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Briggs attorneys receive MJF recognition

The Minnesota Justice Foundation is recognizing a group of Briggs and Morgan attorneys for their volunteer services at the Ramsey County Mental Court as part of MJF's annual dinner next month.



Alan Maclin

Michael Wilhelm, Knapp Fitzsimmons, and Ankoor Bagchi and Alan Maclin will be recognized with the Outstanding Service Award for private practice.

Maclin is the president of the firm He will be recognized for creating an environment that values pro bono work at Briggs. Wilhelm, Fitzsimmons and Bagchi were nominated for their pro bono work by the RCMC.

The mental health court began in 2005 and has served over 300 mentally-ill participants facing criminal charges in Ramsey County. Participation is voluntary, and it offers participants an alternative to purely criminal sanctions. The court is credited with shortening incarceration rates, reducing recidivism, and saving public dollars.

The MJF dinner is Nov. 13 at International Market Square. The guest speaker is Judge Jane Kelly from the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. More information is available at <http://www.mnjustice.org>.

For the past 31 years, MJF has worked to secure legal aid for under-represented Minnesotans by coordinating the efforts of volunteer law students and attorneys.

'Tis the season

For recognition of our deserving colleagues. In addition to Briggs' awards, the Council on Crime and Justice is accepting nominations for the 2013 Equal Justice Awards. The awards are presented to outstanding individuals and organizations that make the criminal justice

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For the first time in its history, the Minnesota Tax Court is hiring law clerks.

Applications will be accepted through Oct. 31. The rate of pay starts at just more than \$38,000.

As early as 2000, then-Judge George Perez pleaded for law clerks to help the judges research and write their opinions, but the funding was not provided. Now, two lucky job candidates will get to delve deep into Minnesota tax law as full-time law clerks.

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Present Sense Impressions

"Law reviews (most of them, anyway) are the only body of literature with which I'm familiar that are written to be written, rather than written to be read. The article is correct: they are written to achieve tenure, and almost never to do anything else. Once published - and published alone - they have achieved their purpose."



— Retired U.S. District Court Judge James Rosenbaum responding to a New York Times article, "The Lackluster Reviews That Lawyers Love to Hate," on law reviews.

presented its Advocate Award to attorney Judy Miller-Thomas, formerly a legal advocate at the Hennepin County Domestic Abuse Center. It presented its Law Firm Award to Cooper & Reid, which it says is one of the few firms that openly offers highly experienced attorneys to handle full family law representation at set sliding-scale fee rates based on income and federal poverty guidelines. *1*

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