

William P. Hampton To Be Honored At Leaders In The Law Award Ceremony



William P. Hampton has accomplished a lot during his 48 years of practicing law so, when Secrest Wardle heard the news that he had been chosen as one of thirty Michigan attorneys to be honored as a Leader in the Law at an upcoming Michigan Lawyers Weekly award ceremony, it didn't come as much of a surprise. Mr. Hampton has been a recognized leader the majority of his career. His past positions include serving as an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge from 1971 to 1977 and as a state legislator from 1964 to 1970. He is President of Secrest Wardle and is credited with the formation of its Municipal Law Department. He has been admired and respected by his colleagues for many years.

Nominations for Leaders in the Law include those submitted by other attorneys, individuals in a public service position, judges, and politicians. A Michigan Lawyers Weekly panel reviews the nominations and determines who the Honorees will be. They consider details such as: legal success record, achievements that display character strength and the ability to be a leader, and his/her activity level within the legal community and the community at large. The 30 honorees will vote for their choice for Lawyer of the Year to be announced at the March 21st award ceremony.

Mr. Hampton has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 1995 in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Land Use and Zoning, Real Estate Law, and Municipal Law. He is currently serving as attorney for the Cities of Bloomfield Hills and Auburn Hills and for the Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield. He is also currently serving as special counsel for the cities of Pontiac and Royal Oak. He is a member of the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys, Michigan Judges Association, Michigan Municipal League, Oakland County Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Who's Who in American Law, and is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Mr. Hampton earned his Undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and his law degree from Wayne State University Law School. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1964.