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Foundation Honors the Memory of Hon. Alfred M. Butzbaugh

The Michigan State Bar Foundation honors the memory of their long-term trustee, Hon. Alfred M. Butzbaugh, who died on January 11th.

Executive Director, Jennifer Bentley said “We will always remember and are so grateful for Judge Butzbaugh’s determination and dedication to justice for all. He was a true hero for access to justice in Michigan and we were honored to work closely with him on so many initiatives.”



Judge Butzbaugh served on the Foundation’s Board of Trustees for almost 20 years and was President, Vice President and Chair of the Legal Services Grants Committee. As President of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, Judge Butzbaugh provided significant leadership to ensure that everyone, regardless of income, received access to justice. He tirelessly participated in groups and activities to advance access to justice. Examples of efforts made possible through his work at the Foundation and as a State Bar leader are the coordinated statewide fundraising for legal aid through the Access to Justice Campaign and the Michigan Legal Help Program. Last year, Judge Butzbaugh received the highest Foundation award - the Founders Award, which recognizes lawyers who exemplify professional excellence and outstanding community contributions.

Board President, Edward Pappas, succeeded Judge Butzbaugh as President of the Foundation. “Al Butzbaugh was a friend, mentor and role model to me and many lawyers throughout the State of Michigan. He was a tireless leader of access to justice for all and an exemplar of professionalism and civility. We have lost a good, kind, and wonderful man. Al will be missed.”

A memorial service is planned for the Spring.

Other links of interest:

<https://memorials.starksfamilyfh.com/alfred-butzbaugh/4074419/index.php>

<https://www.michbar.org/News/NewsDetail/nid/5662>

https://www.heraldpalladium.com/news/local/retired-judge-butzbaugh-dies-at/article_5dc1ce6e-1465-52de-b313-fb967369593f.html