

Clifford Taylor and Larry Saylor Win Distinguished Brief Award

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Clifford W. Taylor and Larry J. Saylor were presented the Distinguished Brief Award by the Thomas M. Cooley Law Review. The pair of attorneys were feted along with the year's other honorees at an awards dinner hosted by the law school at the Country Club of Lansing on June 25, 2014.

Taylor and Saylor were honored for their authorship of the appellant's brief to the Michigan Supreme Court in *Majestic Golf, LLC v. Lake Walden Country Club, Inc.*, a real estate dispute over whether the country club breached its lease with the land owner by refusing to sign an easement to allow road construction across the course. The Miller Canfield attorneys successfully argued that the Court of Appeals failed to apply all of the lease terms when it ruled that the country club had defaulted on the lease.

According to The Thomas M. Cooley Law Review, the Distinguished Brief Awards program recognizes the most scholarly briefs filed with the Michigan Supreme Court. Briefs are judged by a panel of lawyers and Cooley Law School professors based on seven categories: the question presented, point headings, statement of the case, argument and analysis, style, mechanics and best overall brief.

Taylor is a member of Miller Canfield's appellate section and is based in our Lansing office. A former Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, he had a long, illustrious career as a judge with both the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court before joining Miller Canfield in 2010. He is also an adjunct professor for the Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida, where he teaches courses about statutory interpretation and professional responsibility.

Saylor is a litigator based in Miller Canfield's Downtown Detroit headquarters. He handles antitrust, trade secret, consumer protection, franchising, and dealer law matters, including class actions, injunctions, and appeals. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Law School, where he teaches about franchising and dealer law. He was an article editor of Michigan Law Review while attending the University of Michigan Law School.