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The Distinguished Alumni Award honors UMM alumni who have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service or in service to the University of Minnesota.

"UMM is pleased to welcome Associate Justice Gildea back to campus for Homecoming 2007 where she will be honored as the 2007 recipient of the UMM Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award," said Carla Riley '85, director of alumni relations and annual giving at UMM. "She is highly deserving of this honor and will be joining an illustrious group of talented and dedicated UMM alumni who have been honored in previous years with this prestigious award. I wish to extend her our sincere congratulations."

An associate justice with the Minnesota Supreme Court, Gildea completed her four-year undergraduate education at UMM in three years with a 4.0 (A) grade point average. She was named a Scholar of the College, a member of the Dean's List and received a Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate. She holds a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center where she graduated magna cum laude in 1986.

She is the chair of the Supreme Court's Gender Fairness Implementation Committee and serves as the Court's liaison to the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure, and the Board of Legal Certification. Gildea also serves on the Council and the Assembly of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Gildea is the author of an article, "Sifting the Dross: Expert Witness Testimony in Minnesota after the Daubert Trilogy," which was published in the William Mitchell Law Review. She is also profiled in a book by former UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman, titled *Old Main: Small Colleges in Twenty-First Century America*.

Gildea's charge as an associate justice with the Supreme Court is to review decisions of lower courts to determine if the lower courts correctly applied the law. Her decision early on to attend UMM was significant for her as well. "...the day I decided to attend UMM was one of the best days of my life," said Gildea.

To learn more about the UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award nomination process or to nominate someone for a future Distinguished Alumni Award, visit [Alumni](#) and click on Distinguished Alumni Award.

For a complete schedule of events during Homecoming 2007, visit [Homecoming](#).

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