

Inaugural Schulman Award Bestowed Upon Four Outstanding Michigan Business Lawyers

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Four of the state's most remarkable business lawyers were honored at this year's Business Law Section Annual Meeting on September 26 in Novi. Section members took a moment to reflect upon the distinguished careers of Cyril Moscow, Martin Oetting, Hugh Makens, and James Bruno as each of the four received the Section's Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award.

The Award, created this year by the Section, was developed to annually commemorate the attorney who, over the course of his or her career, has consistently exemplified the characteristics the Section seeks to foster and facilitate, including the highest quality of practice, utmost professionalism, unwavering dedication to service and commitment, and the promotion of ethical conduct and collegiality within the practice of law. The award was named for Wayne State University Law Professor Schulman in recognition of his profound influence on thousands of law students and colleagues, his tireless work reforming Michigan's Corporation Law and his years of dedicated service to the Business Law Section. Professor Schulman received many teaching awards, served as faculty adviser and regular contributor to *The Wayne Law Review* for several decades, and was co-reporter for the Business Law Section's Subcommittee on the Revision of the Michigan Business Corporation Act.

This year's honorees represent the very best in Michigan business lawyers. They have been actively involved in their firms, communities, and the Business Law Section and through their examples have demonstrated the collegiality and civility too often missing in the legal profession.

Cyril Moscow, a partner in the corporate and securities and insurance departments at Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn and an adjunct professor in Law at the University of Michigan for many years, is also a recognized lecturer, author, and editor. He is a former chair of the Business Law Section and is currently chair of the Michigan Business Corporation Act Revision Subcommittee.

Martin Oetting has been practicing law for more than 50 years and is now Of Counsel to Clark Hill in its corporate practice group. He participated in drafting the 1972 and 1989 Michigan Business Corporation

Acts and he served as chairman of the Corporation, Finance and Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Mr. Oetting is currently a trustee of the Harold and Carolyn Robison Foundation, the Tuberculosis Foundation, and a director and secretary of the Detroit Executive Service Corps.

Hugh Makens, a partner at Warner Norcross & Judd, has been involved in the securities industry for over 35 years as an attorney, regulator, and advisor. He has been active in the Michigan, Federal, and American Bar Associations, holding various leadership and committee positions throughout his career, including serving as chair of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Mr. Makens is also an adjunct professor at Michigan State University College of Law.

James Bruno is a business attorney, shareholder, and member of the Board of Directors at Butzel Long. He has served as chair of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and has held various leadership and committee positions within the Section. He has been editor of the "Business Problems and Planning" column of *The Michigan Bar Journal* for many years, and his articles are commonly cited in legal briefs and court decisions.

The nearly 4,000 members of the Business Law Section are encouraged to look to these four influential attorneys as a benchmark for their own careers as business lawyers in the State of Michigan.

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