



## **William P. Hampton, Daniel P. Makarski, and Thomas R. Schultz Recognized as 2011 *Top Lawyers* in Metro Detroit's *DBusiness* Magazine**

When over 15,000 private attorneys were polled in the five-county region, three Secret Wardle attorneys were among the nominees. After thousands of votes were cast for the nearly 900 honorees selected, Mr. Hampton was voted a *Top Lawyer* in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Family Law, and Municipal Law; Mr. Makarski for his specialty area of Alternative Dispute Resolution; and Mr. Schultz as an outstanding Municipal Law attorney.

Mr. Hampton, President of Secret Wardle and former Oakland County Circuit Court Judge and State Legislator, has also been recognized in Best Lawyers in America® for over ten years and was named "Detroit *Best Lawyers* Municipal Law Lawyer of the Year" for 2012. Mr. Hampton currently serves as general counsel for the Cities of Bloomfield Hills and Auburn Hills, Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield, and as special counsel for Pontiac and Royal Oak.

Daniel P. Makarski, with more than 30 years of experience, has earned a state wide reputation as a successful arbitrator, case evaluator, facilitator, and mediator. He is routinely appointed to cases involving personal injuries, medical malpractice, and property and business disputes. For the third year in a row, he has been named in *Dbusiness* magazine as a *Top Lawyer* in Metro Detroit. He has previously been awarded the prestigious Respected Advocate Award from the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association and the Civility Award from the Macomb County Bar Association.

Executive Partner Thomas R. Schultz is also a prior honoree. He currently serves as City Attorney for the Cities of Novi, Farmington, and Sylvan Lake and provides general counsel services for several other Oakland County communities, including the City of Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township. Mr. Schultz is a recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Municipal Attorney Award given by the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys (MAMA) for his recognized achievements exemplifying the highest level of accomplishment in representing municipal interests in Michigan courts.