

## Miller Canfield's Michelle Crockett and Maya Watson Receive Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Awards

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Two Miller Canfield lawyers have been honored by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association (DMBA) with prestigious awards. Principal, Michelle P. Crockett (Detroit, Mich.), was presented with the President's Award and associate, Maya K. Watson (Detroit, Mich.), was named Barrister of the Year.

The President's Award is granted to a young attorney whose early career has exhibited high standards of service to the profession, clients and public. The Barrister of the Year is presented annually to a member of the Barristers board who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the development and execution of Barristers' programming.

At Miller Canfield, Crockett, a labor and employment lawyer, leads the firm's Women's legal and business network. She helps clients develop and implement affirmative action programs to advance the goals of federal nondiscrimination statutes. She works with public sector clients to encourage diversity in light of the anti-affirmative action amendment adopted by Michigan voters in 2007. Crockett is active in the American Bar Association and the Oakland County Bar Association and was recently appointed co-chair of the DMBA's Labor and Employment Law Section. She earned her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School and B.A. from North Carolina State University. She resides in Southfield, Mich.

Watson focuses her practice at Miller Canfield on legal issues related to banking, properties, commercial real estate transactions and multi-state financing. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's Barristers and the Wolverine Bar Association and she is an active member of the American Bar Association. She received her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School and her B.A. from Lincoln University. She resides in Detroit, Michigan.

The Barristers is the young lawyers division of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association providing new lawyers with opportunities to expand their leadership skills, partake in community service projects, attend practice area specific educational seminars and participate in networking activities designed with young lawyers in mind.

The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association (DMBA) was established in 1836 by a group of distinguished Detroit area attorneys and currently serves the legal community of Southeastern Michigan by providing services, products and information essential to the successful, ethical practice of law.