

# UpFront

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## Golden Memories



This year, a total of 174 members attained the 50-year milestone in their legal careers. Attendees photographed here began practicing law in 1958. The complete list of honorees was published in the March 2008 issue of the *Bar Journal* and is available online at <http://www.michbar.org/journal/pdf/pdf4article1345.pdf>. ■



SBM President Ron Keefe distributed pins to 50-year members of the Bar at the Golden Celebration event May 12 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Honorees also received a special SBM Board of Commissioners Resolution and achievement certificates. ■

*Golden Memories photos by Doug Elbinger*



The Forum Shoppers—a quartet of three lawyers and a judge who sang parodies about law and the legal profession provided the entertainment. ■



SBM Executive Director Janet Welch chatting with honoree. Guests also participated in a quiz show presented by Chris Christenson III, chair-elect of the Young Lawyers Section. ■



Ron Keefe and Asher N. Tilchin of the Senior Lawyers Section. Tilchin played an integral part in the program—providing welcoming comments and helping with recognition of 50-year members and door prizes. ■



**Congratulations to these  
Fellows of the Michigan State Bar  
Foundation on their 50 years of  
dedicated service as attorneys:**

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 Prosser M. Watts, Jr.  
 Hon. Robert B. Webster

The trustees, members, and staff of the Michigan State Bar Foundation express our great appreciation to these Foundation Fellows for their significant contributions to the legal profession and for their generous support for the Foundation's program of public service. ■



## LAW DAY 2008



Photos by Mike Edelbes

Seventh-grade winners were (front row, left to right) Evan D'Silva (third place) and Ryan Kielczewski (first place) from St. Thomas the Apostle School in Ann Arbor, and Jennifer Toth (second place) from L'Anse Creuse Middle School North in Macomb. ■



Winners in the eighth-grade division were (front row, left to right) Kelsey Gradwohl (third place) of Tappan Middle School in Ann Arbor, Nicolle Zamponi (first place) of L'Anse Creuse Middle School North in Macomb, and Hailee Mika (second place) of T. L. Handy Middle School in Bay City. ■

Winners of the Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary Law Day essay contest were recognized at a May 1 awards luncheon at the Hall of Justice in Lansing. Earning top honors in the sixth-grade division were (front row, left to right) Alex Sugerman (first place) and Michael Shapiro (second place) from Tappan Middle School in Ann Arbor, and Ben Slack (third place) from The Gagie School in Kalamazoo. They're joined by SBM Executive Director Janet Welch, Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Stephen Borrello, and SBM President Ronald D. Keefe. ■



## Special Law Day Broadcast Informs Listeners About Legal Issues



Photo by Naseem Stecker

The Michigan Talk Network's Michael Patrick Shiels (in foreground) had some very special guests on Law Day, May 1, during his "Big Show" live remote broadcast from the State Bar building in Lansing. From left to right: State Bar President Ron Keefe, Jonathan Raven, and SBM Vice President Charles Toy took calls from members of the public on a variety of issues. The show was simulcast on 10 stations statewide. This year's Law Day theme was "The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity." Bar associations statewide also had special programs in conjunction with Law Day, including mock trials, essay contests, courtroom visits, and scholarship opportunities. ■

## Rose of Aberlone Plaque Rededicated in Plymouth Ceremony

Photo by Naseem Stecker



Kellogg Park in Plymouth has a new plaque commemorating the 18th Michigan Legal Milestone on Rose of Aberlone. The original plaque, placed in 1993 by the State Bar and the Suburban Bar Association of Western Wayne County, was stolen. Speakers and others gathered at the park May 13 to view the new plaque and reminisce about Rose the cow and the classic contract law case on the doctrine of rescission based on mutual mistake. From left to right: State Bar Commissioner Elizabeth Moehle

Johnson, State Bar President Ron Keefe, SBM Executive Director Janet Welch, and Cooley Law School Professor Emeritus Norman Otto Stockmeyer. Michigan Legal Milestone markers are placed around the state to signify important legal landmarks in our state's rich history. The State Bar Public Outreach Committee, led by Jeff Paulsen, oversees this program. For more information on the Michigan Legal Milestones, visit <http://www.michbar.org/programs/milestones.cfm>. ■

