





# 2009 Annual Meeting

1. Gregory Ulrich, Elizabeth Moehle Johnson, and Theodore Johnson
2. Ed Pappas and Charles Toy
3. Janet Welch
4. Representative Assembly
5. Brian Barkey and Katherine Kakish
6. Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly and Elizabeth Moehle Johnson
7. Hon. Craig Strong, Hon. Linda Parker, and Hon. Edward Ewell
8. Ed Pappas, Charles Toy, and Clifford Schrupp
9. Charles Toy and Edna Kinsey
10. Robert Fergan and B.D. "Chris" Christensen
11. Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly, Elizabeth Toy, and Charles Toy
12. Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly, Brian Einhorn, Julie Fershtman, Bruce Courtade, and W. Anthony Jenkins

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# UpFront

By Naseem Stecker and Samantha Meinke

## Foster Swift Attorneys' Steer Donation Feeds Needy Families



Emily Kraus, left, and her dad, Richard Kraus (holding the Grand Champion award), with the prize-winning steer.

Foster Swift Collins & Smith courtesy photo

Lawyers at Foster Swift Collins & Smith recently managed to do two good deeds at once—supporting community youth activities through 4-H and donating 700 pounds of meat to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. As a 4-H project, Richard Kraus's daughter raised a steer that was named Grand Champion at the Ingham County Fair. A livestock auction is held at the fair's end, with part of the proceeds used to support local youth participating in 4-H activities. Kraus organized a group of attorneys at Foster Swift to contribute the funds needed to win the Grand Champion auction and then donate the meat to the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

After learning that the food bank was equipped only to distribute ground beef, Kraus contacted the competing bidder at the auction, Merendorf Meats & More, and made a deal. Merendorf wanted the chance to sell the steer's restaurant-quality beef to its customers; Foster Swift wanted to make as much meat as possible available to needy families in the community. In return for the Grand Champion, Foster Swift persuaded Merendorf to almost double the amount of meat. As a result, about 700 pounds of ground chuck will be distributed through the food bank rather than the 400 pounds that would have come from the steer. ■

## Denton Appointed Co-Chair of ABA Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee



Charles M. Denton, a partner in Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Grand Rapids, has been selected co-chair of the American Bar Association Litigation Section Al-

ternative Dispute Resolution Committee. Denton is administrator for the Environmental Law Department in the firm's Michigan office. The ABA appointment is for three years. Denton has been active as an alternative dispute resolution neutral mediator/arbitrator for many years, and looks forward to expanding his ADR practice through this national role. ■

## CORRECTION

Because of a typographical error on page 28 of the September issue, the length of Michigan's coastline was incorrectly stated as 3,288 feet rather than miles in "Use of the Pennsylvania Rule in Recreational Boat Accident Cases: An Enormous Aid to Litigants" by Paul Andrew Kettunen. The first sentence in the article should read: "Until the turn of the last century, Michigan consistently had the highest number of registered boats in the United States, which makes a good deal of sense considering that our state has the longest coast line—3,288 miles bordering the Great Lakes (greater than the length of the Atlantic coast from the top of Maine to Key West)—of any state other than Alaska." ■

## SBM News Facebook and Twitter Update

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