



# Michigan State Bar Foundation

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### **Foundation Presents Dennis Archer with First Founders Award**

The Michigan State Bar Foundation has given Dennis W. Archer its first Founders Award. The Award was inaugurated in 2004 in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. The award was named for the vision of those who founded the Fellows program and is given to an exemplary Fellow who demonstrates professional excellence and outstanding contributions to the community.

Archer is one of 32 attorney leaders in 1984 who founded the Fellows program. Fellows are a distinguished group of attorneys. Members may not exceed 5 percent of total State Bar membership and are selected for their professional ability and community service. The Fellows program now includes over 1,200 attorneys and judges and has contributed over \$1,000,000 to support the Michigan State Bar Foundation's public service work.

On September 30, Scott Brinkmeyer, then President of the State Bar of Michigan, presented the Founders Award to Archer, noting that "The Foundation could not have chosen a better first Founders Award recipient to underscore the caliber of the Fellows and their significance to the Foundation's public interest legacy." Archer is Chairman of his law firm, Dickinson Wright and is currently President of the National Bar Association. He is a past President of the State Bar of Michigan and the American Bar Association, former Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, and past Mayor of the City of Detroit.

Archer said he was pleased to receive the Founders Award and praised the Fellows for its generation of support for the Foundation. In the last 20 years, the Foundation has awarded over 65 million dollars and made over 400 grants to educate the public about the importance of the rule of law, train youth and other citizens in peaceful conflict resolution, and assist those in need with critical civil legal services.

In addition to Dennis Archer, Fellows Founders include: Stephen C. Brandsdorfer, Daniel M. Clark, Hon. Avern L. Cohn, Julia Donovan Darlow, Stuart J. Dunning, Jr., Elliott S. Hall, Joseph L. Hardig, Jr., Hon. Charles W. Joiner, Hon. Cornelia G. Kennedy, John A. Krsul, Jr., Dean S. Lewis, Lawrence B. Lindemer, Wallace D. Riley, Charles R. Rutherford, Norman Otto Stockmeyer, Jr., Brian Sullivan, and Fred L. Woodworth. Founders in memoriam include: Joel M. Boyden, Frederick G. Buesser, Jr., George E. Bushnell, Jr., John S. Clark, Hon. Mary S. Coleman, Kenneth O. Doyle, Emmett E. Eagan, Leo A. Farhat, Michael Franck, Nathan B. Goodnow, William T. Gossett, Robert E. LeMire, A. DeVere Ruegsegger, and Robert G. Russell.

Additionally, the Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation elected 2004-2005 officers and admitted 68 new Fellows into the program. The Honorable Julian A. Cook, Jr., Senior Judge in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit was elected Chairperson. The Vice-Chair will be the Honorable Hilda R. Gage of the Michigan Court of Appeals in Southfield. Charles R. Rutherford, a member of Dykema Gossett, PLLC in Bloomfield Hills and a past President of the Foundation, was named as Fellows Secretary.

For more information on the Fellows Program or the Michigan State Bar Foundation please see [www.msbf.org](http://www.msbf.org).

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Attachment: List of Newly-Elected Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation

Photo from left to right:  
(Scott S. Brinkmeyer, Margaret J. Nichols, Dennis W. Archer, Linda K. Rexer)

Photo Cutline:

Scott S. Brinkmeyer (far left), 2003-2004 President of the State Bar of Michigan, presented Dennis Archer (second from right) with the Michigan State Bar Foundation's first Founders Award. With them are Foundation President, Margaret J. Nichols (second from left) and Foundation Executive Director, Linda Rexer (far right).

## Founder's Award Picture



Scott S. Brinkmeyer (far left), 2003-2004 President of the State Bar of Michigan, presented Dennis Archer (second from right) with the Michigan State Bar Foundation's first Founders Award. With them are Foundation President, Margaret J. Nichols (second from left) and Foundation Executive Director, Linda Rexer (far right).