Photo by Michael Shuster



Elizabeth Moehle Johnson, who is also clerk of the State Bar Representative Assembly, explained the Rose case to a group of Plymouth students curious to see the new plaque. The story, as outlined on the marker, goes like this: "T. C. Sherwood, president of Plymouth National Bank, contracted in 1886 with Hiram Walker of Walkerville, Ontario for the purchase of a cow, Rose 2d of Aberlone. Both parties believed that Rose was barren and would not breed, and that mistake led to one of the most famous contract cases in U.S. history. Mr. Sherwood

tried to pay Hiram Walker the agreed-upon price, \$80, but Mr. Walker refused it after discovering that Rose was pregnant. Her value was now about 10 times greater than that agreed to by the parties. Mr. Sherwood sued to take possession of Rose at the original price. The Michigan Supreme Court in 1887 declared in *Sherwood v Walker* that, because a mutual mistake affecting the substance of the transaction had been made, Hiram Walker had a right to rescind the contract, and keep the cow." ■



## Bimber Receives Grand Traverse Area Pro Bono Award

For his exemplary pro bono service, Frederick R. Bimber (right) was awarded a plaque by the Law Enhanced Access Project of Traverse City. Last year's recipient, Michael S. Stepka (left), handed him the award at a ceremony May 1 at the Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim County Bar Association Annual Spring Dinner. Bimber has provided thousands of hours of pro bono work spanning more than 20 years to families in need. He is a permanent member of the bar association's pro bono committee and regularly volunteers at the Free Legal Aid Clinic. ■

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## Newsroom Seminar Engages Broadcast Journalists



Left to right: Lansing District Court Judge Louise Alderson and attorneys Thomas Howlett, Cameron Evans, and Andrew Doctoroff (standing) gave valuable tips and pointers to a lively group of journalists from Michigan Public Radio on May 9.

The newsroom seminar at the State Bar of Michigan was presented by members of the Law and the Media Committee, chaired by Doctoroff. Other participants in the daylong training, organized in conjunction with the Michigan Broadcasters

Association and Michigan Public Radio, included John Van Bolt of the Attorney Discipline Board, SBM Executive Director Janet Welch, and Marcia McBrien of the Michigan Supreme Court. ■

## Runaway Project Seminar Demystifies Legal Process

Lansing Police Department Detective Elizabeth Bonello answers a question during a roundtable discussion on runaway youths and the law as James Pettibone of the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office looks on. The panelists were taking part in a Runaway Project seminar held at State Bar of Michigan headquarters in Lansing on May 21.

The goal of the seminar was to offer training and resources to those who provide services to runaways and homeless youths, open lines of communication between the providers and the legal community, and answer questions and debunk myths re-



garding the legal process as it pertains to this segment of society.

A booklet developed by the State Bar of Michigan, "The Law for Minors, Parents, and Counselors," supplements the seminar training. The booklet will soon be available on the SBM website at <http://www.michbar.org>.

The SBM Justice Initiatives Division and the Michigan Network for Youth and Families co-sponsored the Runaway Project seminar. ■

## David Carroll is Keynote Speaker at Public Defense Task Force Annual Conference

Join the Michigan Public Defense Task Force for its annual conference, "Reforming Public Defense, Serving Our Communities" on June 19. This free one-day conference, hosted at the Lansing Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. is an opportunity to engage in a discussion about Michigan's public defense system and the potential for reform. Keynote speaker David Carroll from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association will share information from his in-depth analysis of the public defense systems in 10 Michigan counties, and will provide insight into reform. He will be joined by other national and local experts, including Chief Justice Karla Gray, Montana Supreme Court; Mark Stephens, Knox County Public Defender Community Law Office; and Malia Brink, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. For registration information visit [www.MichiganCampaignforJustice.org](http://www.MichiganCampaignforJustice.org) or call (517) 372-3050. ■

