

## RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE: THE 2019 ALUMNI AWARDS

### OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AWARD

*The Alumni Association recognizes a member of the MSU Law community who has diligently employed her/his time and talents in advancing the interests of the Law College.*

**Awarded to:**  
**TRUSTEE CHARLES A. JANSSEN**

*I was first asked to be on the MSU Law Board to assist in the integration of the Law College to MSU. As an MSU undergrad with a great affinity for the university, I was more than willing to help.*

*I expected to attend meetings and review a lot of paperwork; the typical corporate Board work. Little did I know that my involvement would engage and reward me so much more than I expected.*

*I discovered a vibrant law college with solid leadership, an excellent and energized faculty, and a talented student body. The more I learned about MSU Law, the more impressed I was with our commitment to delivering a superb education. Our graduates are problem solvers who work on complex legal issues and societal problems.*

*My observations motivated me to make gifts to the college to fund a variety of initiatives, including scholarships for students who need assistance to achieve their dreams. MSU Law is truly a special place with special people – and unlimited potential.*



Charles A. Janssen joined the Board of Trustees as vice-chair in 2009 and has been a part of many changes at the Law College, including its pending full integration with MSU. He's an attorney at Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC where he's spent his 40-year career practicing estate planning. He's a recognized leader, a devoted community volunteer, and a hardworking member of the legal profession.

### SUSTAINED & EXTRAORDINARY PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

*The Alumni Association recognizes an alumna/us who, over the course of her/his career, has attained outstanding achievement within her/his professional field.*

**Awarded to:**  
**ROBERT E. CARR, '88**

For over 20 years, Robert E. Carr has served as the senior vice president of Operations and Legal Affairs for Olympia Entertainment, as well as general counsel and alternate governor for the Detroit Red Wings. Prior to his career in

professional sports and entertainment, Carr was a partner at Dickinson Wright. His portfolio of responsibilities with Olympia Entertainment is vast and varied, and his work helps to revitalize Detroit neighborhoods.

### EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

*The Alumni Association acknowledges the contributions of an alumna/us who has championed the public good through her/his public service, distinguishing her/himself through leadership and personal integrity.*

**Awarded to:**  
**JUSTICE ELIZABETH T. CLEMENT, '02**

*East Lansing is my home; I can hear the band playing during home games from my house, so it's easy for me to come back. I loved going to law school – my friends, my professors, the classes – and returning to campus brings me back to my time here.*

Prior to her election to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2017, Justice Elizabeth T. Clement acted as chief legal counsel in the Executive Branch. Today, she serves as liaison to the 188 nontraditional Problem-Solving Courts in Michigan. From representing the Michigan Senate to the Governor's Office to her appointment, she's been a standout advocate for the state over the course of her career. A true Spartan, she's proud to note that she was born on the day of the yearly football game between MSU and U of M.



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