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### Legal Assistants Section Honors Founders

The Legal Assistants Section of the State Bar of Michigan will honor its Founders during the celebration of the Section's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event will take place during the Section's Annual Meeting in E. Lansing on Friday, September 23, 2005.

Founders will receive awards and recognition will also be given to the officers, committee chairs and Section mentors. As part of the tribute, Linda S. Jevahirian, President, Legal Search & Management, Inc., will present A Short History of the Section and of Paralegals in Michigan.

The following nine individuals played a central role in the formation of the Section:

- **The Honorable Gene Schnelz** who chaired the State Bar of Michigan Task Force on Law Related Professions.
- **Robert McKenzie, Esq. (Deceased)**, a Macomb County Lawyer who was active in obtaining legal assistant membership in the American Bar Association.
- **Jennifer Cote, Esq.**, Paralegal Program Director at Madonna University.
- **Dr. Margaret Rose**, the first Program Director at Macomb Community College, and one of her instructors, **John F. Mayer, Esq.**
- **Kathleen Wilczewski**, a graduate of Dr. Rose's Macomb Community College Program
- **Charlotte Curiston**, President of the Legal Assistants Association of Michigan.
- **Suzanne Fogle Schultz** and **Maurine Payne**, paralegals who assisted Wilczewski in drafting the Section by-laws and membership requirements.

Members are invited to attend the entire morning program, which begins with a continental breakfast at 9:00, election of officers at 9:30 and tribute and awards at 10:00.

The morning concludes with an outstanding educational program from 10:30 - noon. Attorney Jon D. Vander Ploeg of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge will be the featured speaker. His presentation will focus on changes in appellate court practices.

Contact Linda S. Jevahirian at 248-471-3443 for an invitation and more details or visit <http://www.michbar.org/legalassistants/pdfs/invite.pdf>