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State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
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Re: Michael Franck Award

Dear Representative Assembly Members:

It is without hesitation that I would support the nomination of Judge William Leo Cahalan for receipt of the Michael Franck Award presented by The State Bar of Michigan's Representative Assembly. As Program Administrator of The State Bar of Michigan Lawyers & Judges Assistance Program for the past seven years, I have found Judge Cahalan to be an invaluable resource. Whether it has been his volunteerism as exemplified in his efforts to achieve the mission statement of this program or the kind-hearted manner in which he has directed many attorneys to our door it has always been with the utmost humility, modesty, discretion, and respect. This "kind-hearted" direction I have witnessed as that which has been the salvation for quite a few, whom otherwise would have meandered aimlessly, destroying their careers, families, and ultimately their lives.

Citing Judge Cahalan's many selfless acts as it relates to his work with attorneys would be short sighted. His work from the bench in the many years he has been dealing with defendants has been permeated with the same level of concern and respect. As an adjunct to this Judge Cahalan has for the last 12 years devoted his time and service to the Sobriety House in Detroit, Michigan as a member of The Board of Trustees. Sobriety House is the oldest halfway house recovery environment in the State of Michigan. The clients who make their way to the doors of Sobriety House are most often without resources and direction. Through his efforts while on this board Judge Cahalan has been in part responsible for reclaimed lives that would otherwise have been wasted.

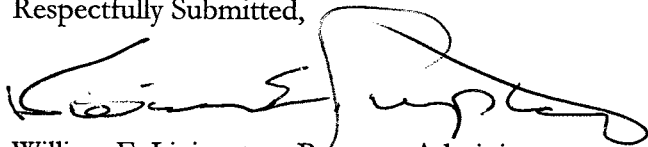
Lastly, I would like to share what I know of Judge Cahalan as a family man. I have had the pleasure to come to know not only Leo but also his wife and their four children. This to the degree that when I have had conversations with some of Leo's children, independent of Leo himself, the glowing respect they exude when speaking of their father seems to suggest that his role of a Judge, member of The State Bar of Michigan, and humanitarian is only exceeded by his commitment to his wife of some 50 years and his four accomplished children.

I know of no collection of previous awards, newspaper clippings, TV programs, notoriety etc. touting the accomplishments of this man i.e. "unsung hero". His work as a humanitarian has been largely behind the scenes. That in itself is the essence of Leo. The true philanthropist most often goes unnoticed and by definition is un-intended as it relates to recognition.

October 2006 has been designated as Lawyers & Judges Assistance Program Awareness Month. I would suggest it fitting at this juncture to not only recognize Judge Cahalan but in doing so this would also recognize the many who have come before him serving on The Lawyers & Judges Assistance Committee and or our volunteer network. The Committee has been in existence since 1979 and is one of the oldest committees the State Bar has. I would suggest it is with distinction in that it has been that one entity of the Bar that has consistently been responsible for the saving of lives for the last twenty-five plus years.

In closing I would suggest that were Judge Cahalan aware of this effort to recognize his many years of devotion to his profession, his family and his fellow man, while he may acknowledge his good deeds, it would be with that characteristic modestly and humility that is the Hon. William Leo Cahalan.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William E. Livingston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent loop at the end.

William E. Livingston, Program Administrator
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Re: Michael Franck Award

Dear Representative Assembly Members:

Leo Cahalan has contributed to the well-being of Lawyers and Judges throughout the State of Michigan for more years than most of us have been lawyers. Leo has traveled to the four corners of Michigan often late at night to meet confidentially with a lawyer or judge in trouble. Due to the sensitive nature of the problems our committee deals with, Leo has always maintained a strict level of confidentiality regarding those in need of assistance.

Not a single day goes by without at least a call from some lawyer or judge seeking advice and guidance with their recovery. Leo has personally reached out to hundreds of impaired lawyers and many judges in need of help always with the message of hope that recovery is possible and life is not over but just beginning for those seeking help.

Leo has, at great personal risk to himself both professionally and politically, publicly spoken out for the voice of recovery. Leo volunteers his time to meet with and address judges formally through conferences and informally when a colleague is in trouble. He is untiring in his efforts and has always been available for those in need. His contribution to our committee has been without equal.

