

## Leading Energy and Public Utility Attorneys Join Miller Canfield

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The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. is pleased to announce that Harvey J. Messing, Ronald W. Bloomberg, and Sherri A. Wellman have joined the firm as principals. They bring substantial experience to complement the firm's Environmental and Regulatory Practice Group.

Well-known in Michigan for their practices in energy, telecommunications and utility regulation, they join the Lansing, Michigan office of Miller Canfield.

"Collectively, they have almost 80 years' experience in the utility and regulatory areas," said Thomas C. Phillips, head of Miller Canfield's Environmental and Regulatory Group. "They are frequently in front of state agencies on matters related to rate and licensing policies for public utilities, and regulatory and legislative issues."

Thom Linn, CEO of Miller Canfield, added, "We are delighted to have these talented lawyers join our team. We look forward to their contributions in the areas of energy, public utility, and in other practice areas."

Messing began his law career in 1973. In addition to his utility and regulatory experience, he practices business, corporate, administrative, and condemnation law. He received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, and his A.B. from the University of Michigan.

He resides in East Lansing.

Bloomberg was a law clerk for the Honorable Mary S. Coleman, Michigan Supreme Court, and the Honorable Robert J. Danhof, Michigan Court of Appeals, before entering private practice in 1982. His experience also includes municipal and government law as it relates to infrastructure, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, taxation, and licensing matters. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School and his B.A., with high honors, from Michigan State University. He resides in Lansing.

Wellman practices franchising and administrative law in addition to energy and telecommunications law. She received her J.D. in 1986 from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, summa cum laude, and received her B.A., summa cum laude, from Western Michigan University. She resides in East Lansing.

All three attorneys are members of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, and Ingham County Bar Association.

The 350-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, Saginaw, and Troy, Michigan. Other offices are located in New York City, Pensacola, Florida, Washington, D.C., Windsor, Ontario, and in Gdynia, Wroclaw, and Warsaw, Poland.