

Attorneys Join Miller Canfield

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The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. announces that **Thomas W. Cranmer** and **Matthew F. Leitman**, former principals of Miro Weiner & Kramer, P.C., have joined the firm as senior counsel in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group, bringing extensive civil and criminal litigation experience to the firm.

Thomas W. Cranmer, President-Elect of the State Bar of Michigan, 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 is a teacher and instructor of trial advocacy. His experience includes teaching for one of the preeminent trial advocacy programs in the U.S., The National Institute for Trial Advocacy and he is a co-author of a legal treatise, Michigan Civil Trials and Evidence. He is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Federal Bar Association-Eastern District of Michigan, and Oakland County Bar Association, and is actively involved in numerous committees.

Cranmer is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, International Society of Barristers, American Board of Trial Advocates, a Life Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and a Charter Fellow of the Oakland County Bar Foundation. He is also a past recipient of the Federal Bar Association's Leonard R. Gilman Award presented to an outstanding practitioner of criminal law and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America.

He received his law degree from Ohio Northern University in 1975, and his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1972. He resides in West Bloomfield, Michigan.

Matthew F. Leitman also practices complex commercial litigation, including shareholders' disputes, contract actions and business tort actions, criminal defense, and appellate litigation. While at the Miro firm he had six decisions published in 11 years of practicing law. Previously, he served as legal counsel to the Economic Impact Committee of the Michigan Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Casino Gambling and clerked for Justice Charles L. Levin of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Leitman's trial experience includes practice before state and federal trial courts as well as numerous appeals before state and federal appellate courts. He is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Bar Association and the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys.

He received his law degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1993 and his B.A., with highest distinction and Phi Beta Kappa, from The University of Michigan in 1990, majoring in Political Science. He resides in Troy, Michigan.

The 330-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.