

# UpFront

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## GOLDEN MEMBERS



**T**hese distinguished-looking gentlemen are some of the over 150 attorneys recently recognized by the State Bar at the Dearborn Inn for their 50 years of service to the legal profession. This group was admitted to the Bar in 1956 when there were only 8,643 active members. Currently, the Bar has over 38,000 active members. (Photo by Greg Hill)



### Judge McGraw is "Everyday Hero"

**T**he Hon. Patrick J. McGraw, chief judge pro tempore of the Saginaw County Probate Court, has been named by the Saginaw County Mental Health Authority as an "Everyday Hero" and chosen to receive the Bernice Barlow Community Partnership Award. The honor was given in recognition of Judge McGraw's efforts to bring together representatives from the legal, law enforcement, and medical fields to promote communication and problem solving. He trained staff on procedures in the commitment process, supported jail diversion, worked to find alternatives to guardianships, and made himself available to facilitate countless hospital admissions by holding hearings on medical floors at local hospitals and frequently in emergency rooms during evenings, weekends, holidays, and even during some vacations. (Courtesy photo)





## Cooley Innocence Project Earns CDAM Award

**T**he Thomas M. Cooley Law School Innocence Project has won the Justice for All Award, presented recently by the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM). The award recognizes the work associated with the June 2003 DNA exoneration of Kenneth Wyniemko, a Detroit-area man falsely imprisoned in a sexual assault case, and the project's continuing work on behalf of Michigan prisoners. Recipients of the award include from left to right: Donna McKneelen, Innocence Project staff attorney; Kathy Swedlow, former co-director of the Innocence Project; Professor Norman Fell, Innocence Project director; and Marla Mitchell-Cichon, Innocence Project faculty supervisor. Other recipients (not pictured) include F. Martin Tieber, who helped co-found the Innocence Project, and Jim Samuels, current president of the Innocence Project Commission. *(Courtesy photo)*