

Miller Canfield Attorney To Receive Distinguished Service Award From Labor And Employment Law Section Of State Bar

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"Jim Tobin represents the highest example of how we serve our clients and our profession," said Roy Roulhac, chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section. "For more than 50 years, he has contributed significantly to the spirit and the body of knowledge of labor law. We are very pleased and honored to recognize Jim with the Distinguished Service Award."

A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Tobin joined Miller Canfield in 1948, after serving with the United States 4th Marine Division in World War II. During his service he was wounded and evacuated at Iwo Jima, which was the last of four amphibious assaults he made with his unit IN THE PACIFIC THEATER.

One of the nation's most experienced labor lawyers, Tobin negotiated the first-ever labor contract between the Detroit Board of Education and the Detroit Federation of Teachers. He has negotiated more than 100 labor contracts in all, and has represented employers in an estimated 700 arbitration cases covering the full spectrum of labor and employment law. During one round of contentious school district contract talks in the early 1970s, Tobin and a colleague spent three days locked in a district office building in suburban Detroit, negotiating until a contract could be reached.

Tobin and his wife, Dorothy, have three children and seven grandchildren. They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 2002. A resident of Birmingham, Michigan, Tobin will receive the Distinguished Service Award in January at the annual Mid-Winter Meeting of the Labor and Employment Law Section held in Ypsilanti.

The 260-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, and in Gdynia, Katowice, and Warsaw, Poland.