

## Admission Ceremony for July 2000 Michigan Bar Examinees

Hosted by Cooley

Successful examinees of the July 2000 Michigan Bar Examination were admitted as new attorneys at a ceremony held Nov. 17, 2000, in Thomas M. Cooley Law School's auditorium. Faculty, family, and friends were able to share the moment when these candidates became members of the State Bar of Michigan, and later socialized at a reception held by the school in the Red Room following the ceremony.

The program was provided with the assistance of the Ingham County Clerk's Office and the Ingham County Bar Association. Cooley's Dean Don LeDuc welcomed the admittees and their guests on behalf

of the school. James Graves, president of the Ingham County Bar Association, was responsible for the convening of the court while the Hon. William E. Collette, judge of the 30th Judicial Circuit Court, granted the motions to admit the new attorneys.

Many of the admittees and sponsors were graduates of Cooley Law School. A record group of 24 new attorneys entered the legal profession at the ceremony, with nine of them being Cooley alumni. The Cooley graduates in the group were David Baker (Weadock Class, 1999), sponsored by Larry D. Fowler; Phoenix Hummel (Jay Class, 2000), sponsored by Professor Judy Frank (Mundy Class, 1986);

Kymerly Shinneman (Jay Class, 2000), sponsored by Kellie Osborn (McDonald Class, 1998); Omar Anderson (Rutledge Class, 2000); Mark Bishop (Rutledge Class, 2000); June DeMarinis (Fead Class, 1999); Robert Ellenstein (Rutledge Class, 2000); Peter H. Jung (Rutledge Class, 2000); Chris Mida (Sharpe Class, 1998); Tony Shu (Fead Class, 1999); and John Stark (Rutledge Class, 2000).

It was a great honor for the faculty and staff of Cooley Law School to share this joyous event with these new attorneys and their guests. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to them!

# Cooley Alumni Recently Elected to the Bench

## Honored at January Reception

On Jan. 11, 2001, Cooley Law School honored its graduates who attained judicial offices in the 2000 elections in Michigan. The Michigan Judicial Institute held an orientation program for new judges in Lansing following the election. Cooley Law School participated in this event by providing a cocktail reception for all of the participants, giving recognition to the law school's graduates in the group.

The reception was held at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel and drew 60

Probate Court; Timothy J. Kelly (Blair Class, 1983) of the 74th District Court in Bay City; Paula J. Manderfield (Goodwin Class, 1982) of the 30th Circuit Court in Lansing; Justus C. Scott (Graves Class, 1977) of the Lapeer County Probate Court; and Michael F. Skinner (McAlvay Class, 1984) of the Eaton County Probate Court.

Cooley Law School's delegation to the reception was led by former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice and law school President Thomas E. Brennan. Cooley Dean Don LeDuc

shared this pleasant duty. The hosts were assisted by Associate Dean Ann Miller.

Cooley Board of Directors members Judge Thomas Brennan, Jr. (Marston Class, 1978); Judge Beverley Nettles

Nickerson (Blair Class, 1983); Judge Jeffrey Martlew (Campbell Class, 1976); and Lawrence Nolan (Cooley Class, 1976) also joined the group.

Cooley professors attending the reception included Ron Bretz; Judge Thomas Brown; Cindy Faulkner (Durand Class, 1992); Judge John Fitzgerald; Marion Hilligan (Johnson Class, 1989); Judge Peter Houk; Otto Stockmeyer; and Bill Weiner.

The alumni at the reception had an enjoyable evening strengthening their relationship with faculty and adminis-

trators from Cooley. The judges at the party who graduated from other law schools had a great time socializing with their colleagues and came away with a very positive impression of the hospitality and quality of Thomas M. Cooley, the capitol city's law school.

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COOLEY JUDICIAL RECEPTION GUESTS OF HONOR

guests. The guests of honor were new judges Laura Baird (Wiest Class, 1979) of the 30th Circuit Court in Mason; Gregory D. Bill (Dethmers Class, 1981) of the 3rd Circuit Court in Detroit; Mike Buck (Graves Class, 1977) of the Allegan County Probate Court; Robert J. Butts (Kavanagh Class, 1981) of the Cheboygan County Probate Court; William W. Carmody (Chandler Class, 1983) of the Alger/Schoolcraft Probate District 5 Court; Norman R. Hayes (Butzel Class, 1979) of the Antrim County