

Miller Canfield Attorney Receives Champion of Justice Award from State Bar of Michigan

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The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. announces that Robert E. Gilbert, former CEO of the firm, received the State Bar of Michigan's *Champion of Justice Award*.

The *Champion of Justice Award* is given for extraordinary professional accomplishments, integrity and adherence to the highest principals and traditions of the legal profession, and to those who devote superior professional competence to a cause or accomplishment. All recipients are selected by the State Bar of Michigan's board of commissioners.

Gilbert received the award for his work as co-chair of the Access to Justice Corporate Committee. Access to Justice is a State Bar endowment program to raise funds to support local, non-profit, civil legal aid programs. Gilbert was instrumental in gaining large law firm support of more than \$1 million for the Access to Justice fund.

"I accepted this award as the representative of the major law firm managing partners who were so instrumental in making this program a success by encouraging the participation of their lawyers," said Gilbert.

Gilbert joined Miller Canfield as an associate in 1966, becoming a principal in 1973. He became a managing director in 1986, served as chief executive officer from 1994-1999, and was the resident director of the Ann Arbor office from 1986-1994.

He received his B.A. in political science from the University of Michigan, and his J.D., with distinction, from the University of Michigan Law School, where he served as an editor of the law review. He is a member of the American, Michigan, and Washtenaw County Bar Associations. As an adjunct professor, he has taught real estate finance at Wayne State University Law School and business law at the University of Michigan Business School. He currently serves on the board of trustees of The Washtenaw Land Trust.

Gilbert is listed in all ten editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

He resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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