

President Bush Appoints Miller Canfield Attorney William J. Danhof to U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council

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William J. Danhof, principal at the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., was recently appointed by President George W. Bush to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the governing body of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. He is one of nine prominent Americans appointed this year to serve a five-year term.

Sworn in on April 21 in Washington, D.C. by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson, Danhof joins a distinguished and diverse list of Presidential appointees, including Holocaust survivors, a Noble Peace Prize winner, a knight of King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, and a producer and host of an award-winning NPR program, as well as U.S. Senators and Congressmen.

"I am honored and humbled to be a part of this extraordinary group," said Danhof. "As a member of this Council, I represent all Americans and will support the mission of the Museum, to preserve the memory of those involved in the Holocaust and to encourage people to reflect on the moral and spiritual questions raised by the Holocaust and how they apply those lessons of history to questions facing us today."

Created by a unanimous Act of Congress, the Museum is located in Washington, D.C. and is America's national institution for Holocaust education and remembrance, and has the largest collection of Holocaust history in the world. A unique public-private partnership, the Museum has brought Holocaust history and lessons to more than 20 million visitors since it opened in 1993, about 6.5 million of them children.

"The administration has done an outstanding job in selecting individuals who share the Museum's dedication to Holocaust remembrance," said Council Chair Fred S. Zeidman. "As the nation's memorial to the Holocaust, the Museum fills a unique role in American life, bringing Holocaust education to new generations through a wide variety of educational outreach and programming. I look forward to working with the Council toward these important goals." For more information on the Museum and Council, visit www.ushmm.org.

Danhof is the original member of the firm's Lansing office, where he currently leads the firm's Public Law Group and practices general governmental and municipal law. He has served as bond counsel to the state of Michigan and many Michigan cities, townships, counties, and colleges.

Currently, he is president of the American College of Bond Counsel, of which he is a founding member. He is honored as one of the best lawyers in the country in the areas of public finance and banking law in The Best Lawyers in America, 2003-2004. He is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, Government Finance Officers' Association, and Michigan Municipal Finance Officers' Association, and he is a fellow of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan Foundations.

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