great Lakes Regional Director for the YDA (Young Democrats of America) Jewish Caucus in 2007. A friend of Israel she traveled the country in 2005 and was invited to the Knesset as a guest. In September 2007, Tilley was awarded the 2007 "Social Justice Award" by the Midtown Dems for her ongoing work through P.A.T.C.H.E.S. Inc. and organizing efforts against Proposal 2. As an activist Tilley has also lobbied in DC, Lansing MI, drug invested homes, as well as gas stations and businesses that have been guilty of racial discrimination. Tilley also did extensive work as a Field Director for Michigan United, on the Raise the Wage Campaign. Exuding leadership, see her webpage for more about her additional past and present community roles. Her greatest achievement is as a mother of two. [votetiffanytilley.com/](http://votetiffanytilley.com/)

### **J.E. Windle**

## **MSU Board of Trustees:**

Brianna Scott

Brianna T. Scott is seeking re-election to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees to continue the work of restoring stability, strengthening student support, and advancing MSU as a world-class research institution. For the past eight years, Trustee Brianna T. Scott has been a fearless advocate for the Spartan community. Her tenure has been defined by a commitment to rectifying historical oversights, ensuring financial accessibility, and demanding absolute accountability from the administration. As she seeks re-election, her platform remains rooted in the values of progress and integrity. [brianna4msu.com/](http://brianna4msu.com/)

Kelly Tebay [kellytebayformsu.com/](http://kellytebayformsu.com/)

Sylvia Santana

Senator Sylvia Santana is an MSU alumna and Michigan's 2nd Senate District representative, known for her commitment to responsible governance, transparency, and economic opportunity. Her years in the Michigan Senate navigating complex public budgets, leading fiscal oversight, and advocating for workforce development give her the exact experience the MSU Board of Trustees needs. Through her work on the Senate Appropriations Committee and other key committees, Santana brings the institutional knowledge and credibility needed to help MSU thrive for generations to come. [sylviasantanaformsu.com/](http://sylviasantanaformsu.com/)

## **UM Board of Regents:**

Paul Brown

Paul Brown is a proud Michigander and Wolverine! Paul grew up in northern Michigan in a union home. (His mother was a Teamster.) Paul is the only candidate who is a union member. Paul's first union job was as a Seafarer working on the freight boats in the Straits of Mackinac. He later joined the staff at University of Michigan as a member of LEO/AFT. Paul worked in the administration of both Governor Jennifer Granholm and President Joe Biden on issues of economic development and small business access to capital. Paul is focused on increasing the access and affordability of education and healthcare for working families in Michigan. Paul ran for regent because he was frustrated with the lack of results from our elected officials. [gobluevotebrown.com/](http://gobluevotebrown.com/)

Amir Makled

Amir Makled is a civil rights attorney, University of Michigan–Dearborn graduate, and father who believes a public university must answer to the people it serves — not political pressure or elite interests. [amirmakled.com/](http://amirmakled.com/)

Jordan Acker

Jordan Acker is a dad, attorney, and University of Michigan graduate who has served on the Board of Regents for seven years. After surviving a life-threatening medical emergency treated at Michigan Medicine, Jordan ran for Regent to give back and strengthen one of Michigan's most important institutions. As Regent, he's fought to make the University stronger and more affordable and to protect it from the Trump Administration's attacks on higher education. [ackerformichigan.com/](http://ackerformichigan.com/)

## **WSU Board of Governors:**

Naz Hassan

I am a proud pro-labor Democrat who believes deeply that the strength of America has always been built on the sacrifice, skill, and determination of working men and women. It is the sweat, resilience, and dedication of union members that transformed this nation into a global industrial leader, and that legacy must be honored and protected. Now is the time to stand firmly and unapologetically for the rights of union workers. Protecting fair

wages, strong benefits, job security, quality healthcare, and dignified retirement is essential. These are not just workplace priorities, they are the backbone of stable families, strong communities, and a thriving economy. As a candidate for the Wayne State Board of Governors, I am committed to being a strong, reliable, and proactive voice for labor. I will defend and strengthen collective bargaining rights so that every worker has a meaningful voice and a seat at the table. I will push for expanded workforce training and development programs that open doors to good union jobs and create lasting career opportunities for current and future workers.

I strongly oppose the privatization of university jobs. Outsourcing weakens job security, lowers standards, and erodes wages and benefits. It puts the wellbeing of dedicated service employees at risk. I will stand shoulder to shoulder with union members to protect these essential jobs and ensure they remain stable, fair, and respected. I am also committed to advancing transparency, accountability, and inclusive governance. Union members and campus workers deserve to be heard and involved in decisions that impact their daily lives. I will work to ensure their voices are not only included but valued, helping to build a culture rooted in respect, collaboration, and shared purpose. I will fight to uplift working people, strengthen unions, and protect the dignity of labor at Wayne State. Together, we can build a future that respects the past, meets the challenges of today, and creates real opportunity for the next generation of union workers.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/17nZ6bZz4r/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

Shereef Akeel

With a background in educational advocacy, Shereef Akeel prioritizes transparent governance and accountability. Akeel's vision positions WSU as Michigan's engine for economic growth and social equity. [akeelforwsu.com/](http://akeelforwsu.com/)

Richard Mack

I am Richard G Mack, Jr. I am running for Wayne State University Board of Governors and humbly ask for your support. After graduating from the University of Michigan with degrees in Economics and Political Science (1995), I attended Wayne State University Law School. While there, I was the founder and first Editor of the Law School's second student-led scholarly journal: the Journal on Law in Society. Nearly thirty years later, the Journal is considered equal with the Law Review and still publishes amazing articles from a progressive angle. Since graduating (1998), I've used my degree to represent unions, workers and those who have had their civil rights and other legal protections illegally denied. I've spent my career at the Miller Cohen law firm, founded by labor law legend Bruce Miller. As we represent dozens of private, public and federal sector unions across the state and country, we have never - and will never - represent employers. Unless, that is, the employer happens to also be a union. We consider our attorneys as more than litigators and legal practitioners, but we are part of the labor movement. Personally, I consider it an amazing blessing that I am able to make a living in the fight for working people and others who are disadvantaged. Without hesitation, I have rejected other much more lucrative opportunities to stay in this fight. [richardmackforwsu.com/](http://richardmackforwsu.com/)

Jeremiah H.W. Wheeler

## News about the newsletter

This newsletter is published monthly and is available by email to all members. **All members are encouraged to submit articles and information to the newsletter.** Submissions for the newsletter should be 800 words or less and need to be sent by email to the editors by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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