

UpFront

By Samantha Meinke

SBM 2014–2015 Board of Commissioners



Front row, left to right: Jennifer Grieco, Lawrence Nolan, Thomas Rombach, Lori Buiteweg, and Donald Rockwell. Middle row: Shauna Dunnings, Stephen Gobbo, Fred Herrmann, Robert Gardella, Victoria Radke,

Danielle Brown, Timothy Burns, Gregory Ulrich, Danielle Mason Anderson, Thomas Ludden, Dennis Barnes, and Richard Siriani. Back row: Hope Shovein, Edward Haroutunian, Vanessa Peterson Williams, Andrea

Irons, Mark Jane, Hon. Maureen McGinnis, Colleen Pero, Hon. Michael Riordan, James Heath, Thomas McCarthy Jr., and Robert Buchanan. Not pictured: E. Christopher Johnson Jr., Jules Olsman, and Daniel Quick. ■



SBM Board of Commissioners Executive Committee

Left to right: Jennifer Grieco, Lawrence Nolan, Thomas Rombach, Lori Buiteweg, and Donald Rockwell. ■

Attorneys Spend Martin Luther King Day Volunteering in Their Communities

This year, the State Bar of Michigan encouraged attorneys across the state to participate in voluntary pro bono and community service activities on Martin Luther King Day.

Attorneys and staff of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC in Kalamazoo took up the challenge and spent the day volunteering at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. ■



Top:

Principal Leigh Schultz, Cindy Schnotala, and Stephanie Collins make sit-up-ons.

Bottom Left:

Danielle Mason Anderson, resident director and SBM District F commissioner, and Cindy Schnotala make sound absorption boards.

Bottom Right:

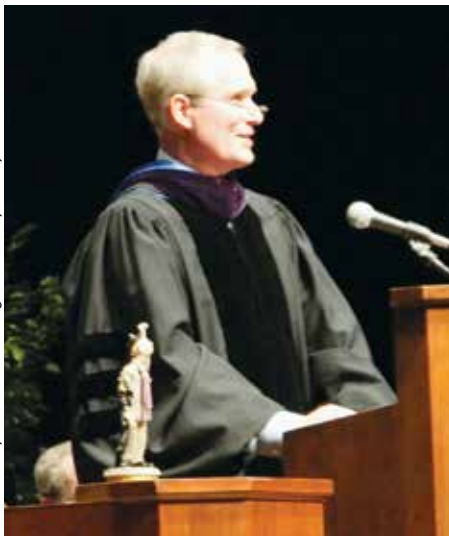
James Liggins Jr. (center) provided the keynote speech at an annual Martin Luther King Day event hosted by Borgess Health and Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. Liggins, an associate attorney at Miller Canfield, founded Kalamazoo's first minority bar association, the Judge Charles A. Pratt Bar Association. Also pictured are Kalamazoo City Commissioner Eric Cunningham (at left) and Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell.

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SBM President Speaks About Professionalism in Action

Photo courtesy of Western Michigan University Cooley Law School



SBM President Thomas Rombach addressed 268 Western Michigan University Cooley Law School graduates about the importance of professionalism in law practice. Rombach presented the keynote speech during the law school's January 25 graduation ceremony at Wharton Center in East Lansing. ■



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SBM President Rombach and SBM Commissioner Gregory Ulrich (front row, second from right) joined faculty and guests at the University of Detroit Mercy on January 9 to present Professionalism in Action, a program pairing lawyers and judges with incoming law students to discuss the importance of civility and work through a series of ethical and professional hypotheticals. Rombach served as keynote speaker and Ulrich as a discussion leader. ■