



Gary Scholten, Ottawa County Register of Deeds was chosen to receive the “Register of the Year” award at the 97th Annual Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds Conference on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. This award is given to an individual who has made important contributions for the betterment of his office and the association, as well as being actively involved on committees, or serving as an officer or chosen to serve on the MARD Board of Directors.

Gary was given tributes from:

Lansing Dignitaries representing Districts 30th, 74th, 89th and 90th & Governor Snyder; Congressman Bill Huizenga; Former Congressman Pete Hoekstra; Gary’s Family & Staff; Ernest Rikken, President, Fidlar Technologies; and the Board of Commissioners.

These special tributes signify & acknowledge Gary’s commitment to his community and to his office:

“Gary was chosen to receive this award to honor his exemplified leadership, ingenuity and excellence in his office. Excellence in government is a challenge in our ever-changing world. Delivering top quality service during good times is easy; only those with long-term vision are able to continue to deliver quality service in bad times.” – State of Michigan Special Tribute

“...I was approached by none other than Mr. Scholten, whom I had not met before. We had the most engaging and thought provoking conversation – something totally unexpected and I would eventually learn that such conversations were a trademark of Mr. Scholten....Little did I know that he was as focused on MAKING things happen as he was BRAINSTORMING on how things might happen. Because of this mutual thirst for results, Mr. Scholten has been the driving force behind countless innovations, integrations, and efficiencies that we and all our clients enjoy.” - Ernest Rikken, President Fidlar Technologies

“We love how you challenge us to think outside the box and allow us to express and implement some of our own ideas, giving us a voice. You allow us to make decisions regarding daily work. You ask our opinions and value them. You treat each of us as a valued team member and not just a replaceable employee. We appreciate your open-door approach. You take time to get to know each of us as individuals and show concern and care.” - Gary’s staff

Thank you Gary for your talents and energies that not only benefited Ottawa County citizens but extended to other counties in the state. We are grateful for your achievements which continue to help our county and state, now and in the future. Congratulations!