

## Governor Granholm Calls on Miller Canfield Attorney to Serve on Newly Created Council of Economic Advisors

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Paul R. Dimond, senior counsel at the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. and former Special Assistant to President Clinton for Economic Policy, was recently appointed by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm to the Council of Economic Advisors, a group of 47 Michigan business and community leaders to help kick-start Michigan's economy and attract new jobs.

At the inaugural meeting on October 8, Dimond was appointed chair of one of three working groups, namely to improve the climate for business, technology and entrepreneurship in Michigan.

"There is no better way to have a healthy discussion of Michigan's economic issues than to assemble the best minds in business and education and have them give us objective, insightful advice on the issues our state is facing in these tough economic times," Granholm said. "We have attracted a broad cross-section of Michigan's business and education leaders from different regions and areas of expertise and given them a meaningful mission to create the next Michigan – a magnet state for business expansion and high tech job growth."

Dimond, of Miller Canfield's Ann Arbor office, practices in the areas of public law, business services and finance, real estate finance, and product litigation and torts. He first joined Miller Canfield in 1990, leaving for Washington, D.C. in 1993 upon being appointed by President Clinton to serve in the White House as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director to the National Economic Council. He returned to the firm in 1997.

His extensive professional background includes serving as chairman of the board of McKinley, one of the Midwest's largest real estate firms, where he was general counsel and executive vice president; senior program and legal advisor to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; professor of law at the American and Wayne State University Law Schools; director of the National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law; an attorney and policy advisor for the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University; and founder and partner of the Ann Arbor law firm of O'Brien, Moran & Dimond.

He serves on the board of trustees of The Henry Ford, Mosaic Youth Theater, and the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan; Advisory Board of Southeastern Michigan Green Ways Initiative; and member of the President's Council of the National Wildlife Federation, where he is cofounder of the Wolf Pack.

He received his law degree, *cum laude*, in 1969 from the University of Michigan Law School, and a B.A. in 1966 from Amherst College.

The 300-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

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