

Saul A. Green Named 2025 Michigan Chronicle Men of Excellence Honoree

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Miller Canfield, an international law firm headquartered in Detroit, is proud to announce that Saul A. Green has been named a 2025 *Michigan Chronicle* Men of Excellence honoree. This prestigious award recognizes African American men in metro Detroit who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, achievement, and dedication to service.

Green has dedicated his life to service to the community and excellence in the practice of law. A lifetime Detroiter, he is a member of Miller Canfield's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group.

Early in his career, Green worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In 1976 he took the job of chief counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Later, he was hired to serve as Wayne County Corporation Counsel. Then in 1994, President Bill Clinton appointed him U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, where Green counted among his biggest accomplishments the relationship-building he did between the justice department and the police, and the work he did in raising law enforcement awareness and sensitivity to racial profiling.

Green joined Miller Canfield in Detroit in 2001 and took the lead in the firm's minority business group and its white-collar crime practice. He was enjoying the career of a successful litigator when duty called him back to the public sector, and he went to work in 2008 as deputy mayor under the city's recently elected then-mayor Kenneth Cockrel, Jr. Green was asked to do the job for his ability to work with federal investigators who were looking into city affairs, and for his well-earned reputation for being a man of high ethical standards. He served during the early part of newly elected Mayor Dave Bing's term and returned to Miller Canfield in 2012.

Green's work since his return to the firm has included, among other notable matters, working with police departments, including Cincinnati and Los Angeles, in compliance with settlements following police misconduct claims, leading the charge in reforming police departments to better serve communities, particularly communities that are home to large numbers of people of color.

Green is a past president of the Wolverine Bar Association. He is a recipient of the Damon J. Keith Community Spirit Award, State Bar Champion of Justice Award, Federal Bar Association's Wade Hampton McCree, Jr. and Cook Friedman Civility Awards, and Lawyer of the Year by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, which also inducted him into its Hall of Fame.

Each year since the *Michigan Chronicle* launched the Men of Excellence Awards, nearly 700 attendees gather to witness and applaud the induction of 50 remarkable African American men whose professional success and unwavering dedication to service have left an indelible mark on the region.