

Miller Canfield Lawyer Michael Traison Honored by Polish Consul for Contributions to Poland

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Michael H. Traison, a principal in the Chicago office of Miller Canfield, will be awarded the Cavalier's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland by the Polish Consul in Chicago. Traison will receive the medal on November 7, Poland's Independence Day, at a ceremony at the Polish Consulate in Chicago.

The Order of Merit is a coveted distinction awarded by the President of Poland to foreigners or Polish citizens living abroad for "outstanding contributions to international cooperation and to bonds between the Republic of Poland and other nations." The Cavalier's Cross is the fifth class of the Order of Merit. Traison has also received the Polish Heritage Award, as well as the Jerusalem Peace Prize and the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce-Chicago Martin Sandler Award.

Traison is well-known for his leadership in serving the interests of the Polish community. He has undertaken more than 80 programs that serve to further preserve Polish history and promote understanding. He is an officer and board member of the Polish American Association, the largest and oldest human services agency serving the diverse needs of the Polish community in the Chicago metropolitan area. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Polish-American Chamber of Commerce. His Michael H. Traison Fund for Poland supports Polish efforts, including a Holocaust studies program in Krakow in 2011.

At Miller Canfield, Traison helps businesses solve their commercial problems – from litigation to issues of debtors and creditors' committees in Chapter 11 reorganizations and in out-of-court workouts. He represents clients with interests throughout the world with a special focus on Israel, Poland, the Czech Republic and elsewhere in Eastern Europe.