

ANN M. COOPER - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Stephen R. Drew had some understandable difficulty in choosing a category for his nominee. She's an attorney, so is the professions category appropriate? Her personal and professional life is a clear expression of her work toward ending discrimination, so is she an advocate? Community Service has always been a priority to her, so maybe that's that right category.

Choosing the category may have been difficult, but choosing this TRIBUTE winner was not.

Her commitment to justice in issues of human and civil rights was recognized by the Michigan Supreme Court as it named her to its Select Task Force on Gender Issues in the court. She also provided legal representation to minority and female police officers in a recent promotions discrimination lawsuit. She is a Trustee of the Grand Rapids Foundation and a board member for the Women Lawyers' Association, the YWCA, and the West Michigan Branch of the of the American Civil Liberties Union.

In describing her commitment to human and civil rights, her nominator emphasizes, "She doesn't just voice this commitment, she lives it in her personal and professional life."

Pleas join us in congratulating TRIBUTE Community Service Winner,
ANN M. COOPER.