

## **2017 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD CHIEF DEPUTY CARVER COUNTY PETER IVY**



This award honors a Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA) member who has demonstrated leadership within his or her office, or has served in key roles in the MCAA governance structure, or other public entities during the year to advance the goals of the MCAA. Judging is based on leadership within his or her office; leadership in MCAA's governance structure, committees, work groups or other public entities.

The 2017 Meritorious Service Award goes to Peter Ivy, Chief Deputy Carver County Attorney. County Attorney Mark Metz and Sherburne County Attorney Kathleen Heaney nominated Peter Ivy for this award. Peter has dedicated 30 years and counting as a career public servant with the Carver County Attorney's Office.

Throughout his career, Peter has been actively involved in committee work and educating attorneys. Peter currently serves as the Chair of the MCAA Ethics Committee. Peter spearheaded a new initiative in creating an Ethics Advisory Panel for assistant county attorneys to seek advice on ethical issues. He has taught numerous courses and written various articles in the past for the MCAA and various law enforcement agencies on ethics, data practices, evidence, driving while intoxicated, constitutional law, and other prosecution topics.

Appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court, Peter currently serves on the Lawyers Board of Professional Responsibility, serving on one of six panels that preside in a quasi-judicial capacity pertaining to allegations of unprofessional conduct against lawyers. Peter is also the Chair for all of Minnesota's twenty-one District Ethics Committees. Peter serves legal advisor to the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force. He is a former lecturer for the Minnesota Chiefs of Police, having volunteered for the past 20 years as their co-legal counsel. Peter taught trial advocacy at the National Advocacy Center in South Carolina, teaching prosecutors from across the country. He serves as adjunct faculty at Mitchell Hamline in judging law students in appellate advocacy classes.

Beyond his contributions to the MCAA, Peter is a seasoned criminal trial advocate. Enjoying his relationships with law enforcement officials in carefully preparing cases, Peter has prosecuted thousands of criminal cases and tried approximately one hundred jury trials to conclusion. He has prosecuted many high profile cases throughout his career, including first-degree matricide resulting in a life sentence without the possibility of parole. Peter has successfully argued numerous cases at the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Peter has undoubtedly made Carver County and the State of Minnesota a safer place to live.