

## Miller Canfield Attorney Elected President of State Bar of Michigan

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Thomas W. Cranmer, a principal at the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., has been elected president of the State Bar of Michigan for the 2005-2006 Bar year. He will be sworn in as president of the more than 37,000-member organization at a luncheon on Thursday, September 22, during the Bar's 70th annual meeting in East Lansing.

Cranmer has nearly 30 years' experience, representing both individual and corporate clients in the areas of white-collar criminal defense, corporate compliance programs, internal investigations and complex commercial civil litigation.

He has been a member of the Board of Commissioners for the State Bar of Michigan since 1997 and is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Oakland County Bar Association as well as a past president of the Oakland County Bar Foundation and Eastern District of Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, American Bar Foundation, and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a Life Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and a Charter Fellow of the Oakland County Bar Foundation.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan; a life member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference; a founding member of the Oakland County Criminal Assignment Committee, and a hearing panel member of the American Arbitration Association.

Cranmer is also a teacher and an instructor of trial advocacy. His experience includes teaching for one of the preeminent trial advocacy programs in the United States, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and he is co-author of a legal treatise, *Michigan Civil Trials and Evidence* published by West.

He received his J.D. from Ohio Northern University in 1975, and his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1972.

He resides in West Bloomfield, 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, Washington, D.C., Windsor, Ontario, and in Gdynia, Katowice, and Warsaw, Poland.