



## **Secret Wardle Executive Partner Margaret A. Scott has been interviewed for a *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* article, “A sidebar with...Margaret A. Scott”**

Margaret A. Scott, an Executive Partner in Secret Wardle’s Troy location, was recently interviewed by Web Editor Douglas Levy of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*. The article, “A sidebar with...Margaret A. Scott,” appeared in the publication’s July 20, 2015, issue ><http://bit.ly/1gOVAsp>.

The article touched on how most attorneys in Michigan are not able to say they have a practice with matters that are both literally and figuratively “hot.” But Margaret Scott can – she specializes in both arson insurance defense and auto theft prevention. Ms. Scott is a former special prosecutor for the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office. During her time there, she served as chief of the Auto Theft Unit, where she successfully prosecuted almost all of the cases assigned to that unit.

In the article, Margaret Scott offered up some personal tips regarding auto and fire safety: “With regard to my vehicle..., I make sure the vehicle is locked and nothing of value is visible.” “For my home, I have smoke detectors in every bedroom, I have two in my basement and two on my first floor, and that’s partly because of my training; I realized how quickly a house can go up.”

Ms. Scott is a member of Secret Wardle’s Motor Vehicle Litigation, Municipal, and Property, Fire and Casualty Practice Groups. She is recognized in the Michigan legal community and beyond as a passionate advocate in the fight against auto theft, arson prevention, and insurance fraud. She is the past-Chair of the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Campaign Committee and is the current Chair of the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee’s Governmental Resource Committee. For more information > <http://bit.ly/1cFqn27>.

Ms. Scott obtained her B.A. from Michigan State University in Criminal Justice and Psychology. She received her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School, and was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1988. Ms. Scott is licensed in all Michigan courts.

Margaret Scott has been recognized by her peers for her dedication to the fight against auto theft and insurance fraud. Ms. Scott has received the Bob Sattler Award by the North Central Regional Chapter-International Association of Auto Theft Investigators. She has also received an Award for Professional Excellence for services provided to the Michigan State Police characterized by outstanding performance of duty and a personal commitment to the excellence associated with the prosecution of a Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit investigation. Additionally, Ms. Scott has been awarded the William V. Liddane Award by the Help Eliminate Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) Organization in recognition of her advocacy in reducing auto-theft related crimes in Michigan.

Ms. Scott is a member of the following associations:

- North Central Regional Chapter-International Association of Auto Theft Investigators
- Michigan Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators
- Michigan Arson Prevention Committee
- Michigan Help Eliminate Auto Theft Committee

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