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RENOWNED ARCHITECT WINS HASTINGS AWARD FROM AIA MICHIGAN

June 12, 2013- Detroit, Michigan- The American Institute of Architects Michigan has selected architect Frederick F. Butters, FAIA, Esq. for its prestigious Hastings Award. He will be honored at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 14th at the University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor.

The Hastings Award was established in 1978 to recognize a specific outstanding contribution to the architectural profession. Robert Hastings, FAIA, was a Detroit architect who rose through the local, state, and national components of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and became National President in 1970. AIA Michigan created the Award in 1978 in his honor.

Frederick Butters is both an architect and a lawyer and although his practice concentrates on the defense of Architects against malpractice claims, his contributions to the profession cannot be summed up so easily. Butters contributions are not confined to the legal realm, he has devoted his creative talents and countless hours to the Michigan Architectural Foundation (MAF) and the restoration of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Affleck House. When Lawrence Technological University took ownership of the Affleck House in 1982 it was discovered that while the house had been generally maintained, it was in dire need of extensive structural renovations. Butters dedicated himself to raising funds for the restoration work and crafted dozens of pens from salvaged wood from the Affleck House for sale. He donated these pens to the MAF scholarship auction and actively promoted the sale of the. The pens raised \$40,000, all of which went back into the restoration effort. He has also donated his gourmet culinary classes to the MAF scholarship auction as well.

Butters has shared his unique knowledge of architecture in many forums and has been an advocate for the profession at the local, state, and national levels of the AIA. He has served on numerous AIA Michigan committees, including the Government Affairs Committee, Design Retreat Committee, School Construction Legislative Task Force, and took a leadership role in creating the Balthazar Korab award. Butters has also served at the AIA National level on the Risk Management Committee, the Board of Directors, Licensing Committee, Strategic Initiatives Board Committee, Diversity Council, Secretaries Advisory Committee, and was a liaison to the AIA Trust.

Additionally, Butters is committed to education and teaches law for Architects at the graduate schools of both Lawrence Technological University and the University of Detroit Mercy. He also officiates youth athletic programs in the Detroit metropolitan area.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, established its awards program to bring to public attention the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard.

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