

Utah State Bar Achievement Awards

Judge, lawyer of the year named

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Third District Judge Glenn Iwasaki was named "Judge of the Year" last week during the Utah State Bar Achievement Awards ceremony in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Salt Lake tax attorney Charles R. Brown was voted "Lawyer of the Year."

Utah State Bar President V. Lowry Snow was presented the bar's highest honors in recognition of outstanding service to the profession and the public, according to a news release.

Iwasaki was appointed in 1992 to the 3rd District Court, serving Salt Lake, Summit and Tooele counties. He graduated from the University of Utah College of Law in 1971 and served as a deputy Salt Lake County attorney.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Iwasaki was a partner in the law firm of Collard, Pixton, Iwasaki & Downes. Iwasaki has been an adjunct professor of law at the University of Utah, he has served as a member of the Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Utah Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Judicial System.

Brown is a director with the Salt Lake City firm of Clyde Snow Sessions & Swenson. He is regularly involved in providing pro bono legal services, primarily in assisting those of limited means and military personnel and their families in the resolution of disputes with federal and state taxing authorities, according to a news release.

Brown received his juris doctor from the University of Utah College of Law in 1971.

Stephanie Wilkins Pugsley was recognized for her role as president of The Young Lawyers Division of the Bar, which brought the Wills for Heroes program to Utah and provided more than 200 wills to Utah's first responders.

The Young Lawyers also served more than 1,000 people through Tuesday Night Bar, held a toy drive to benefit dozens of family support centers from St. George to Logan, held a school supplies drive for low income children and co-hosted the second annual Mentoring Marathon, which provided hands-on interview advice to more than 60 law students.

The bar also honored Judge James Davis and Steven T. Waterman, co-chairs of the Bar's Admissions Committee, which oversees the organization's application and admission process.

- *Stephen Hunt*