



City of Rochester Hills  
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME CARALYCE M. LASSNER

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU WANT TO SERVE (please check the boxes):

Appointed by Mayor, Confirmed by City Council

- Advisory Traffic & Safety (meets monthly)
- Board of Review (meets as needed)
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (meets 4 times a year)
- Citizens Pathway (meets as needed)
- Construction/Fire Prevention Board of Appeals\* (meets as needed)
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (meets as needed)
- Local Development Finance Authority (meets 4 times a year)
- Naming Standing Committee (meets as needed)
- Planning Commission\* (meets monthly)
- Rochester Hills Museum Foundation (meets monthly) - SEE BELOW

Appointed by City Council

- Cemetery Citizen Advisory Committee (meets 2-4 times a year)
- Deer Management Advisory Committee (meets 2 times a year)
- Elections Commission (meets prior to each Election)
- Green Space Advisory Board (meets monthly)
- Historic Districts Commission\* (meets monthly) - FIRST CHOICE
- Historic Districts Study Committee (meets as needed) - SECOND CHOICE
- Human Resources Technical Review Committee (meets yearly)
- Liquor License Technical Review Committee (meets as needed)
- Older Persons' Commission (meets monthly)
- Public Safety & Infrastructure Technical Review Committee (meets as needed)
- Retiree Health Care Trust - Board of Trustees (meets as needed)
- Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (meets monthly) - LAST CHOICE DUE TO MEETING TIME.
- Rochester Hills Museum Foundation (meets monthly)
- Water System Advisory Council (meets yearly)
- Zoning/Board of Appeals\* (meets monthly)

\* Denotes paid positions. Candidates will be required to complete a Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, as required by the Federal Government.



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DATE November 9, 2023 ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 40+ YEARS

OCCUPATION Attorney

INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS (Specifically list the reasons you are interested in serving on this/these committees and any qualifications you have for being on this/these committees:

Please see attached due to lack of space herein.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU HAVE or currently SERVE on (List Municipalities and years):

None.

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD:

Non-public offices: Former Director, current Secretary, Consumer Bankruptcy Association, 2009 - 2016 and 2019 - present. Secretary and Officer, Oakland County Boat Club, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS you have been or are involved with:

Please see attached due to lack of space herein.

Relevant EDUCATION to the committee(s) you are interested in:

Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Technical and Interdisciplinary Studies. Both courses of study provided significant training in the ability to research, analyze, and apply information to reach appropriate and legal conclusions and how to best disseminate that information to the appropriate audience(s).

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

I enjoy reading (fiction and Detroit history), local and regional history, genealogy, researching obscure topics, watching cooking shows, and being a good neighbor in my community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please see attached due to lack of space herein.

**Resident Name: Caralyce M. Lassner**

**District: 2**

**Date: November 9, 2023**

**Occupation: Attorney**

### **Addendum to Candidate Questionnaire**

#### **Interests/Reasons/Qualifications:**

Generally speaking:

I was born in Crittenton Hospital, graduated from Rochester High School, and have been a lifelong resident of Rochester Hills (formerly Avon Township) except for about ten years when I moved away for college and law school.

I love our community and want to serve in a way that is meaningful not only to the community but to me personally. Based on the opportunities available at this time and as to each Commission/Committee/Foundation I have expressed interest in:

**Elections:** I have multiple years of experience in establishing election procedures and conducting elections to insure transparency and accuracy. I believe in following the law and evaluating rules and procedures to make sure they comply with those laws, are efficient, and make sense for all voters. I would be an asset to the Commission and would welcome the opportunity to serve if I am not selected for my first or second choices.

**Historic Districts Commission and/or Historic Districts Study Committee** (first and second choices, respectively): My interest in local history, lifelong residency and corresponding first-hand knowledge of the evolution of our community, and experience in research and documentation as well as analyzing and evaluating situations from 10,000 feet would serve the Commission and/or the Committee and our community well.

**Rochester Hills Museum Foundation:** This would also be a welcome opportunity to serve for the same reasons of my interest in the Historic opportunities and is only my last choice due to the 7:30 am meeting times as set forth on the City's website, as being able to attend and participate in those meetings may be difficult due to my professional obligations.

I am pragmatic, practical, and collaborative in my approach to issues and work best with groups who share a common goal and are open-minded to different (i.e. not necessarily typical) solutions and/or problem solving.

#### **Other Organizations/Appointments in leadership and service to others:**

Rochester Junior Women's Club, Environment Department Chair, 2023-24 fiscal year, Communications and Public Relations Chair, 2023-24 fiscal year.

Rochester Shares Facebook Group, Founder and Administrator. This is a community gifting economy group modeled after Buy Nothing (see <https://buynothingproject.org/about> for more information).

Oakland County Boat Club, Elections Chair, 2013 and 2014, 2017 – 2020 and have been selected to serve for 2024, Elections Committee Member, 2015 and 2016, 2023; Bylaws Committee Chair, 2012 – 2015, Bylaws Committee Member 2016, 2017, and have been asked, and will, serve for 2024.

Annual Detroit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference (now known as the Steven W. Rhodes Consumer Bankruptcy Conference), Conference Chair, 2008 - 2016 and 2022, 2023, Planning Committee Member 2017 - 2020, Co-Chair 2021.

Access to Bankruptcy Court, Panel Attorney, approved for appointment 2011 to present.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Pro Bono Program, volunteer 2008 – present.

Consumer Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute, Co-Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Listserve Moderator, 2011 - 2016.

ICLE Bankruptcy Bootcamp, Planning and Development Committee, 2011.

ICLE/CBA Bankruptcy Law Institute, Planning Committee Member, 2009-2011.

Trial Advocacy Program (US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan), Planning Committee Member, Trial Advocacy Program, 2011.

Local Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee (US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan), Member, 2011, 2014-2015.

Moderator, speaker, and author; local, regional, and national conferences and organizations, 2008-present.

I am also a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #2634 (Rochester).

**Additional Information:**

Adjunct Professor of Critical Thinking, Wayne State University, ~ 2003 and 2004.

Consumer Bankruptcy Association's first Member of the Year, 2010.

Michigan Lawyer Weekly's 20 up and Coming Lawyers, 2011.