

UpFront

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Michigan Bar Journal Recognized for Outstanding Design

The *Michigan Bar Journal* has won a silver ADDY Award for outstanding design in the publication category.

Kudos is due to CiesaDesign of Lansing. Ciesa's creative team for the *Bar Journal*—Michael Sundermann, Jackie Warner, Kevin Liuzzo, and Nathan Houghton—submitted four issues (August through November) from 2007 that highlighted design diversity and

cohesiveness. Artwork also came from the State Bar's graphic designer, Michael Smith.

The ADDY Award is the nation's largest and one of the most competitive in advertising, with over 60,000 entries submitted annually. The American Advertising Federation, a nonprofit industry association, conducts the awards competition through its 200 member clubs and districts. One of those

members, the Mid-Michigan Creative Alliance, recently held its local event for the 2008 ADDY Awards in Lansing. Hundreds of entries were judged at this competition, including the *Bar Journal*.

The *Michigan Bar Journal* is the official publication of the State Bar and it is the only legal journal sent to every member of the Bar. Linda Novak is the editor. ■



WLAM Foundation Creates Kimberly Cahill Fund

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation has established a special fund in memory of Kimberly M. Cahill, the Foundation's long-serving treasurer and dear friend. Kim passed away on January 21, 2008, following a brief battle with cancer. Kim served not only on the Foundation's Board, but also as State Bar of Michigan president for 2006–2007 and president of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. In Kim's honor, the Foundation will commit all Cahill Fund contributions to projects benefiting women leaders.

Awards will be made in two categories: to elected presidents of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and its regional chapters that attend the State Bar of Michigan's annual Bar Leadership Forum (BLF), and to outstanding women law students meeting the Foundation's criteria for leadership. The WLAM Foundation has partnered with the State Bar to underwrite a Leadership Roundtable at the BLF.

Contributors donating \$125 or more to the Cahill Fund each year will receive admission

to and recognition at the Foundation's Annual Awards Reception. Held each spring to announce winners of the Foundation's annual scholarships, the reception features keynote remarks on leadership, entertainment, and an opportunity to network with other donors and community leaders. Donations to the Cahill Fund should be made payable to the "WLAM Foundation" and mailed to Dawn Van Hoek, 645 Griswold, 3300 Penobscot, Detroit, MI 48226. Donations may also be charged to a credit card at <http://www.wlamfoundation.org/youcan.html>. ■

Veterans Disability Law Pro Bono Basic Training

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Margaret Costello, a professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and SBM commissioner, assigns cases to attorneys participating in the February Veterans Disability Law Pro Bono Attorney Basic Training at State Bar of Michigan headquarters in Lansing. More than 50 attorneys, about half of them veterans, attended the seminar. ■



Participants in the Veterans Disability Law Pro Bono Attorney Basic Training study the cases they've been assigned. In exchange for the free training, participating attorneys were asked to accept at least one veterans' law case on a pro bono basis. The training was a collaborative effort of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Veterans Law Clinic, the State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Initiative, and the Michigan legislature. ■



Chief Justice Taylor Addresses the Representative Assembly

The chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, Clifford W. Taylor, addressed the State Bar Representative Assembly in Lansing April 12 on developments facing the judiciary. He focused on the issues related to what constitutes a definition of the practice of law; the annual report from the Supreme Court, which shows that all the state courts have generally enjoyed a clearance rate of or near 100 percent; and differences over judicial downsizing. ■

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