



# 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)

**Appointed by City Council**

- Building Authority (meets 3 times a year)
- 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)
- Historic Districts Study Committee (meets as needed)
- 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)
- Rochester Hills Museum Foundation (meets monthly)
- Trailways Commission (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 August 25, 2021 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:

I am a long time resident, having been born in Crittenton Hospital and graduating from Rochester High School. I support the enrichment of our community and believe it is important to include programming for the young, old, married, single, families, and individuals in the planning and offerings of our recreational authority and have taken part in many in years past. I have been actively involved in social and educational offerings through various non-profit organizations and believe my experiences would be of benefit to RARA going forward.

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

I have not sat on any public boards/commissions/committees. However, I have served on the Board of the Macomb County Girl Scout Council, currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Consumer Bankruptcy Association, previously served in various capacities on the Consumer Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute, and am the past chair of the regional Annual Veteran's Day Conference of the Consumer Bankruptcy Association (previously held jointly with the American Bankruptcy Institute).

### ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD:

I have not been elected to public office. In the private sector, I was elected to the office of Secretary for the Oakland County Boat Club over multiple years; and first appointed, then elected, twice to the Board of the Consumer Bankruptcy Association.

### OTHER ORGANIZATIONS you have been or are involved with:

I am a member of the Fraternal Organization of the Eagles, Rochester Aerie; past Secretary of the Oakland County Boat Club (OCBC); past Bylaws Chair of the OCBC; past Elections Chair of the OCBC; past member of the Girl Scouts of America; past chair of the Annual Veteran's Day Conference planning committee and current committee member. See also Boards/Commissions/Committees section above.

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

My undergraduate degree is a Bachelors of Technical and Interdisciplinary Studies and my graduate degree is a Juris Doctor. Both of these degrees provided a strong foundation for multidisciplinary approaches to problem identification and solving.

### HOBBIES/INTERESTS

I enjoy learning new skills and activities, cooking, reading, attending programming at the Rochester Hills Public Library, volunteerism, and professional development.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I would very much like to give back to the community through this opportunity.

In addition, you may attach/email your resume/CV if desired.

**Caralyce M. Lassner (CML)** is the principal of Caralyce M. Lassner, JD, formerly the principal of Caralyce M. Lassner, JD, PC, a former partner in the law firm of Scarletta Lassner, PLC, and a former associate of the law firms of Thav, Gross, Steinway & Bennett and Acclaim Legal Services. She is also Of Counsel to Anthony Y. Abueita and Of Counsel to Karen E. Evangelista, PC. She has been practicing law for over fifteen years and has practiced in the areas of bankruptcy, family law, general civil and contract litigation, administrative law, and estate planning. She attended Thomas M. Cooley Law School and graduated from Wayne State University with her bachelor's degree. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 2001 and the United States District Courts for the Eastern District and Western Districts of Michigan in 2003. She was also admitted to the Northern District of Ohio in 2004.

#### ***LEARNING***

Ms. Lassner has attended many continuing education seminars on the subject of bankruptcy over the years. Within the last several years, these seminars have included:

- “Detroit Consumer Bankruptcy Conference” provided jointly by the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Consumer Bankruptcy Association, annually (all day seminar).
- ABI Central States Conference 2014, Lake Geneva, WI (multiple day seminar).
- Annual State of the Court dinner, 2018.
- “*Husky* Aftermath – Where Do Things Stand With ‘Actual Fraud’?”, the ABI Commercial Fraud Committee, webinar presented on July 27, 2018.
- ABI Central States Conference 2019, Traverse City, MI (multiple day seminar).
- ABI Media Webinar Examining New Bankruptcy Laws to Help Distressed Small Businesses, Disabled Veterans, and Family Farmers, presented on August 28, 2019.

#### ***TEACHING***

Since 2009, Ms. Lassner has authored materials and moderated and presented at many local, regional, and national bankruptcy conferences, seminars, and training sessions, on multiple topics, including:

- Information gathering and document preparation,
- Examining proofs of claims,
- Practice management and the economics of the law,
- Ethics,
- Tax return review and information extraction,
- Claims issues,
- Unbundling of services,
- Small business debtors in Chapter 13, and
- Student loans.

Ms. Lassner (with Brian J. Small) also contributing to and edited a portion of Chapter 3: “Representing Consumers in Bankruptcies Under Chapter 7 (Liquidation)” of Handling Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcies in Michigan (ICLE, January 2009).

Ms. Lassner developed and moderated a Consumer Bankruptcy Association series entitled “Bankruptcy Basics Series” for new attorneys in the District and presented to the group on February 20, 2009 on the topic of “Understanding the Petition, Schedules, SOFA, and 22C”, which addressed cross-referencing in the pleadings, meeting the requirements of 11 USC 521, and other issues related to proper preparation of a bankruptcy case for filing. Ms. Lassner also served as moderator of a special session of the series, “Special Edition of the Bankruptcy Basics Seminar, featuring Judge Phillip Shefferly” on February 24, 2009. Ms. Lassner continues to contribute to the

continuing education and professional development of the bankruptcy bar in the Eastern District of Michigan.

#### ***LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT***

Ms. Lassner is a member of the Consumer Bankruptcy Association and the American Bankruptcy Institute. She was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Consumer Bankruptcy Association in the spring of 2009 and was re-elected to the Board in fall of 2011 and served until late 2016. In 2019 Ms. Lassner was re-elected to the Board and continues to serve on the Board. She has sat on the Education, By-Laws, and Peking House Committees of the CBA and dedicates many hours to the development and implementation of various professional educational programs. She was named the first ever Consumer Bankruptcy Association's Member of the Year in 2010.

Ms. Lassner served on the planning and development committee for the ICLE 2011 Bankruptcy Bootcamp program and the planning committee for the annual ICLE/CBA Bankruptcy Law Institute for the duration of that program. She has continuously served on the planning committee for the ABI/CBA Veteran's Day Seminar since 2009 and was the Conference Chair from 2012 through 2016. She has proven instrumental in identifying additional committee members, programming and topic development, and the identification and recruitment of dynamic speakers.

Ms. Lassner also served on the Trial Advocacy Planning Committee for the fall 2011 Workshop and sat on a Local Bankruptcy Rules Committee due to changes to the Federal Rules becoming effective December 1, 2011. She presents bankruptcy information to consumers at community and civil functions and is a participant in the US Bankruptcy Court's Pro-Bono Program (ED MI) for Adversary cases since 2008 and was named to the Access to Bankruptcy Court Pro Se Panel in 2011. She voluntarily accepts law school interns in conjunction with her Access to Bankruptcy Court work and spends numerous hours educating the interns in the practice of consumer bankruptcy in the Eastern District of Michigan.

Ms. Lassner was appointed to the American Bankruptcy Institute's Consumer Bankruptcy Committee Leadership in July 2012 and served as the Committee's Newsletter Editor, which publishes a newsletter at least four times per year, until April 2014 at which time she was appointed the Committee's Co-Chair for a two year term; she has also volunteered as an ABI Volo Editor. She was named as one of Michigan Lawyer's Weekly's 20 Up and Coming Lawyers in 2011 and also formerly served as a Member at Large on the Board of Directors of the Macomb County Girl Scouts, as the Listserve Moderator for the Consumer Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute, and as an adjunct professor of Critical Thinking at Wayne State University. In addition to her professional work, Ms. Lassner has chaired and served on the Bylaws Committee, served as the Chair of the Elections Committee for the club, and served as an elected Officer as the Secretary for the organization. She is also active in Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie 2634.