

George H. Hettrick Receives the Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Pro Bono Award

On October 21, George H. Hettrick was presented with the 2015 Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Pro Bono Award in front of 275 attorneys, friends, and family in Williamsburg. The evening was co-hosted by the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia Poverty Law Center, and featured Jo-Ann Wallace, president and CEO of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) as the guest speaker.

Hettrick, who is chair of Hunton & Williams' Pro Bono Leadership Committee, helped to create pro bono offices for the firm in Richmond's Church Hill, Charlottesville, and Atlanta. In 2009, Hettrick was recognized by *The American Lawyer* magazine with a Lifetime Achiever Award after leading Hunton & Williams to donate almost 73,000 hours to pro bono work in a single year.

Hettrick was nominated for the award by Christopher Malone of ThompsonMcMullan in Richmond who said, "In my view, there is no individual lawyer who has made a more significant impact in the development of pro bono in our state. George has inspired, challenged, cajoled, and begged all to accept responsibility for making pro bono work a central part of the practice of law."

After a welcome introduction by VSB President Edward L. Weiner, Access to Legal Services Chair Lonnie D. Nunley III introduced Wallace. Prior to her role at the NLADA, Wallace had a lengthy career in the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, which is recognized nationally as a model public defender agency. Wallace was also recently recognized by the White House as a "Champion of Change," and has served on the visiting faculty for the Trial Advocacy Workshop at Harvard Law School.

Following Wallace's remarks, Hettrick was presented his award by Karl Doss, director of Access to Legal Services at the VSB, and Tara Casey, vice-chair of the Access to Legal Services Committee. Hettrick, who had a twenty-five-year career as a corporate and finance lawyer prior to devoting himself to pro bono work, also served in the US Army and as Special Counsel to the Governor of Virginia during his career. He founded Firms in Service, a pro bono collaboration among Richmond's large law firms, and has served on the boards of Lawyers Helping Lawyers and the Partnership for Non-Profit Excellence.

More information on the Lewis F. Powell Pro Bono Award and the nomination process can be found on the VSB website at: http://www.vsb.org/site/pro_bono/powell-pro-bono-award.



Above, the Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn was among the many dignitaries who attended the Access to Legal Services Conference ceremony honoring George H. Hettrick.

Below, Hettrick addresses the conference.

