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Presents

**The John Minor Wisdom
Public Service
and
Professionalism
Award
and
Luncheon**

**“The right of
access to courts
is a corollary of the
constitutional
guaranty of the due
process of law.”**

The Honorable
John Minor Wisdom

Program

Lunch

Caesar Salad
Parmesan Crusted Chicken
Apple Tart Tatin
Coffee, Tea, Decaf & Ice Tea



Welcome Remarks

Section of Litigation Chair
Dennis J. Drasco



John Minor Wisdom Award Presentation

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP
Columbia, SC

Jerold S. Solovy
Jenner & Block LLP
Chicago, IL



Luncheon Address

New Jersey State Attorney General
Peter C. Harvey

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The John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Awards and Luncheon

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New York, NY
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The John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award

was established by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation in 1990. It is named for Judge John Minor Wisdom, a scholar and jurist of the highest integrity whose tenure on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit is best known for its recognition of constitutional rights of all citizens. Judge Wisdom's decisions establishing the right to vote, implementing equal educational opportunities and strengthening the right of effective counsel are marked by wisdom and compassion.

Each year the Section honors Judge Wisdom through the selection of outstanding individuals and firms to receive the award that bears his name. The recipients of the Wisdom Awards have made outstanding contributions to the equality of justice in their communities, ensuring that the legal system is open and available to all.

Selection Criteria*

The Wisdom Awards recognize service by career public interest lawyers and other lawyers from all parts of practice, including firms, solo practitioners and corporate counsel. The Awards also recognize firms

* Section of Litigation leadership is not eligible for the John Minor Wisdom Award.

that have made a substantial commitment to public service through their accomplishments in significant pro bono litigation.

Each year awards may be given in the following categories:

- a lawyer in private practice or corporate counsel office
- a lawyer who is employed by a legal services or other public interest program
- a law firm.

Recipients are selected based on fulfilling one or more criteria of the following:

1. provided sustained, exceptional direct representation of poor, disenfranchised or other under-represented individuals or groups;
2. created new or expanded means of access to the legal system for these individuals or groups;
3. provided representation in one or more cases that resulted in significant changes in statutory or case law to benefit these individuals or groups.

The Wisdom Awards Subcommittee of the Section of Litigation's Pro Bono and Public Interest Litigation Committee reviews all nominations. The Subcommittee's recommendations are forwarded to the Council of the Section of Litigation for its approval.

Nelson Mullins

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP has grown to be a major national law firm with strong roots in the business community and an appreciation for new directions in the business world.

Nelson Mullins meets the needs of its clients in litigation, corporate, labor and employment, securities, tax and other business areas. Many clients, including growth companies, expanding local businesses and major international companies, retain the firm to provide all of their legal services. Other clients are national companies requiring assistance with specific regional or local legal matters. The firm also has significant experience representing international companies interested in locating facilities in the Southeast.

Nelson Mullins provides creative solutions to complex legal and business problems while offering value-added service to firm clients. With more than 40 diversified practice areas, many of Nelson Mullins' clients, from individuals to worldwide organizations, look to the firm for full legal services. Start-up assistance for entrepreneurial endeavors, complex multi-action litigation defense, and representation of underwriters and investment bankers are only a few of the services that are provided by firm attorneys.

The firm is large enough to ensure promptness of service, yet personal enough to maintain our established reputation for individual client attention. Nelson Mullins provides the highest level of service to clients, while continuing to develop new areas of talent and knowledge.

Nelson Mullins has close ties to the communities in which it practices and truly cares about the well-being of its neighbors. Firm attorneys, paralegals and staff regularly dedicate their time and talents in an effort to improve both their communities and the lives of those less fortunate.

In 1992, the firm earned the ABA's Pro Bono Publico Award, given annually to law firms for extraordinary contributions in providing legal services to the poor and disadvantaged. Nelson Mullins became a charter member of the Pro Bono Challenge in 1993, further evidence of its institutional commitment to the provision of pro bono services.

Nelson Mullins' pro bono program is administered by a firm wide Pro Bono Committee and a full time of counsel Pro Bono coordinator. The firm is committed to handling complex pro bono litigation, corporate matters and legislative advocacy, as well as individual pro bono representation. The firm has sponsored externships and fellowships with several agencies, including the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center and the South Carolina Center for Capital Litigation. In 1997, to mark its own 100th year of service, Nelson Mullins established five centennial fellowships to fund the work of attorneys focusing exclusively on children's issues.



JEROLD S. SOLOVY

This year, Jerold S. Solovy, Chairman of Jenner & Block LLP, celebrates 50 years in the practice of law as an exemplary lawyer, champion of the poor and advocate for improving the justice system.

Mr. Solovy has handled hundreds of *pro bono* cases as well as precedent-setting appeals for indigent individuals. Three have gone before the U.S. Supreme Court—*Kirby v. Illinois* (regarding whether an indigent person is entitled to appointment of counsel for conducting a pre-indictment lineup); *Reed v. Farley* (regarding whether an accused's federal right to a speedy trial is violated when the state court fails to observe a 120-day speedy trial rule because no objection was raised at the time the trial date is set); and *Ralston v. Robinson* (involving the efficacy of sentencing a juvenile offender to an adult sentence).

