



# Negligence Law Section

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**“State Bar of Michigan Negligence Section  
Distinguished Service Award Recipient:  
Barry J. Goodman”**

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Throughout its history, the Negligence Section of the State Bar of Michigan has recognized lawyers and judges who have made significant contributions TO, for and on behalf of their clients, the courts and our society. In 2019, the Section came to the realization that it had never specifically recognized those who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to the Section itself. This led to the establishment of the Distinguished Service Award. The inaugural recipient is Barry J. Goodman.

Barry Goodman became a Member of the Michigan Bar in 1979. By background, Barry and his partner, Gerry, formed the Goodman Acker firm in the early 1990's. Together, they achieved a remarkable level of excellence in the representation of Plaintiffs in personal injury cases.

Although a native of New York, Barry is an unquestioned Michigander. He has devoted himself to all aspects of our legal and political communities. His dedication and unselfish commitments have been remarkable, and this is particularly true of his dedication to the Negligence Section.

Barry has served the Negligence Section as a Member, a leader on its Executive Board and as a Section officer. These leadership positions are demanding and require an intense commitment to the work of one of the largest Sections of the State Bar of Michigan. When his tenure as an officer expired, Barry became the “Minister of Fun” and manages the Section’s annual summer meetings which combine education, networking and lawyer development in locations where comradery and collegiality are fostered. It is difficult to count the number of years Barry has unselfishly given of himself to the Section and all members should not only recognize his accomplishments but be grateful for his impressive dedication to the interest of all concerned.

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