

# Foundation elects Fellows officers, bestows award

The Fellows of the Michigan State Bar Foundation elected the following officers at their September 2006 annual meeting: Julian A. Cook Jr., senior judge in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, as chairperson; retired Judge Hilda R. Gage of Bloomfield Hills, as vice-chair; and Charles R. Rutherford, Of Counsel at Dykema Gossett P.L.L.C., in Bloomfield Hills, as secretary.

The Foundation Fellows are a group of attorneys selected for their professional contributions and devotion to the welfare of their community. Fellows membership cannot exceed 5% of the total active membership of the State Bar of Michigan. In 1984, thirty-two leading lawyers founded the Fellows to sustain leadership and financial support for the Foundation and its charitable programs.

Today, more than 1,200 attorneys and judges are Fellows, and their contributions to support the Foundation's charitable work total

over \$1.2 million. Without the Fellows leadership and financial support, much of the Foundation's public service would not be possible.

Fellows secretary Charles R. Rutherford was also honored with the Foundation's 2006 Founders Award.

The Founders Award recognizes a lawyer who exemplifies professional excellence and has made significant community contributions.

Foundation President Margaret J. Nichols 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 Rutherford's] leadership." The award recognizes all of Rutherford's profes-



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sional and community contributions including: Foundation trustee for over 27 years (including past president); a founder of the Foundation's Fellow 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; and he is currently Of Counsel at Dykema Gossett, specializing in intellectual law.

Additionally, the following attorneys were elected new 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; Judge 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.