



## Directory Correction

Please make the following corrections in your 2001-2002 Municipal Court Directory for Judge C. Michael Hausman, City of Delafield:

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If you are aware of other corrections that should be made to the directory, please contact the Office of Municipal Judge Education at (608) 266-7816.

## Golden Gavel Award

### “Thinking Outside the Box”

Wisconsin law requires that municipal warrants be “signed” by the issuing judge, or at the issuing judge’s direction, have a computer-generated facsimile of their signature affixed to the warrant. See Sec. 800.02(5), Wis. Stats. What about signature stamps - Do they qualify? Maybe not, according to a recent Crime Information Bureau audit. At least one municipality has been warned that warrants with signature stamps will be purged because they do not contain an original signature or a computer-generated signature.

This View’s Golden Gavel Award goes to Judge Shelley Gaylord, City of Madison, for her suggestion that perhaps an argument could be made that since most signature stamps themselves are now actually generated by computer, the literal reading of Sec. 800.02(5), Wis. Stats. may none-the-less be satisfied. Now that’s yet another example of the superior thinking of municipal court judges!

If you know of a legal/municipal court issue that has been resolved by original-thinking municipal court judges and would like to nominate them for the “Golden Gavel Award,” send us a note with the specifics. Winners will be announced in the next MuniView.

## Website

We are in the process of updating the information on our Municipal Court Website and are looking for ways to make it more user-friendly. Please drop us a line with any suggestions you may have. You can visit our website at: <http://www.courts.state.wi.us/>

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Carol and I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to working with each of you in 2002!



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