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Ohio State Bar Association Recognizes Akron Attorney for Ethics and Professionalism

Columbus, Ohio (May 8, 2013) – Akron attorney Frank E. Quirk today received the 2013 Eugene R. Weir Award for Ethics and Professionalism. The Weir Award recognizes exceptional professional responsibility among Ohio lawyers and was presented to Quirk during the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA) Annual Convention in Cleveland.

“Frank has embodied professionalism and ethics throughout his career, so it is only fitting to honor him with the Weir Award,” OSBA President Judge Patrick Fischer said. “He not only lives these principles in both his professional and personal life, but he also teaches and promotes these values to colleagues and others in the legal community.”

The OSBA Board of Governors established the Weir Award in 1998 to honor the memory of Eugene R. Weir, a former member of the board. Weir championed improvements in lawyer regulation and strongly advocated for the promotion of professionalism and legal ethics. Each year this award is given to one lawyer who has worked to promote and uphold legal professionalism and ethics.

When Quirk was asked what receiving this award meant to him, he said, “I will be forever grateful for being selected for this high honor. To be included with the other attorneys who have received this award is extremely gratifying, and I thank the OSBA for this recognition.”

Quirk has practiced law in Akron at Brouse McDowell since 1961, and served as the firm’s managing partner from 1989-1998. He currently serves of counsel to the firm and advises and consults on matters of legal ethics, lawyer malpractice and discipline.

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Quirk is also the director of the Miller-Becker Center for Professional Responsibility at the University of Akron Law School. The Miller-Becker Center presents programs on topical ethics and professionalism issues to members of the bench and bar.

From 1983-1984, Quirk served as president of the Akron Bar Association and remains active with the local bar today. He is the recipient of the Akron Bar's Liberty Bell Award that is "bestowed to an individual whose work exemplifies dedication to the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, either through a demonstrated commitment to educating others and/or representation of clients."

Quirk earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from The Ohio State University in 1957 and 1959, respectively.

[The Ohio State Bar Association](#), founded in 1880, is a voluntary association representing approximately 25,000 members of the bench and bar of Ohio, as well as nearly 4,000 legal assistants and law students. Through its activities and the activities of its related organizations, the OSBA serves both its members and the public by promoting the highest standards in the practice of law and the administration of justice.

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Note to reporters and editors: Quirk's business zip code is 44311. Visit the OSBA's Media Center at www.ohiobar.org for news releases, feature stories, a multimedia library, legal publications and other media resources. Photos available at: www.ohiobar.org/conventionpics

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