

## Miller Canfield Celebrates 20 Years in West Michigan

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The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. is celebrating twenty years of legal practice in Western Michigan. Miller Canfield, marking its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, opened an office in Grand Rapids in 1983.

To commemorate the anniversary, the firm held a reception on February 21 at the Van Andel Museum Center in Grand Rapids. The special reception, which drew approximately 800 clients, friends, and community leaders, included a tour of the world-famous Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit - rarely exhibited outside of Israel. Grand Rapids is the only city in the U.S. that will host the Scrolls this year.

"We are proud to have made West Michigan part of Miller Canfield's long and rich tradition of service to our clients and communities," said Thomas W. Linn, CEO of Miller Canfield. "We truly appreciate our longstanding relationships with organizations throughout West Michigan. This was our way of saying 'thank you.' "

The anniversary reception also included presentations from Bert de Vries, professor of History and Archeology at Calvin College and Rev. John H. Stek, associate editor, *NIV Study Bible*, and chair of the NIV committee on Bible translation. Both discussed archeological and textual aspects of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery.

Miller Canfield's presence in Western Michigan has grown to 65 attorneys. The Grand Rapids office has 20 attorneys, Lansing, which opened in 1980, has 16 attorneys, and its office in Kalamazoo, which opened in 1984 by merging with Brown, Colman & DeMent, P.C., has 29 attorneys. All three offices are participating in the 20-year anniversary celebration in Western Michigan.

The 300-attorney law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. was established in Detroit in 1852 and has offices in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Howell, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Monroe, and Troy, Michigan. Other offices are located in New York City, Pensacola, Florida, Washington, D.C., Windsor, Ontario, and in Gdynia, Katowice, and Warsaw, Poland. Visit [www.millercanfield.com](http://www.millercanfield.com).