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Michael Levey receives Pro Bono Lifetime Achievement Award

MADISON, Wis. (May 6, 2026) — Michael Levey of Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee, is the recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Pro Bono Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award, presented for the first time since 2012, recognizes a career dedicated to pro bono service and expanding access to justice. Levey's accomplishments "make him an outlier in pro bono community," according to the committee, and the award celebrates his work as he begins retirement.

[Levey](#) was a Business Law and Health & Life Sciences partner at Quarles & Brady for more than 30 years and served as the firm's national pro bono partner from 2014 until his retirement at the end of 2025.

Under his leadership, the firm established significant pro bono partnerships with national organizations, including Legal Services Corporation, the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program, Kids in Need of Defense, National Immigrant Justice Center, HIAS, Sanctuary for Families, ALIGHT, and Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund.

During his tenure, the firm also expanded its commitment to local organizations, including Legal Action of Wisconsin, the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, and the ACLU of Wisconsin.

Levey has also supported civil legal aid in Wisconsin through his involvement with the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund since 2015. He currently serves on its Executive Committee and served as president in 2019. He was also recently appointed to the Legal Services Corporation's Leaders Council.



Michael Levey of Milwaukee is the recipient of the 2026 State Bar of Wisconsin Pro Bono Lifetime Achievement Award. (Photo courtesy of the State Bar of Wisconsin)

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