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PRESS RELEASE

Honorees for 2010 Call to Justice Award Announced Today
Lansing, February 26, 2010:

Elder Law of Michigan today announced the 2010 honorees for the Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Award, the Vanguard Awards for Contributions in Law and Aging, and the new Vanguard Award for Contributions in Law and Aging Media. The awards will be presented April 30, 2010 at the Country Club of Lansing at the Call to Justice Award Luncheon. For more information on the event, visit www.elderlawofmi.org/event.

The Call to Justice Award Luncheon is traditionally held near Law Day (May 1) which celebrates the importance of pro bono work and the contributions of lawyers. The national theme for Law Day 2010 is *Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges*. These fitting sentiments capture the pride and accomplishments of Elder Law of Michigan's 20 years of service to older adults.



David L. Shaltz, JD,
Attorney At Law,
Okemos, MI

David L. Shaltz, JD, Attorney At Law, Okemos, Michigan, will receive the marquee award, the Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Award. The Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Award pays tribute to individuals who bring a passion and exuberance to fairness and justice, causes and other actions that help older adults realize the freedom to exercise personal choices about healthcare, living arrangements, supportive care and the activities that bring joy and meaning to life. Fundamentally, the Joe D. Sutton Award winner embraces Elder Law of Michigan's mission of protecting and promoting the rights, health and economic well being of people as they age or with disabilities, through information, training, advocacy, legal advice and service. It acknowledges those who are widely trusted as "someone to turn to for advice and assistance." Pro bono service and volunteerism are hallmarks of honorees.



John Schneider, Columnist, Lansing State Journal, will receive the Vanguard Award for Contributions in Law and Aging Media Award. This new award will be given to thoughtful and responsible people or organizations in mass media that positively portray the challenges and opportunities of growing older, being older or living with disabilities. Honorees are chosen for the insightfulness, understanding and universal relevance of their work to the community. We recognize their talent or special projects for clearly and affirmatively communicating the gift of longevity and inclusion as well as the importance of society protecting people at points of vulnerability.

John Schneider,
Columnist, Lansing
State Journal

Vanguard Awards for Contributions in Law and Aging



Julia Donovan Darlow, JD

Julia Donovan Darlow, JD (Ann Arbor), **Olivia P. Maynard, MSW** (Flint), **John W. Martin, Jr., JD**, (Harbor Springs) **State Senator Martha G. Scott** (Detroit), and **State Senator Bill Hardiman** (Kentwood) will be honored with Vanguard Awards for Contributions in Law and Aging. Elder Law of Michigan created this award to recognize the contributions of individuals and organizations who have



John W. Martin, Jr. JD



Olivia P. Maynard, MSW

been key founders, leaders and sponsors of our important work. Because Elder Law is a hybrid of the best of non-profit legal services, aging services, services to people with disabilities and human services programs, it doesn't fit easily in most categories. It can be hard to understand and appreciate. Our honorees are individuals that have given generously of their reputations, political capital, time, resources, personal wealth, and skills to allow Elder Law to grow from "three lawyers in a phone booth" to the robust



The Honorable Bill Hardiman,
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The Honorable Martha G. Scott, State Senator ##

organization that employs 44 people and manages over 350 volunteers today. They saw the organization's potential and made key contributions that shaped and secured the organization's future and we honor them for their vision and foresight.