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ATTORNEY HENRY BASKIN NAMED AMONG STATE'S LEADERS IN THE LAW BY MICHIGAN LAWYERS WEEKLY

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009, BIRMINGHAM, MICH. – Henry Baskin, one of Michigan's most respected attorneys, has been named among an elite group outstanding legal professionals as one of the 2009 Leaders in the Law.

A panel of judges selected the honorees from nominations submitted for the award this year. Baskin was first nominated by his peers and then completed a rigorous selection process, during which he detailed the professional achievements, community outreach and mentorship activities that have shaped his legal career. As one of the 25 nominees, he will be honored during a private reception March 25 at the Marriott Hotel in Troy.

Baskin has achieved many milestones throughout his career. He is known as Michigan's first major entertainment attorney. His celebrity clientele included such Motown icons as Marvin Gaye. His most prominent accomplishments have been in the field of family law. Baskin authored the pivotal Child Custody Act of 1970, granting a voice to children of divorce. He also penned and ushered through legislation creating the Personal Protection Order, widely used in many states today.

Even early in his career, Baskin offered his time in pro bono landmark cases to serve the greater good. Whether it meant representing grandparents in a precedent-setting custody trial, championing the rights of Vietnamese citizens whose children were removed from their country and placed for adoption, or representing the father of a bi-racial child, Baskin took a stand to make a difference. "We must as attorneys help those in need our skills and leadership ability is more relevant at this time than any other."

Baskin volunteers his time and talents for various organizations – from Variety – The Children's Charity to the Oakland University Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Board of Visitors at his alma mater, Wayne State University Law School. For the past 25 years he has made legal advice accessible to all through the television show *Due Process*. Baskin also serves as a board member for WTVS T.V.

Now a 2009 Leader in the Law, Baskin continues to work toward making a difference in his community and serving as a strong advocate for his clients in the courtroom. He is available for interviews.

Henry Baskin is principal of the Baskin Law Firm PC, located at 322 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, Mich.

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