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Linda Rexer Receives Charles Dorsey Award from NLADA



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The State Bar of Michigan congratulates Michigan State Bar Foundation Executive Director Linda Rexer on receiving the Charles Dorsey Award from the National Legal Aid & Defender Association

on November 6 at the NLADA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

The Charles Dorsey Award is presented every two years to an individual who has

provided extraordinary and dedicated service to the equal justice community and to organizations that promote expanding and improving access to justice to low-income people.

Rexer was a founding member of the SBM Access to Justice Task Force in 1997 and continues to serve as co-chair of its successor, the SBM Committee on Justice Initiatives. She is a founding member of the Michigan State Planning Body, an independent group of legal aid providers, judges, bar representatives, and others who coordinate civil and criminal legal aid for the poor. She also

co-chaired the Michigan Solutions on Self-Help Task Force to promote greater centralization, coordination, and quality of support for self-represented individuals.

She has served on the NLADA Program Enhancement Committee and the board of directors of the Management Information Exchange, a national support organization for legal aid programs.

She currently serves as co-chair of the Access to Justice Committee of the SBM 21st Century Practice Task Force and is a Fellow of both the Michigan State Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation. ■

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Incoming SBM section chairpersons met in Lansing on October 15 to kick off their leadership years.