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Academy of Television Arts & Sciences honors attorney

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Baskin has represented entertainment/media personalities in Metro Detroit since the 1970s beginning with many names in Motown. Recognizing television as a great medium, Baskin began representing several area on-air personalities. His practice also includes family law.



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"Due Process," which aired on WDIV-TV 4 and cable channels throughout the state, is a public service program presenting legal topics of interest to the general public and was a joint effort of WDIV-TV 4 and the Oakland County Bar Association.

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Vida Gaizutis, WDIV-TV 4 video editor, noted that Baskin has somewhat broadened the spectrum of what people normally would interpret as broadcasting.

"Baskin is a great example of the diversity of our television medium today," Gaizutis, Silver Circle chairperson and past Silver Circle inductee, said.

"It's a great opportunity to bring the discussion of law to a broader audience. Baskin shows that the television medium is not just about news but allows us to use the medium to discuss law related issues. His induction

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