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Inaugural Government Relations Award to Ohio's Weisenberg

Scottsdale, AZ-- The Government Relations Section of the National Association of Bar Executives honored Ohio State Bar Association Assistant Executive Director William K. Weisenberg with its first-ever award for outstanding service. The section established the award for outstanding achievement in the field of government relations, for extraordinary services to colleagues in NABE and for distinguished leadership in the Government Relations Section.

Section Chair Kim Crouch, of North Carolina said, "Bill has been a dedicated member of the NABE-Government Relations Section. We are most grateful for his service to the legal profession."

In recognizing Weisenberg's achievements the award committee noted that he has been a diligent advocate for the legal profession, the organized bar and the justice system, and has used his experiences to mentor and teach colleagues and volunteers.

Weisenberg has served as the Assistant Executive Director for Public Affairs, Governmental Relations and Diversity Initiatives of the Ohio State Bar Association since 1999; and as the Director of Government Affairs of the Ohio State Bar Association from 1979 to 1999. He has been a faithful member of the NABE-Governmental Relations Section since 1982 and served as the section's chair from 1985 to 1986.

Weisenberg has served on a variety of committees advocating on behalf of the justice system, including the ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, ABA Day Planning Committee, and ABA Task Force on the Preservation of the Justice System.

The award was presented during the NABE-Government Relations section workshop held in Scottsdale. The Government Relations Section provides networking and idea sharing about common issues facing associations and attorneys across the country. The section also serves as a clearinghouse for legislative trends affecting lawyers at the state level.

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