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Matonich elected president of legal honor society

HIBBING —Ed Matonich, Hibbing native and founder of the Matonich and Persson Law Firm, was recently elected president of the International Society of Barristers.

The International Society of Barristers is an honor society of dedicated trial lawyers chosen by their peers on the basis of excellence and integrity in advocacy. It seeks to preserve trial by jury, the adversary system and independence of the judiciary.

With these goals in mind, the Society established the International Society of Barristers Foundation which provides grants for advocacy training for public interest lawyers and sole practitioners, and advocacy programs for abused and neglected children. Other programs funded by the foundation include The Innocence Project that works to free those who have been wrongfully convicted.

With a limited membership, the Society has Fellows from every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and from Australia, Canada, England, Scotland and Mexico.

Members (Fellows) are elected by the Society's Board of Governors on nomination by a Fellow and after inquiry directed to other barristers in the nominee's region and to judges before whom the nominee had tried cases.

The Society holds a week-long convention annually that features an eclectic program designed to widen the members' horizons and deepen their commitment to professional responsibility and service.

Matonich will preside over both the organization's summer board meeting in Santa Barbara, Calif., in July of this year and the annual convention which will be held in Scottsdale, Ariz., in March of 2006.



Ed Matonich