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Vorys partner to be honored at Scout reception on Sept. 30

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G. Ross Bridgman will be recognized for his role in “making Columbus and Ohio a better place to live” at the Second Annual Scout Law Reception Sept. 30.

Bridgman, a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP, serves as the legal counsel for the Boy Scouts of America Simon Kenton Council.

With 2010 marking the 100th anniversary of Scouting, Sean Gallagher, SKC development director, said organizers naturally wanted to honor someone with strong ties to BSA.

“(Bridgman) is our council attorney and he is an Eagle Scout so it was definitely an easy choice to make,” he said. “He is a humble guy so it was only a matter of getting him to say ‘yes.’”

Bridgman, the chair of the health care group at Vorys, said he is “humbled and honored” by the BSA’s recognition.

“One of the reasons that I am still involved is because of my experience. It wasn’t just the fun — and it was loads of fun — but I have come to appreciate the roles that my Scoutmasters played in my early development,” he said. “I owe a debt of gratitude to those gentlemen.”

Bridgman said Vorys has been a long-time supporter of Scouting, well before he joined the executive board in 1996.

Gallagher said the reception has been a way to make contact with the area’s large legal community, especially those individuals who have had involvement with Scouting.

“It was created as a new opportunity to reach out in the community and find new friends of Scouting,” he said. “There are a lot of law firms in this area and we want to make those connections and (for some), it has been a way to reconnect.”

The reception is chaired by former Columbus Mayor Gregory Lashutka. The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at the SKC office, 1901 E. Dubin-Granville Road.

In addition to honoring Bridgman, a graduate of Yale University and the Northwestern University School of Law, Gallagher said the hour-long reception will also highlight law firms that have supported the organization.

“We will recognize (Bridgman) and his role in the community of making Columbus and Ohio a better place to live and we will also have recognition of law firms that have supported Scouting,” he said.

Bridgman is a member of the Columbus Bar, Ohio State Bar and American Bar associations.

For more information on the event, contact the SKC at 614-436-7200.