

Miller Canfield Attorney Leo Goddeyne Honored with Vlachos Award for Pro Bono Work

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Miller Canfield is proud to announce that Leo P. Goddeyne, senior counsel in the Kalamazoo office, received the John N. Vlachos Award given by the Legal Aid of Western Michigan and Vlachos & Vlachos law firm for his longtime dedication to serving low income persons and seniors in civil legal matters. The Vlachos Award was created in memory of John N. Vlachos, the first legal aid attorney in Kalamazoo in the early 1950s when the program started.

The Honorable Robert L. Borsos was also honored at the reception on October 12 with the Legal Aid Recognition Award for his support of civil legal services. Both Goddeyne and Borsos received a proclamation from Michigan Governor Granholm. The Legal Aid of Western Michigan currently serves people in 17 counties in the lower Western part of Michigan.

At Miller Canfield, Goddeyne practices corporate and commercial law focusing on nonprofit and professional corporations (incorporations, reorganizations, liquidations), the purchase and sale of corporate assets or stock, seller-financed sales of property, and secured transactions, banking, and real estate.

He received his law degree, magna cum laude, from Wayne State University in 1977, and a B.A. in English from Hillsdale College and the University of Michigan.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, and Kalamazoo County Bar Association. He serves on the board of directors of Vine Neighborhood Association, and is a member of the Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council and Leadership Kalamazoo.

The 350-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, Saginaw, and Troy, Michigan. Other offices are located in New York City, Naples and Pensacola, Florida, Windsor, Ontario, and in Gdynia, Warsaw, and Wroclaw, Poland.