

Miller Canfield Announces New CEO

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The law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C announces that attorney Michael W. Hartmann has been named Chief Executive Officer. Hartmann, a principal and commercial litigator in the Detroit office, joined the firm in 1975 and has been Chair of the Managing Directors, the firm's management board, for the past three years.

"Globalization is changing the practice of law and creating new opportunities and challenges for our clients. Our success depends on our ability to promptly solve our clients' legal problems in a cost-effective manner in this ever-changing world. I am excited and honored to take on this important role," said Hartmann.

Hartmann replaces Thomas W. Linn who steps down after serving eight years as CEO and 12 years as a Managing Director. Linn, as Chairman Emeritus, will resume his practice and help implement expansion initiatives for the firm. He led the firm during a period of growth and success including the successful merger with Windsor's largest law firm in 2002, and oversaw expansion in Eastern Europe, making Miller Canfield the only Michigan-based law firm with offices in Canada and Poland.

With over 350 attorneys practicing in all major areas of law, Miller Canfield is among the 200 largest law firms in the U.S., is Michigan's largest law firm and is one of the top corporate law firms in the state selected by Chambers USA referral guide and Corporate Board Member magazine.

Hartmann received his law degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School, and his A.B. from the University of Michigan. He is listed in the Commercial Litigation section of the last seven editions of The Best Lawyers in America and the Litigation section of the 2006 edition of Michigan Super Lawyers. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He resides in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Miller Canfield was established in Detroit in 1852 and employs more than 800 in offices in Michigan, Florida, New York, Canada and Poland