Leo has for several years given his time, efforts, and made outstanding contributions to the improvement of our profession and to the lives of those he has touched. He truly has exhibited the highest standards of commitment for the benefit of others. I can think of no other more deserving of the Michael Franck Award than Leo Cahalan.

Sincerely,

Lee C. Gough, Chairperson
Lawyers and Judges Assistance Committee

From: "William Brodhead" <wbrodhead@zkac.com>
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Date: 3/29/06 12:08PM
Subject: Judge William Leo Cahalan

I am pleased to be able to support the nomination of Judge William Leo Cahalan for the State Bar of Michigan's Unsung Hero Award. What most impresses me about Judge Cahalan is his willingness to quietly and unassumingly, but very generously, take on tasks for the betterment of the Bar and the Michigan Judiciary, as well as for the benefit of individual lawyers and judges. I doubt that there is any member of the Michigan Bar who is so dedicated to the welfare of our profession. Time and again, Judge Cahalan has demonstrated his willingness to go to whatever lengths are necessary to help all of us. Even though he would probably be embarrassed to receive any such award, I think that justice demands that we honor one who is so deserving of this award.

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HON. JOHN B. COLLINS
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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly

FROM: Judge John B. Collins *JBC*
14-B District Court

DATE: April 3, 2006

RE: Honorable William Leo Cahalan

I would like to comment on my impression of Judge Leo Cahalan and his service to the bench and bar.

I first knew of Judge Cahalan when I was a practicing attorney, and he was a judge in Wayne County. I was always impressed with his professionalism and fairness as a judge. When I became a judge, and we got to know each other as colleagues we learned that we shared many friends and many interests especially in the area of the impact that substance abuse has on our entire judicial process. Judge Cahalan was one of the first judges in the state to recognize that people with criminal behavior resulting from substance abuse can be treated and returned to productive lives. He has worked tirelessly both on and off the bench to assist folks with these problems. He has served as a member of the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Committee. He has been on the Board of Directors of several treatment centers, and on a professional basis he has helped uncountable lawyers and judges and members of the public who have problems with substance abuse. Judge Leo, as he is affectionately known to his friends, will always find time for people and will listen to everyone from Supreme Court Judges to homeless people who sleep under the bridges. He is never too busy to hear from people about their problems and is always willing to give a word of encouragement.

I recall many years ago attending a funeral of a beloved Irish judge in Ann Arbor. The old Irish Catholic Priest who performed the funeral service asked the rhetorical question, "What kind of a man makes a good judge?", and the answer is "he must be a good man but not so good that he doesn't understand human weakness." Leo Cahalan is such a man!

I would endorse any awards that the bar would bestow on Judge Cahalan for his long, faithful service to the bar and bench.

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March 30, 2006

State of Michigan
Representative Assembly

*Jerome F. Foster
Executive Director*

Re: Honorable William Leo Cahalan

Dear Sir or Madam:

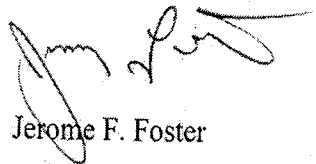
The above noted individual, William Leo Cahalan, has been well and favorably known to me for many years.

In my current position as Executive Director of a fifty-six bed residential facility for adult male recovering alcoholics and addicts I have been privileged to absorb his knowledge and benefit from his efforts to make Sobriety House, its staff, and its residents the finest facility of its kind. His commitment to the cause of the chemically addicted is unsurpassed in all of the individuals I have worked with in this particular profession.

Previous to my position at Sobriety House I was Director of a similar facility in Hillsdale County and worked with Judge Cahalan, then a presiding judge in the 3rd Circuit Court, in housing and treating individuals suffering from addiction, and his ability to siphon out the addict or alcoholic amenable to treatment rather than incarceration was remarkable, successful, and admirable. I found his willingness to look beyond the "rap sheet" to the individual within when considering sentencing to be productive and effective to both the Justice system and the individual.

