



Congratulations!

Pat Brummer Receives Liberty Bell Award from RCBA

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Congratulations to Patricia Brummer for recently receiving the Liberty Bell Award from the Ramsey County Bar Association (RCBA). Each year the RCBA award is presented to a non-lawyer who has been involved in activities that encourage respect for the law and the courts; stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility under the law and contribute to the effective functioning of our institutions of government. Pat began her journey with SMRLS in 1966 as a receptionist. In the 1970s she began to work with St. Paul volunteer attorneys. Pat is the driving force behind what is known today as SMRLS **Tuesday Evening Volunteer Attorney Program**. In addition, one of the many highlights of the Tuesday evening program are the fabulous homemade brownies that Pat brings in for all the volunteer attorneys for the evening.



Jessie R. Nicholson, SMRLS CEO, Patricia Brummer and Richard Stebbins, RCBA Treasurer

On behalf of SMRLS CEO, Jessie Nicholson, the Board, staff and clients, **thank you Pat for your 41 years of dedication** and for all that you have done, are doing and will continue to do, to ensure equal access to justice for all under the law. *Kathie Battle Sayles*



Sidebar

Jessie R. Nicholson received a plaque in recognition of her three year service on the Ramsey County Bar Association's Board of Directors (2007-2010)

Michael Goodwin Wins 2010 American Bar Association Levit Essay Competition Award

Michael Goodwin of St. Anthony, Minn., a lawyer with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, is the winner of the [2010 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest](#) sponsored by the [ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability](#). LPL provides information on legal malpractice claim statistics and information on insurance for lawyers in addition to malpractice prevention information and assistance.



Michael Goodwin (second from right) displays the plaque he received as the winner of the 2010 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest. With him are (from left) Kathleen Ewins and Joe McMonigle, both with the San Francisco firm of Long & Levit, and Edith Matthai, chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability. Long & Levit, the firm of the late Bert W. Levit, helps judge essays in the writing competition.

Goodwin received a cash award and a trip to the Spring Legal Malpractice Conference in Washington, D.C., during April. He is a member of the [ABA Young Lawyers Division](#) and represents underprivileged children and other children in cases involving education law.

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A graduate of [Augustana College](#), Sioux Falls, SD, with a degree in English and journalism, he worked as a reporter/photographer with the *Beatrice (Neb.) Daily Sun* before attending law school.

Open to members of the ABA Law Students and the Young Lawyers Divisions, the Levit Essay Competition has recognized outstanding legal essays on a predetermined topic since 1998. It is named in memory of [Bert W. Levit](#), a lawyer with the San Francisco firm of Long & Levit, who was one of the founders of the California Fair Plan and several other insurance companies. *Reprinted courtesy of [ABANow.org](#)*

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