

# Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary: 2007–2008 Report from MLA President Sally Purcell

I am proud to have been president of the Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary this past year. My board had several experienced members, which helped make things run smoothly. We have a good rapport with the staff at the State Bar, and they were willing to help us with anything.

As I was writing my final letter, I got a call from Nominating Chair Sharon Wilson, asking me to consider doing this job one more year. Because of the support I received this past year, it was not hard to say yes to Sharon.

During the year, the Auxiliary voted to become established in the Michigan archives in the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing. We also purchased a new MLA past presidents' plaque, which has been installed in the State Bar building.

The MLA Law-Related Education, Juvenile Services, and Drug Awareness programs work diligently all year long to impact communities. *You and the Law* booklets are in the process of being updated and reprinted. The Late Show program is one of our prize projects. We are a very youth-oriented group, and child abuse has become such a severe problem all over the



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world. This is an area in which our Auxiliary needs to get involved and take an active role.

May 1, 2007, was Law Day at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing, and my first experience seeing all that goes on at the state level. Our Auxiliary awards nine essay contest prizes to students and two Crystal Apple Awards to teachers. Because of her commitment and dedication to Law Day—locally, statewide, and at a national level—MLA member Mary Ann Farris was honored by the State Bar of Michigan with the Liberty Bell Award.

In August, my husband and I attended the American Lawyers Auxiliary conference in San Francisco, where MLA past president Jeanne Skilton was installed as ALA president. I am also pleased to report that Marjorie Rhead and Mary Ann Farris will serve again on the ALA Board.

I want to thank the State Bar of Michigan for its \$4,000 contribution to the Auxiliary to help cover some of our Law Day costs. We appreciate your help and continued support. ■