

Clarence M. Dass is founder of **The Dass Law Firm** in Southfield.

For nearly five years, he served as an assistant prosecuting attorney at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. There, he prosecuted thousands of crimes and quickly rose to the ranks of the Special Victims Unit. As a special prosecutor, he handled some of the most complex and serious crimes in the county, ranging from child and elder abuse to sexual assault, domestic violence and murder.

Since joining the bar, Dass has dedicated himself to serving his community and the legal profession around him. He has held a leadership position on the OCBA New Lawyers Committee for nearly five years. He has served the OCBA in many other ways, including serving as a panelist in the OCBABC's of Practice seminar, co-chairing the annual Meet the Judges Party, attending numerous committee meetings, and participating in the Holiday Gala, Annual Meeting and the OCBF Signature Event every year. Dass also has served the victims of crimes on the Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence, the Oakland County Child Death Panel Review, and the S.A.V.E. Task Force (Serving Adults and Vulnerable Elderly).

In 2010, Dass partnered with 96.3 WDVD to launch "Swift Justice with Attorney Clarence Dass," a weekly, live, on-air legal education segment that informed citizens about different topics in the law. Later that year, Dass was named as "One to Watch" by the *Chaldean News*.

His community and professional accomplishments were recognized in 2016, when he was named to the 27th class of Leadership Oakland, a year-long program that brings together 50 of the brightest and best leaders in Oakland County to discuss ways to improve the county and the surrounding region. He also was named to the Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 Under 40 that same year.

In 2017, Dass was appointed to the Bloomfield Township Water Management Plan

Committee. The committee was created to ensure that the water is safe for drinking and other consumption, evaluate the quality and quantity of pipes and other water sources to make changes for the safety of residents. Dass was appointed to the committee based on his years of prosecutorial experience, community engagement and legal acumen in municipal relations.

Dass has been featured on CNN and WXYZ-TV, and in the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Detroit News*, the *Oakland Press*, and the *Chaldean News*. He serves as an adjunct professor at Wayne State University, where he attended college.