Mr. Solovy also participated in *Witherspoon v. State of Illinois*, one of Jenner & Block's most significant *pro bono* efforts in which a planned state execution was stopped just weeks before the sentence was scheduled to be carried out. After the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 1968 ruling, an estimated 350 people on Death Row across the

country were re-sentenced. The Firm's client, Bill Witherspoon, won his freedom in 1978 from a parole board, and went on to become a respected advocate for reform of the criminal justice system.

Mr. Solovy has also been a great leader in the movement for judicial reform. Among the numerous examples of Jerry's influence is his appointment as head of the commission that investigated ways to protect against another Greylord judicial corruption scandal in Cook County, Illinois. The "Special Commission on the Administration of Justice," also known as the "Solovy Commission," made some 200 reform proposals and issued numerous reports addressing the judicial selection process, the financial interests of judges, and the Circuit Court's anti-solicitation rule.

In large part due to Mr. Solovy's example and leadership, scores of lawyers have answered the call to contribute to the quality of the justice system for the poor and disenfranchised and, indeed, for everyone. For decades, Jerry has served as the primary liaison between Jenner & Block and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which has assigned the Firm's attorneys hundreds of criminal and civil appeals to handle on behalf of the indigent. In the words of Seventh Circuit Justice Ilana Rovner, "What has been constant . . . has been [Jerry's] willingness to work for those who would otherwise lack representation, and the numbers of young lawyers he has trained to take up the standard."

PETER C. HARVEY

Peter C. Harvey was confirmed by the Senate as Attorney General on June 16, 2003. By virtue of his actions and accomplishments, he was named Lawyer of the Year for 2003 by the New Jersey Law Journal. It is the first time the Law Journal has bestowed the honor upon any member of the bar. Attorney General Harvey serves as a representative of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) to the Executive Working Group on Prosecutorial Relations. The Executive Working Group includes Attorneys General, District Attorneys and representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice. Its principal mission is to encourage and enhance federal, state and local law enforcement initiatives. In addition to his role with the Executive Working Group, Harvey serves as Chairman of the NAAG Subcommittee on Gang Violence. He is also Chairman of the NAAG Corporate Responsibility Securities Working Group, and is a member of the NAAG Task Force on Youth Access to Alcohol. Prior to his confirmation in June, Mr. Harvey had served as Acting Attorney General since February 15, 2003.

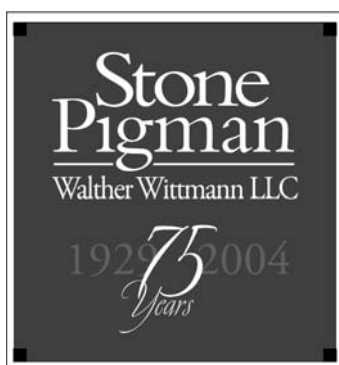
Previously, he had served as First Assistant Attorney General and Director of the Division of Criminal Justice, having been appointed to both positions by Attorney General David Samson on January 17, 2002.

During his career, Mr. Harvey has served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (1986-1989), where he prosecuted cases involving organized crime, narcotics, bank robbery, credit fraud

and child pornography. He also served as a Special Assistant to the New Jersey Attorney General (1989-1990), where he was the principal drafter of New Jersey's assault firearms law. Mr. Harvey has been a mediator for the United States District Court in New Jersey and for the New Jersey Superior Court. He also has served on the Lawyers' Advisory Committee to both the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Harvey was a law clerk for the Honorable Dickinson R. Debevoise, United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. He was also a partner at Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti, LLP in Morristown, New Jersey where he practiced principally in the areas of commercial litigation, internal corporate investigations and criminal defense in federal and state courts. Mr. Harvey represented businesses and individuals in a variety of cases including banking, trademark, copyright and reinsurance matters.

A resident of Somerset County, Mr. Harvey received his law degree from the Columbia University School of Law in 1982, and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Morgan State University in 1979. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1989, the New York Bar in 1984 and the District of Columbia Bar in 1985.



The lawyers of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C. are pleased to support the John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Awards presented by the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association. Judge Wisdom began his celebrated career in 1929 when he joined his classmate and lifelong friend, Saul Stone, in founding the New Orleans law firm that would become Stone Pigman.

Today, Stone Pigman represents clients across a complete range of litigation, regulatory, and transactional matters involving class actions, multi-district litigation, insurance, pharmaceuticals, intellectual property, technology, public utilities, real estate, banking, securities, mergers, acquisitions, corporate finance, taxation, employment, environmental, healthcare, and bankruptcy law.

Following the examples of their founders, Stone Pigman lawyers are distinguished by leadership in their profession and by their dedication to superior client service. Stone Pigman congratulates the recipients of the John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Awards.



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