

**The Executive Committee
of
The Institute of Continuing Legal Education**

SHELDON J. STARK: AN APPRECIATION

In just seventy-six days, Sheldon Stark will end his eleven-year tenure with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education as, first, its Education Director and, now, its Director of Specialty Programs. The Institute's Executive Committee wishes to express its gratitude for his remarkable and effective service to the Institute and to Michigan's legal profession.

Coming to us with a deep familiarity with the Michigan bar and the recipient of many honors for his work in employment, civil rights, and personal injury matters, Shel was ideally suited to enlarge and enrich the Institute's service to the lawyers and judges of our state. And enrich it he did, with enthusiasm and high creativity. He revitalized ongoing programs with careful planning and the recruiting of strong faculties. And then he turned imaginatively to new needs and fashioned new programs, five of which earned national recognition from the Association of Continuing Legal Education Administrators, which conferred on them its prestigious best course awards.

We have been the beneficiaries of Shel's talents and energy. His long list of friends and acquaintances among the bench and bar has been an invaluable resource in faculty recruitment. His keen intelligence and his awareness of the cascading changes in the practice of law have helped him identify areas of need and create mechanisms with which to respond to those needs. And his experience as an accomplished lawyer not only has enabled him to produce appealing courses of great practical value but also has increased the bar's confidence in their high quality, thus enhancing ICLE's standing among Michigan lawyers.

We are not alone in recognizing Shel's excellence and his value to the state of Michigan. The State Bar is conferring on him this year the coveted Michael Franck Award, given to an attorney who has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the legal profession. It is a great honor for him, and also for the Institute since his work here is part of the contribution for which he is being recognized.

And so we congratulate him for the honors he has received; we thank him for all he has done for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education; and we are grateful for his friendship and his time among us. And, of course, we wish him health and happiness and also continuing usefulness in the society he has served so well.

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