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FOUNDERS AWARD PRESENTED TO CHARLES R. RUTHERFORD

On September 13, 2006, **Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Clifford W. Taylor** presented **Charles R. Rutherford** with the **Michigan State Bar Foundation's 2006 Founders Award**. The Founders Award recognizes a lawyer who exemplifies professional excellence and dedication to community. Prior recipients include Dennis W. Archer and Wallace D Riley.



Chief Justice Taylor, himself a Foundation Fellow, acknowledged Mr. Rutherford's distinguished career, including his long service to the Foundation. He cited Mr. Rutherford's professional and community contributions including: Foundation Trustee for 27 years, including past President and a Founder of the Fellows Program; State Bar of Michigan Senior Lawyer's Section Chair and recipient of the Section's inaugural Charles R. Rutherford Award; Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society Trustee; American Bar Foundation Fellow; past officer or Trustee of the Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers, Detroit Rotary, and University of Detroit Mercy Alumni Association. Mr. Rutherford is currently Of Counsel to Dykema Gossett specializing in intellectual property law.

Chief Justice Taylor remarked that "the Foundation could make no better choice than Charles R. Rutherford for this honor" and noted that he agreed with Foundation President Margaret J. Nichols when she said, "There isn't a person among the Foundation's past or present leadership who thinks the Foundation could have grown to its present status without [Charlie's] leadership."

In accepting the Award, Mr. Rutherford said he was beginning his 50th year at the bar and wanted to thank the legal profession for the opportunities it provided him. He said he was proud to be in a profession that is a helping profession, assisting people to overcome hurdles and directing its actions to protect others. He particularly expressed appreciation to lawyers and judges for their kindness in supporting his family following the death of his son and he thanked the Foundation and Chief Justice Taylor for presenting him with the Founders Award.

Also on September 13, the Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation elected the following officers at their September 2006 annual meeting: **Honorable Julian A. Cook, Jr.**, Senior Judge in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, as Chairperson; the **Honorable Hilda R. Gage** of Bloomfield Hills, as Vice-Chair; and **Charles R. Rutherford**, Of Counsel at Dykema Gossett, PLLC, in Bloomfield Hills, as Secretary.

Additionally, the following attorneys were elected new Foundation Fellows members in 2006:

Deborah G. Adams, Okemos; **Harold Kirby Albright**, Lansing; **Gary K. August**, Farmington Hills; **James V. Bellanca Jr.**, Harper Woods; **Terrence G. Berg**, Detroit; **Naldo Bucci**, Wixom; **Steven E. Chester**, Lansing; **Lisa Sewell Demoss**, Detroit; **Sue Ellen Eisenberg**, Bloomfield Hills; **Kiffi Y. Ford**, Lansing; **Timothy T. Fryhoff**, Bloomfield Hills; **Robert C. Gardella**, Brighton; **Douglas Hamel**, Southgate; **Kevin S. Hendrick**, Detroit; **R. Craig Hupp**, Detroit; **Frank W. Jackson**, Detroit; **Elizabeth Moehle Johnson**, Plymouth; **Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale**, Detroit; **Leslie Anne Logan**, Bloomfield Hills; **Joan H. Lowenstein**, Ann Arbor; **Michael A. Macdonald**, Grand Rapids; **Mona K. Majzoub**, Detroit; **Margaret A. McCrystal**, Allendale; **Susan G. Meyers**, Grand Rapids; **John F. Mills**, Birmingham; **Hon. James Robert Redford**, Grand Rapids; **Julie H. Reincke**, Eaton Rapids; **Richard A. Roane**, Grand Rapids; **Ann L. Routt**, Ann Arbor; **Margaret F. Schweitzer**, Ann Arbor; **Richard J. Suhrheinrich**, Okemos; **Kathryn R. Swedlow**, Lansing; **Norris J. Thomas Jr.**, Detroit; **Thomas H. Thornhill**, Muskegon; **Jalae A. Ulicki**, East Lansing; **Hon. R. Steven Whalen**, Detroit; and **Avery K. Williams**, Detroit.