

**2004-2005 ANNUAL REPORT – DUE MAY 13, 2005**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AWARDS**  
**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

**Committee Name:** Standing Committee on Awards

***Jurisdictional Statement:***

Shall recommend to the Board of Commissioners recipients qualified to receive awards made to attorneys in the name of the State Bar of Michigan, to recommend recipients of the annual Liberty Bell Award made to non-attorneys, and to recommend the establishment of new awards or to abolish existing awards.

***Officers and Membership:***

*Co-Chairs:* Thomas Cranmer, President-elect of SBM, and Francine Cullari

*Members:*

Term Expires 2005

11393 Carl R. Burdick, St. Joseph

29176 Nancy J. Diehl, Detroit

32371 Calvin A. Luker, Royal Oak

18198 Bruce W. Neckers, Grand Rapids

49187 Roshunda L. Price-Harper, Detroit

Term Expires 2006

11110 James S. Brady, Grand Rapids

25252 Thomas W. Cranmer, Detroit

34613 Francine Cullari, Grand Blanc

Term Expires 2007

10475 John M. Barr, Ypsilanti

38241 Kimberly M. Cahill, Center Line

41102 Cheryl Gore Follette, Traverse City

6591 Hon. Victoria A. Roberts, Detroit

30511 Curtis W. Smith, Lincoln Park

*Associate Members:* none

***2004-05 Meeting Schedule (date and location):***

January 27, 2005 Teleconference

April 21, 2005 Teleconference

May 19, 2005 SBM Lansing with some members via teleconference

***Committee Activities:***

Prior to the January meeting the co-chairs and staff developed uniform concise nomination forms for the Hudson, Kelley, and Champion awards. In January, the committee reviewed and approved the

forms. Committee members reviewed the Awards brochure, mission, policies, procedures and awards criteria for the Hudson, Kelley, Champion and Liberty Bell awards. The group also set the deadline for nominations and arranged for announcements in the Bar Journal and SBM electronic media (e-journal, SBM newsletter, e-mail), direct mail to local and specialty bars, and press releases.

In February and March, various committee members solicited nominations from local and specialty bars and past SBM presidents. In April, the committee preliminarily reviewed a package from staff with all nomination materials for 31 nominees<sup>1</sup>, noted which nominees have won other SBM awards, and reviewed the voting procedure for the May meeting.

At the May meeting, the committee conducted a detailed review of nominees and voted to make recommendations to the Board of Directors for the Hudson, Kelley, Champion and Liberty Bell awards. The committee made no recommendations this year to the Board regarding criteria, new awards or the elimination of awards.

***Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan in Support of Committee Work:***

Excellent staff support to write/distribute the press release, announcements and Awards brochure; attend committee meetings, send notices, arrange teleconferencing; solicit nominations; prepare Nominations book, prepare report to Board, prepare congratulatory letters to winners; prepare/distribute announcements of winners.

***Future Goals and Activities:***

The committee will annually review awards criteria, procedures, etc. and determine if new awards should be recommended to the Board or if any existing awards should be eliminated.

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<sup>1</sup> Number does not include the Liberty Bell nominees which are submitted after Law Day.

