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**Attorney Hyman Darling Recognized as
2019 Pioneer Valley Distinguished Advisor in Philanthropy**

SPRINGFIELD, MA – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, in partnership with the Estate Planning Council of Hampden County and the Pioneer Valley Estate Planning Council, announces the recipient of the Distinguished Advisor in Philanthropy Award, to honor the important role that professional advisors play as champions of philanthropy in our region.

This year's winner is Hyman Darling of Bacon/Wilson Attorneys at Law.

Darling was presented with the award at the March 12 meeting of the Estate Planning Council of Hampden County. In receiving the award, he was also given the opportunity to award a grant of \$1,000 the charity of his choice. Hyman Darling was nominated by Gina Barry of Bacon/Wilson Attorneys at Law.

Professional advisors make critical connections between their clients and the mission-driven organizations that serve to enhance quality of life in our region. The Community Foundation recognizes an advisor each year in partnership with the Estate Planning Council of Hampden County and the Pioneer Valley Estate Planning Council who has distinguished him/herself in philanthropic leadership.

Darling is the chair of the estate planning and elder law department at Bacon/Wilson. He holds many honors and awards, and is a well-known estate planner.

Darling said of receiving the award, "I am truly grateful to be presented with this wonderful honor. My parents inspired me to be philanthropic, and I have attempted to continue their tradition by donating not only financially, but also with my time. I am proud that so many of my clients are charitable, giving during their lives and within their estate planning documents. I accept this honor on behalf of these clients as well."

The Distinguished Advisor in Philanthropy award is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts in partnership with the Estate Planning Council of Hampden County and the Pioneer Valley Estate Planning Council. Nominations were solicited from the community, and a volunteer committee selected the final winner.

About the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts

Founded in 1990, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts administers a charitable endowment consisting of over 600 separately identified funds (\$173 million) serving the three counties bordering the Connecticut River in Western Massachusetts (Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties). For more information about the reach and impact of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, visit <http://communityfoundation.org>.