

Two Long-Time Ann Arbor Attorneys Named Distinguished Citizens

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The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. proudly announces that Edmond F. DeVine and John B. DeVine, of counsel attorneys in Miller Canfield's Ann Arbor office, are the recipients of the 2002 *Washtenaw County Distinguished Citizen Award*. The 8th annual award will be given at a ceremony on Wednesday, December 11 by The Great Sauk Trail Council Boy Scouts of America.

The *Washtenaw County Distinguished Citizen Award* honors individuals who reside and/or work in Washtenaw County and have made significant volunteer and charitable contributions to their community, are outstanding role models, and have excelled in their profession. This is the first time that the award has been given to brothers.

Edmond and John DeVine were partners at the law firm of DeVine, DeVine, Kantor & Serr of Ann Arbor until its merger with Miller Canfield in 1984.

Edmond F. DeVine, a resident of Ann Arbor, lends his expertise in many areas of commercial litigation. A 1940 honors graduate of The University of Michigan Law School, he went on to earn his LL.M. from Catholic University of America.

He formerly served as the chief assistant prosecuting attorney of Washtenaw County, and was later elected as the county's prosecuting attorney. He has been both assistant professor and adjunct professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School, and he once served as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and as an air combat intelligence officer on a carrier in the Pacific in World War II.

In addition to his memberships in several bar associations, Edmond DeVine was active in the Michigan Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Foundation, the Michigan State Bar Foundation, and the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society.

John B. DeVine, a resident of Ann Arbor, practices in the areas of health law, business law, estate planning, education law and corporate law.

He received his law degree from Harvard Law School and an A.B. from the University of Michigan. He is a former Assistant Washtenaw County Prosecutor and United States Naval Officer, serving on a destroyer in the Pacific.

John DeVine is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Washtenaw County Bar Association, a charter member and past president of the American Health Lawyers Association and a charter member and past president of the Michigan Society of Hospital Attorneys. For many years, he was on the advisory board for NBD Bank of Ann Arbor, a member of the board of directors and secretary for the National Institute for Burn Medicine, and a trustee of the Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital Foundation. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 10 years.

Celebrating its 150th anniversary, the 300-attorney law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., was established in Detroit, Michigan in 1852 and has offices in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Howell, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Monroe, Troy, Pensacola, Florida, Washington, D.C., New York City, Windsor, Ontario, and in Gdynia, Katowice, and Warsaw, Poland. Visit www.millercanfield.com.