



State Bar Honors 2004 Award Recipients

The State Bar of Michigan will present several major awards at its 69th Annual Meeting. The award recipients will be honored at a Distinguished Service Awards Banquet, Thursday, September 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lansing Center ballroom.

The 2004 Champion of Justice Award will be presented to Judge Terrance K. Boyle of Detroit, Sandra L. Bailiff Girard of Jackson, Richard C. Kupferschmidt of Kalamazoo, Michael V. Morgan of Troy, and Richard S. Victor of Bloomfield Hills. This award is given for integrity and adherence to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and for professional accomplishments that benefit national, state, or local communities.

Richard S. Victor of The Law Offices of Richard S. Victor PLLC is being honored for his dedication to the practice of family law and divorce, custody, and children's advocacy issues. Victor has been practicing family law exclusively since 1979 and is known for his commitment to grandparents' rights, receiving statewide and nationwide attention for his focus on complex divorce and custody matters. Victor has worked on many high-profile cases, and assisted Michigan legislators in drafting the state's most recent grandparent visitation legislation.

He is the founder of the non-profit Grandparents Rights Organization, which advocates for grandparents and educates state legislatures and courts on the need to protect the bond between grandparents and grandchildren. Victor has held positions in many organizations, and is an accomplished author and editor, writing for the Michigan Bar Journal, organizational newsletters and law-related newspapers, and serving on the board of editors for Michigan Lawyers Weekly.