

## Miller Canfield Attorney Appointed Chair of State Bar's International Law Section

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The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. announces that Bruce D. Birgbauer has been appointed chair of the International Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

He has also served as chair of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, and is one of a very few lawyers who have chaired two sections of the State Bar.

He is presently a member of the advisory board of the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership and has served as chair of both the European and North American marketing committees for the Partnership. He has also served on the board of directors of both private and public companies and has been active in a variety of community activities.

Birgbauer is a principal and resides in the Detroit office of Miller Canfield. His practice includes representation of small, medium, and large companies, mergers and acquisitions, cross-border transactions, licensing, joint ventures, business planning, and general representation of international companies in U.S. business activities. He is a member of the firm's Automotive Group, Corporate and Securities Group, and Intellectual Property Group. He also assists companies in obtaining governmental incentives to help finance the cost of new projects, and in the formation of minority joint ventures.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Association for Corporate Growth, and International Business Council. He is listed in all 12 editions of the The Best Lawyers in America (Corporate Law and International Law Sections).

Birgbauer received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, and a B.A. in political science from William College, graduating with highest honors, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He resides in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

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, Pensacola, Florida, Windsor, Ontario, and in Gdynia, Wroclaw, and Warsaw, Poland.