

RICHARD J. HUDLIN

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The St. Clair County Bar Association, in recognition of the many unheralded acts of altruism and unselfishness performed on a daily basis by members of the Association established the Richard J. Hudlin Memorial Community Service Award in 1997 to be presented annually to the member of the St. Clair County Bar Association who most reflects the commitment to service and charity to the people of St. Clair County and best epitomizes the best aspects of the legal community in its relationship to the society at large.

The award is named for the late Honorable Chief Judge Richard J. Hudlin, renowned for his own years of service to the profession and the community as legal services attorney, assistant State's Attorney, Judge, husband, father and humanitarian who encouraged all around him to live and work

with unselfish devotion to principles of concern and compassion for all persons.

The Richard J. Hudlin Memorial Community Service Award Committee submits a name to the St. Clair County Bar Association Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has the final authority in the selection of a recipient. The members of the committee serve for a period of three (3) years. This years committee members are Judy Cates, Judge Annette Eckert, Jodee Favre-Jones, Russell Scott, Harry Sterling, Jeff Watson and myself.

The formal requirements for receipt of the award are service to the community outside the requirements of the candidate's work, dedication to principles of fairness, personal development, unselfishness, equality, justice, and betterment of the human condition.

Consideration is also given to service to the profession in demonstrating the best ideals of an attorney's recognition of his

or her responsibility to improve the conditions of life for those less fortunate, to insure equal access to justice for the downtrodden and to serve as an example to all in the profession and those who wish to join the profession in the future that ethics, honest dealings and a genuine concern for others is the rule of the legal profession and not the exception.

At this time I am going to return the podium to Russell Scott to present the Richard J. Hudlin Memorial Community Service Award to this years recipient.