

## Secrest Wardle Executive Partner Margaret A. Scott Receives North Oakland County Veteran's Treatment Court "Challenge Coin"



Margaret A. Scott, an Executive Partner located in Secrest Wardle's Troy office, was recently presented with a "Challenge Coin" honoring her commitment to the North Oakland County Veteran's Treatment Court (NOCVTC.) Ms. Scott was honored as a NOCVTC Team Member for her service to the program in her role as a Prosecuting Attorney in the 51<sup>st</sup> District Court in Waterford, Michigan. The ceremony took place July 16, 2015, at the courthouse. Nine veterans graduated from the program during the ceremony, with a combined total of 60 years of service. Each service member received a Challenge Coin in recognition of their successful completion of the NOCVTC Program.

Waterford Township trustee Donna Kelley attended the ceremony and had this to say about the NOCVTC program and Margaret Scott:

"The wonderful work that is done by the NOCVTC is contagious for those that want to be a part of something that makes a difference in Veterans' lives. I was very pleased to see Margaret recognized for being a part of it. As a trustee of Waterford Township, I am aware that Margaret is very involved with her work for the Township. I have worked at VFW Post 1008 for 25 years and am very proud that there is this fine program available to assist Veterans in our community."

Veterans' treatment court uses a hybrid integration of drug court and mental health court principles to serve military veterans, and sometimes active-duty personnel. They promote sobriety, recovery, and stability through a coordinated response that involves collaboration with the traditional partners found in drug courts and mental health courts, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs, healthcare networks, Veterans Benefits Administration, state Departments of Veterans Affairs, volunteer mentors, and organizations that support veterans and veterans' families (Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2010). For more information > <http://1.usa.gov/1NcYXno>.

Ms. Scott is a member of Secrest Wardle's Motor Vehicle Litigation, Municipal, and Property, Fire and Casualty Practice Groups. In addition to receiving recognition as a dedicated prosecutor, Ms. Scott is also a familiar figure 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. Ms. Scott has recently been named to the *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* publication's list of honorees, "Women in the Law" Class of 2015. "Women in the Law" honorees are recognized for the meaningful and inspiring contributions they have made to the legal community. For additional information about Ms. Scott > <http://bit.ly/1cFqn27>.

Margaret 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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