

Long-Time Ann Arbor Attorney Receives Prestigious Award

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Edmond F. DeVine, of counsel in the Ann Arbor office of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., has been selected as the 2002 recipient of the Washtenaw County Bar Association's prestigious

The Patriot Award was established in 1987 to recognize an attorney for outstanding service in one or more of the following: Promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and Bill of Rights; encouraging greater respect for law and the courts; stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; contributing to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law. The award will be presented on May 23, 2002, at the WCBA's dinner and awards meeting.

Edmond DeVine, a long-time resident of Ann Arbor, received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Michigan, and an LL.M. from the Catholic University of America. He is well known for his long record of professional achievement in which he applied his intelligence, humor, and consummate skill with unfailing diligence. His integrity has always been uncompromised.

Following his service as an FBI Special Agent and a tour of combat as a U.S. Naval Air Combat Intelligence Officer on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific in World War II, and before the joining the prominent Ann Arbor law firm of DeVine & DeVine, which became DeVine, DeVine, Kantor, and Serr and merged with Miller Canfield in 1984, he was Chief Assistant Prosecutor of Washtenaw County from 1947-53, and Prosecuting Attorney, 1953-58. Those who knew him and saw him in action during those years still comment on how he came to be virtually synonymous with the law itself. He is a fellow of the American Bar Association, a former commissioner of the State Bar of Michigan, a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society, and Phi Delta Phi. For many years, he served as a lecturer and adjunct professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School.

At the young age of 85, Edmond DeVine continues to be vigorous and active in everything he undertakes, still running in 10Ks and sometimes winning!

"On behalf of the firm I want to congratulate him on this high honor. We are very proud that he is our colleague" said Thomas W. Linn, Miller Canfield's CEO.

The 300-attorney law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. , established in Detroit, Michigan in 1852, has offices in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Howell, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Monroe, Troy, Washington, D.C., New York City, Pensacola, Florida, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and in Gdynia, Katowice, and Warsaw, Poland. The internet address is www.millercanfield.com.