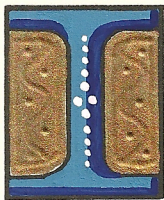


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 n recognition of high standards of professionalism and outstanding contributions in promoting an open profession and an open system of justice.

Paul J. Bschorr

Chair, Section of Litigation
October, 1990

"The right of access to courts is a corollary of the constitutional guaranty of the due process of law."

Judge John Minor Wisdom



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CIRCUIT JUDGE
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

November 1, 1990

Mr. Michael E. Tigar
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Dear Mike:

I enclose a copy of the remarks I made in Chicago. I was told to cut the citations for the recipients and I did so, except in your case. I modified it and added some language, but I did not say nearly as much as I wanted to say.

I deeply appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the Section's changing the name of the award. I realize and understand the part you played in making the change. Thank you, thank you.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

John Wisdom

MICHAEL E. TIGAR

I take special pleasure in the final award. It goes to a lawyer who has argued before the Fifth Circuit many times. He argues as brilliantly as he writes. Only a man who loves poetry and knows good writing could have written as eloquently as he did in his latest article, 2020 vision: a bifocal view. (It is in the August-September issue of Judicature.) He is an active litigator -- for justice. His pro bono cases have dealt with a wide range of issues including freedom of expression, conscientious objection, racial discrimination, due process of law, unlawful search and seizure, and the right to counsel. He is a popular and respected teacher. He holds the prestigious Joseph D. Jamail Centennial Chair of Law at the University of Texas. As Chairman of the ABA Section of Litigation, he worked to create and fund programs that involve the private bar in a partnership with public interest lawyers to meet the legal needs of the poor. A better humanity is the passion of his heart. Justice Brennan described Michael E. Tigar best: His "tireless striving for justice stretches his arms towards perfection." Congratulations, Mike.