

January 25, 2010

Ms. Anne M. Smith
Representative Assembly Award
State Bar of Michigan
306 Townsen Street
Lansing, MI 48933-2012

Re: Representative Assembly Award
Unsung Hero Award

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing this letter to submit a nomination on behalf of Dr. Clark C. Johnson for the Unsung Hero Award for 2010.

Dr. Johnson has been a long-time proponent of the legal profession, and this most likely has gone unrecognized at least by the State Bar of Michigan over the many years that he has done tremendous work in both exemplifying the benefits of education and promoting and educating numerous attorneys.

As a professor of law at Michigan State University College of Law, Dr. Jonson joined the law college faculty (at that time, the Detroit College of Law) in 1973, marking thirty-seven years of service in educating law students.

I would venture a guess that if someone were to ask alumni of either the Detroit College of Law or Michigan State University College of Law about Dr. Johnson, they would have nothing but favorable things to say given that he epitomizes the type of professor who not only goes about the sometimes mundane task of educating law students in substantive and procedural principles of law, but one who does it with enthusiasm and vigor. He has gained the respect of hundreds, if not thousands, of students for these many years.

One very interesting point about Dr. Johnson is that in addition to serving as a professor where he is a champion of law students' successes and is eager to assist his students in any way both academically as well as through their careers, he himself is a living example of education. Dr. Johnson obtained a law letters doctorate from Michigan State University in 2002 and a Ph.D. from Wayne State University in 1990, the time I was going to law school at the Detroit College of Law.

I have stayed in contact with Dr. Johnson and continue to hear amazing things about what he has done for our legal profession.

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I will leave this nomination with perhaps the most fitting example of the type of professor and champion of students that he is. At the end of every final examination, Dr. Johnson includes these words: "Your tuition is good for a lifetime. Please contact me at any point at time that I can do anything for you." To say that students have not taken him up on this would be an understatement. Dr. Johnson certainly lives out the idea of improving of the legal profession through proper education, and I hope that the State Bar will give him his due recognition in this area.

Should I be of additional assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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Subject: FW: your nomination of Clark Johnson

Additional support for the nomination

From: Joan Howarth [mailto:joan.howarth@law.msu.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 2:03 PM
To: Michael Hale
Cc: Tina Casoli; Clark Johnson
Subject: your nomination of Clark Johnson

Michael,

Tina Casoli shared with me your nomination of Clark Johnson for the Bar's Unsung Hero Award. What a wonderful tribute! You are completely correct that Clark is an educator with no limits to what he gives to his students, current or past. Thanks for going out of your way to recognize a wonderful professor and person.... Joan

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