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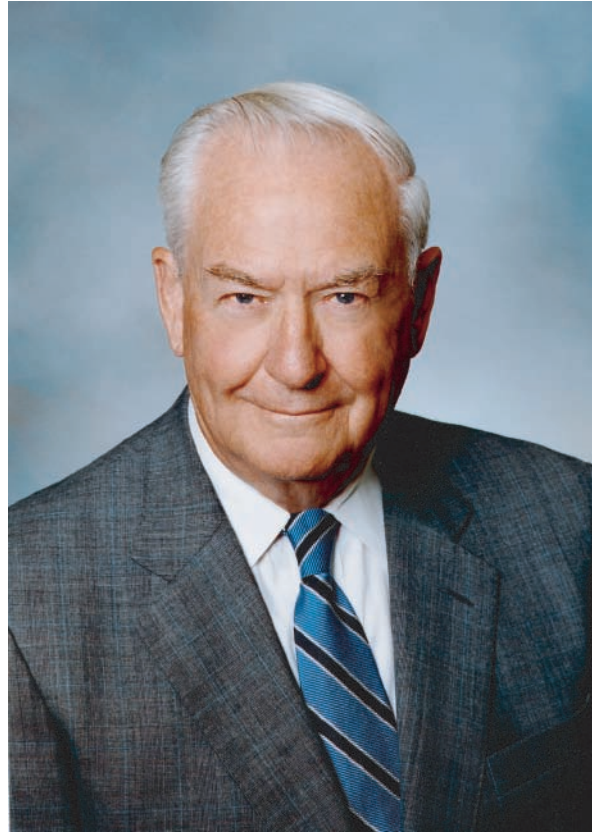
2007 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

*Recognizing Outstanding Leadership in the Delivery
of Pro Bono Legal Services in the State of Ohio*



2007 OLAF Presidential Award Recipient

RICHARD W. POGUE



Richard W. Pogue chaired the committee responsible for developing the Foundation's recommendations to the Supreme Court of Ohio regarding adoption of aspirational goals to increase voluntary pro bono participation by all attorneys in Ohio. The Foundation's Pro Bono Committee, led by Attorney Pogue, met for more than nine months to study the issue. Under his careful and thoughtful guidance, the Committee crafted a resolution that was ultimately adopted with only minor changes by the Supreme Court's Task Force on Indigent and Pro Se Litigants, the Ohio State Bar Association Council of Delegates, and five of Ohio's seven metropolitan bar associations. Attorney Pogue continued to serve as a strong advocate for adoption of the aspirational guidelines for pro bono service throughout 2006 and into 2007, providing considerable leadership before the Court when it met in conference to consider the recommendation of its Task Force, and working with Justices individually to answer questions. Dick Pogue undertook this work, so critical to increasing access to justice for Ohioans of limited means, with the vigor and attention to detail that distinguishes his legal career. In addition to his work with OLAF's pro bono efforts, Attorney Pogue is a founding member of the OLAF board of trustees as an appointee of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. He has played an invaluable role on the OLAF board.

Richard W. Pogue

Richard W. Pogue has been a leader in the legal profession and the community for more than 50 years. He became the acting managing partner of Jones Day on March 1, 1984 and managing partner one year later. During his years of service in these roles, Jones Day grew significantly and for the first time entered international markets. In 1994, Dick retired from the firm. After nine years as senior advisor at Dix & Eaton, a corporate public relations firm, he rejoined Jones Day in 2004 as a consultant. Before entering private practice Dick served as an officer in the Patents Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army from 1954-1957.

Dick is highly regarded for his practice in the general fields of corporate and litigation law. He also was published and spoke extensively in the field of private sector regionalism and was a co-founder and vice chairman of the Regional Business Council (the predecessor of TeamNEO) and is a past chairman of the Antitrust Law Section of the American Bar Association.

Dick served as chair of many civic organizations including The Cleveland Foundation, Greater Cleveland Growth Association, University Hospitals Health System, The City Club, Business Volunteers Unlimited, Greater Cleveland Roundtable, The 50 Club, the Newcomen Society of the United States, Cleveland Institute of Music (interim), and Presidents' Council Foundation. He chaired the 1989 Cleveland United Way campaign and served as co-chairman of Cleveland's 1996 Bicentennial Commission.

In the field of education, he served as a trustee of Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM), and is a trustee of The University of Akron (U/A). He received honorary degrees from U/A and CIM. In 2001, he served as interim executive director of the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education. He was chairman of the (Ohio) Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy in 2003-2004 and later was a founding trustee of the (Ohio) Business Alliance on Higher Education and the Economy. In March 2007, Dick was recognized by the Ohio State Bar Association for his 50 years of service to the Ohio Bar.

Richard W. Pogue remains dedicated to improving access to justice for all Ohio citizens and is a deserving recipient of the 2007 OLAF Presidential Award.

Past OLAF Presidential Award Recipients

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