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Awards for the Advancement of Justice

You must submit a cover letter summarizing your entry by email to diana@michiganpress.org no later than 11:59 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2026.

This cover letter must contain the full name of each contributor to your entry and each contributor's job title, the organization each contributor works for and each contributor's email address. A contact address and phone number should be submitted for the group.

You may enter the contest as many times as you wish.

All entries must have been published, broadcast, and/or posted between January 1 and December 31, 2025.

For additional information, please contact: Diana Davis (517)-610-4813 or diana@michiganpress.org

About the Michigan Press Association Foundation:

The Michigan Press Association Foundation was established in 1980 to further the interests of community journalism in Michigan. The Foundation's mission includes serving the public interest by encouraging, fostering and aiding improvements in the quality, vigor and fairness of journalism and a free press in the State of Michigan. The Foundation has invested more than \$330,000 in Michigan journalism since 1990, including the award of nearly 300 scholarships to college-level journalism students. In addition to the Wade McCree awards, the MPA Foundation also sponsors the Richard Milliman Michigan Journalist of the Year competition. Learn more about the MPA Foundation at michiganpress.org/foundation/.

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52nd Annual



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Print, Online, and Broadcast Awards for Journalists

Wade H. McCree, Jr.

Judge McCree was dedicated to advancing a greater understanding of the role of a free press in a free society. During a remarkable career that included service as a federal judge, law professor and Solicitor General of the United States, he touched the lives of millions of Americans. Judge McCree was an early and dedicated supporter of the establishment of the Advancement of Justice Awards. The awards were renamed the Wade H. McCree Jr. Awards for the Advancement of Justice in his honor in 1987.

The McCree Awards recognize Michigan broadcast, print and on-line journalists whose work fosters greater public understanding of the values of our legal and judicial systems. To be eligible, journalistic work must be published, broadcast and/or posted between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025.

- Informs and educates citizens about the role of the law, courts, law enforcement agencies and the legal profession.
- Discloses practices and procedures in need of correction or improvement.
- Encourages and promotes local and statewide legal and legislative efforts to reform or modernize laws, courts and practices of law enforcement agencies.

A panel of judges will evaluate entries based on their significance, quality of information, solutions offered and impact. Topics must be clearly dominated by justice themes. Entries may consist of feature or news articles, analyses, editorials, or combinations of these. In the broadcast category, documentaries, educational or editorial programs may be submitted. Any Michigan newspaper, news service, news syndicate or network, magazine, television or radio station or legal publication, or any employees of such entities are eligible to enter.

There is no charge for entering.



Entry Requirements

Print, online and broadcast entries may consist of feature articles, news articles, interpretive analysis, editorials, radio and/or televised documentary, educational or editorial programs or any combination of these.

To enter, email your entry to diana@michiganpress.org.

When submitting your entry please include:

- A cover letter that is a maximum of two pages in length that explains your entry, contains background information about your entry and explains any changes that have been made to the legal, law enforcement or legislative systems based on your entry. Any entry without the cover letter will be disqualified.
- Your entry can consist of up to 6 attachments either .pdf files or links to your website (or any combination of both). For audio and video files, first upload to a third party site such as your YouTube channel, Vimeo, or station website. Then enter the URL/Link in the entry form. Your cover letter is in addition to the 6 attachments for your entry.

Please ensure the cover letter contains the name, professional title and contact information for each contributor to the project being submitted to the contest.

Up to five prizes may be awarded. The Michigan Press Association Foundation reserves the right to make no awards.

Awards will be presented in **April 2026** at Michigan State University in conjunction with the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

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