**NEW FELLOWS  
MICHIGAN STATE BAR FOUNDATION**

<b><u>FELLOW</u></b>	<b><u>FIRM NAME</u></b>	<b><u>CITY</u></b>
Hon. Louise Alderson	54-A District Court	Lansing
Danilo Anselmo	Michigan Supreme Court	Lansing
John T. Berry	State Bar of Michigan	Lansing
Evan Caminker	University of Michigan Law School	Ann Arbor
Ruth C. Carter	City of Detroit	Detroit
Charles Patrick Cercone	Thomas M. Cooley Law School	Lansing
Sherry Chin	Sherry Chin, PLC	Ann Arbor
James P. Cunningham	Williams, Williams, Ruby & Plunkett, PC	Birmingham
Harold Curry	Harold Curry & Associates, PLLC	Rochester
Thomas B. Darnton	Darnton, Rutzky, Dodge & Woloshin	Ann Arbor
Christopher J. Dine	Bodman, Longley & Dahling, LLP	Detroit
Michael P. Donnelly	Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, PC	Detroit
Terence M. Donnelly	Dickinson Wright, PLLC	Bloomfield Hills
Hon. Maggie W. Drake	3 <sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court	Detroit
Lisa L. Dwyer	Attorney at Law	Pleasant Ridge
John T. Eads III	Kopka, Pinkus & Dolin, PLC	Farmington Hills
Andrew M. Eggan	Pear, Sperling, Eggan & Daniels, PC	Ypsilanti
Hon. Edward Ewell Jr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court	Detroit
Ann D. Fillingham	Howard & Howard Attorneys, PC	Lansing
Sally Claire Fink	Josephson & Fink, LLP	Ann Arbor
Hon. Julie Creal Goodridge	15 <sup>th</sup> District Court	Ann Arbor
Hon. Casper O. Grathwohl	2 <sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court	Saint Joseph
Debra A. Gutierrez-McGuire	Michigan Supreme Court	Detroit
Hon. Joel P. Hoekstra	Michigan Court of Appeals	Grand Rapids
Allyn D. Kantor	Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC	Ann Arbor
Barbara L. Kessler	Kessler, Mullkoff & Hooberman	Ann Arbor
Janet P. Knaus	Warner Norcross & Judd, LLP	Grand Rapids
Hon. Paul J. Komives	United States District Court	Detroit
David A. Kotzian	David A. Kotzian, PLLC	Farmington Hills
Hon. Amy Krause	54-A District Court	Lansing
Joseph F. Lavey II	Joseph F. Lavey, II, PC	Marquette
Neil W. MacCallum	Collins, Einhorn, Farrell & Ulanoff, PC	Southfield
Mary Grace McCarter	Women's Survival Center of Oakland County	Bloomfield Hills

Paul A. McCarthy	Rhoades McKee	Grand Rapids
Bridget M. McCormack	University of Michigan Law School	Ann Arbor
Donald E. McGinnis Jr.	Donald E. McGinnis, Jr., PC	Troy
John T. McNeil	McNeil & McNeil, PLC	Paw Paw
Patrick A. Miles Jr.	Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett, LLP	Grand Rapids
John R. Monnich	John R. Monnich, PC	Royal Oak
Judith A. Moskus	Garan Lucow Miller, PC	Ann Arbor
Randy A. Musbach	Attorney at Law	Chelsea
Monica P. Navarro	Frank Haron Weiner & Navarro, PC	Troy
Kathryne A. O'Grady	State Court Administrative Office	Detroit
Kimberly E. O'Leary	Thomas M. Cooley Law School	Lansing
Hon. Marla E. Parker	47 <sup>th</sup> District Court	Farmington Hills
David A. Perkins	Third Judicial Circuit Court	Detroit
Hon. Steven M. Pestka	17 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Court	Grand Rapids
Clarence L. Pozza Jr.	Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC	Detroit
Donald G. Rockwell	Attorney at Law	Flint
Mary Massaron Ross	Plunkett & Cooney, PC	Detroit
Kurt E. Schnelz	Schnelz Wells, PC	Birmingham
Joseph J. Shannon	Bodman, Longley & Dahling, LLP	Detroit
Barbara B. Smith	The Panzer Law Firm	Southfield
Hon. Jeanne Stempien	3 <sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court	Detroit
Jeffrey S. Theuer	Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, PC	Lansing
Bruce H. Tobin	Bruce H. Tobin, PLC	West Bloomfield
Margaret M. Tobin	Tucker & Tobin, PC	Detroit
Charles R. Toy	Farhat & Story, PC	East Lansing
Stuart Trager	City of Detroit	Detroit
Matthew L. Vicari	Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, PLC	Grand Rapids
Howard I. Wallach	Attorney at Law	Southfield
Stephen C. Waterbury	Warner Norcross & Judd, LLP	Grand Rapids
Jerome R. Watson	Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC	Detroit
Joseph M. White	Phifer, Phillips & White, PC	Detroit
Mark E. Wilson	Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC	Troy
I. W Winsten	Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn, LLP	Detroit
Leonard C. Wolfe	Dykema Gossett, PLLC	Lansing
Mark J. Zausmer	Zausmer, Kaufman, August & Caldwell, PC	Farmington Hills

**Total: 68**