

# Watercooler: 2013 Howell T. Heflin Award honors Baldwin County attorney for bringing 'honor and integrity' to profession



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*Sam Crosby*

**DAPHNE, Alabama** – Attorney Sam Crosby was honored recently with the 2013 Howell T. Heflin Award from the Mobile and Baldwin County Bar Associations.

The annual award, bestowed during the associations' Bench and Bar Conference, recognizes an Alabama judge or attorney who has "brought honor and integrity to the legal profession during his years of service to the citizens of Mobile and Baldwin Counties."

Former Alabama Supreme Court Justice Champ Lyons was the 2012 recipient of the award.

Crosby, a member of Stone, Granade & Crosby PC, served as president of the Alabama State Bar from 2007-08, and was the first Alabama lawyer to receive the Chief Justice's Outstanding Leadership Award.

His practice focuses primarily on the areas of civil litigation, probate practice, personal injury, trusts, wills, business law, guardianships, estates, real property, estate planning and mediation.

Crosby earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia, where he was an All Atlantic Coast Conference soccer player, before earning his law degree from the University Of Alabama School Of Law. He currently serves as a trustee of the University of Alabama Law School Foundation and serves on the Law School Executive Committee. He is also one of five practicing lawyers in the state appointed at large to the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

He is a past president of the Baldwin County Bar Association and is a Life Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation, representing one percent of the state bar association.

In addition, Crosby served as a local municipal judge and is retired from the JAG Corps of the United States Naval Reserve. He is also one of only 20 Alabama mediators selected as a charter member of the Alabama chapter of the National Association of Distinguished Neutrals. In 2012, he received the Albritton Pro Bono Leadership Award from the

Alabama State Bar, recognizing an individual for leadership in making free legal services available to low-income residents.

Crosby has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of South Alabama; is a past director of Ecumenical Ministries Inc. in Baldwin County, has been active in numerous charitable and civic organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross and the Waterfront Rescue Mission; co-leads Crown Financial Ministries small group Bible studies each year; and plays music at Spanish Fort United Methodist Church and Church of the Apostles, an Anglican church in Fairhope, where he is a member.

Stone, Granade & Crosby PC has offices in Bay Minette, Daphne and Foley, Ala.