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# Entrepreneur Institute of Mid-Michigan names Attorney Joel C. Farrar "Volunteer of the Year"

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**LANSING, Mich.** – On June 4, 2015, the Entrepreneur Institute of Mid-Michigan named attorney Joel C. Farrar of Foster Swift Collins & Smith, P.C. its "Volunteer of the Year". Joel volunteers with the Entrepreneur Institute assisting new entrepreneurs with forming and growing start-up businesses and teaches a business class for the organization. . The award was presented at the Entrepreneur Institute Rise and Shine Breakfast at the Kellogg Center which annually celebrates regional innovative businesses and enterprises. The Entrepreneur Institute is a mid-Michigan 501(c)(3) that provides business development services and access to capital to low and moderate small businesses.

Joel is a business and corporate lawyer, with specialties in executive compensation planning, mergers and acquisitions, and securities. Joel enjoys helping new entrepreneurs with forming and growing start-up businesses. He assists start-ups with drafting entity formation documents; raising capital through private placements of securities; attracting talent using stock options, restricted stock and other incentive plans while documenting relationships with vendors, customers, and partners. Joel received his J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law, summa cum laude, and is B.S. from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Joel has been published often, including *Scam Alert for Michigan Businesses* and the *Foster Swift Business and Corporate Law Report*, August 5, 2013. Joel is committed to the community and is also a member of the Arts Council of Greater Lansing Board of Directors.

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