On a personal level I cannot sing the praises of Judge William Leo Cahalan enough as an advisor, counselor, and friend. There is a heart and character inside that exudes caring, concern, and a commitment to better the lives of all he has touched. Any accolades you find in your Assembly to bestow upon him would be most appropriate.

Sincerely,



Jerome F. Foster



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March 29, 2006

Leroy C. Gough
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Re: Nomination of William Leo Cahalan
for Unsung Hero Award

Dear Mr. Gough:

I would like to nominate William Leo Cahalan for the Michigan State Bar Unsung Hero Award.

I was a colleague of Judge Cahalan from the time of my election to the Wayne County Circuit Court Bench on January 1, 1983 until Judge Cahalan's retirement on January 31, 2006. As Chairman of the Docket Review Committee, I have had an opportunity to closely view Judge Cahalan's work. In particular, his performance as an arraignment judge in the Criminal Division of our Court stands out. Judge Cahalan's own history with alcohol has made him very sensitive to the addictions of criminal defendants. On Judge Cahalan's busy criminal docket, where the goal was to obtain as many guilty pleas as possible, it was a matter of routine and habit for Judge Cahalan to inquire regarding any addictions of defendants, and to find a program that fit the needs of a particular defendant. His efforts went far and beyond what was required by an arraignment judge in the Criminal Division.

I told Judge Cahalan at his retirement party he was one of only two irreplaceable judges that served with me during my term on the Wayne County Circuit Court. As outstanding as our bench is, I seriously doubt that we will ever find a judge who was as concerned about the addictions of defendants, and put forth such a great effort to help those individuals find a solution.

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In my opinion, Judge Cahalan is an Unsung Hero whether or not he receives the award. However, it would be most appropriate for the State Bar of Michigan to recognize the outstanding efforts of Judge Cahalan.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Colombo, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'R'.

Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr.

RJC/k

**Representative Assembly Award
Unsung Hero Award**

Nominee: Jay D. Kaplan
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Nominator: Amanda Shelton
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Reasons for Nomination:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this nomination for Jay D. Kaplan to be considered for the Unsung Hero Award. At a glance of his resume, it is strikingly apparent that Mr. Kaplan has spent his entire legal career of more than twenty years working for the benefits of others. Mr. Kaplan has always stood up for the under represented, the poor, and the unpopular. In a profession that often needs to be reminded of its duty to provide for the less fortunate, Mr. Kaplan serves as an extraordinary example of kindness and selflessness.

Mr. Kaplan graduated from Wayne State Law School in 1985 where he received the American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law. After law school, he went to work as a staff attorney for Legal Services of Southeastern Michigan where he specialized in housing law and handled a significant number of domestic relations cases. Mr. Kaplan then worked for the Landlord-Tenant Center in Detroit where he represented indigent tenants before the state district and circuit courts. Jay also developed and implemented a series of housing seminars for homeless clients. In November 1987, Jay began working for the Housing Dispute Resolution Center where he served as a Program Coordinator for Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Service's Outreach Program. In his capacity as Program Coordinator, Jay provided mediation services for housing disputes.

In September 1988, Jay accepted a staff attorney position with the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service (MPAS). At MPAS, Jay founded the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Program (HAAP) and served as the Program Supervisor. The HAAP program provides legal advocacy services to people living with HIV/AIDS. Jay also helped develop the Human Rights Project, which provided legal information and referral services to gays and lesbians. Jay was also closely involved with the Protection and Advocacy for Social Security Beneficiaries (PABSS) and

represented clients in legal proceedings and administrative hearings. Jay continued his work with MPAS until June 2001 at which time he joined the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan as the LGBT Legal Project Staff Attorney. In conjunction with the ACLU, Jay often serves on panel discussions, debates, and other informative lectures in the community about important issues facing the LGBT community. Jay has also been actively involved in many high profile Michigan cases involving LGBT litigants. A simple 'google' search of his name will reveal several cases and issues in which Jay has been involved since joining the ACLU of Michigan.

As President of and on behalf of the more than fifty members of the Stonewall Bar Association, I strongly encourage Jay's nomination for the Representative Assembly Unsung Hero Award. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions.

/s/ Amanda Shelton
President
Stonewall Bar Association