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Wayne State's Law School was credited with having graduates among the most prominent in the state, according to Michigan Super Lawyers magazine.

Currently, 24 percent of Michigan's top lawyers are WSU graduates, including four out of the state's top ten: WSU Governor Eugene Driker of Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, Daniel J. Bretz of Clark Hill PLC, E. [Powell Miller of The Miller Law Firm, and P.C.](#) and Jon R. Muth of the Miller Johnson Law firm. Since 2006, all have appeared consistently on the Super Lawyers list.

In addition, 14 of the Top 50 Women Michigan Super Lawyers are also Wayne Law alumni.

“The Michigan Super Lawyers ranking confirms that Wayne Law is a top notch law school and we are proud that so many alumni have been recognized as leaders in the profession,” said Ericka M. Jackson, assistant dean of admissions at Wayne Law.

Wayne State’s Law School has over 11,000 living alumni and was recently named a Best Value Law School in the June 2009 edition of the National Jurist magazine.

“Given that 75 percent of Wayne Law alumni work in the state of Michigan,” Jackson said, “it is likely that the law school will continue to dominate the bench and bar in Michigan for many years to come.

“We continue to strive to admit dedicated, bright and conscientious students who will expand the great reputation of Wayne Law graduates as leaders in the legal community.”

Since 1991, Super Lawyers magazine has been publishing the names of attorneys in each state who have received the highest recognition in points, as chosen by their peers and through the independent research of Law and Politics, a publication of legal and political issues and opinions.

Two Wayne Law alumni were also profiled in the magazine: Robert A. Castelli, mayor of Pleasant Ridge, MI and chief executive of Kemp Klein in Troy; and Kelly Allen, a liquor-control law expert at Adkison, Need & Allen.

Other recent accomplishments for Wayne Law include: The establishment of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, named in honor of Judge Damon J. Keith, a United States Court of Appeals Judge for the sixth Circuit (a LLM alumnus of the Law School); and Wayne Law graduate Marilyn Kelly, who currently presides as the chief justice over the Michigan Supreme Court.