

Local attorney honored by AAML

Bloomfield Hills family law attorney Richard S. Victor, senior partner in the Law Offices of Richard S. Victor P.L.L.C was recently honored by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) at their national convention, which took place in Chicago. Victor was given AAML's highest and most prestigious award when he was named the 2006 Fellow of the Year. Victor is the first attorney from the state of Michigan to ever receive this honor. The AAML selected Victor for their top award based on his contributions as a member of the AAML National Board of Governors and his work as chair of their national continuing legal education committee, since 2004. Victor has been recognized for his other contributions, both nationally and within the State of Michigan for his work on behalf of children, families and grandparents through his efforts in co-creating the state and national parent education program known as SMILE (Start Making It Livable for Everyone) and as the founder and executive director of the national nonprofit Grandparents Rights Organization. In 1999, Victor was honored with the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan's **Lifetime Achievement Award**; he was named the **2000 National Alumni of the Year Award from his Law School, MSU-DCL**; and the **State Bar of Michigan awarded him the Champion Of Justice Award in 2004.**



**Fellow of the Year Award Recipient
Victor and President Hepfer**

The AAML was founded in 1962. It currently has more than 1,600 members in 50 states. Its purpose is to encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of matrimonial law, to the end that the welfare of the family and society is protected. AAML Fellows must pass an oral and/or written examination on wide-ranging issues pertaining to matrimonial and family law given by both the national organization as well as their home state. They must also be interviewed by a state board of examiners and be passed upon by other matrimonial law practitioners in the state. They must also, demonstrate involvement in the study or improvement of matrimonial law, such as publishing articles or continuing education presentations.

Mr. Victor is also recognized in the Best Lawyers In America" for Family Law and is named as a Michigan "Super Lawyer" by Super Lawyers Magazine.