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Archie Skidmore Receives 2020 Bradford M. “Buck” Gearing Professionalism Award

(December 1, 2020 -- Akron, Ohio) Archie W. Skidmore is the recipient of the 2020 Bradford M. “Buck” Gearing Professionalism Award. The award was presented during a virtual program on November 18, 2020.

Archie W. Skidmore attended Kent State University utilizing the GI Bill and then entered the University of Akron School of Law, where he graduated on June 20, 1954. Archie has been a member of the Akron Bar Association since 1955, and has continuously practiced law in our community for 65 years.

While attending law school, Archie was introduced to residential and commercial real estate transactions while employed as a title examiner for Summit Title Company and Lawyers Title Insurance Company. Archie’s legal work in construction and civil law set the standards for certain legal practices and resulted in a number of his cases being published in law school case books.

The Bradford M. “Buck” Gearing Professionalism Award is the highest award presented by the Akron Bar Association. It was created as the Professionalism Award in 1996 to recognize an attorney's exceptional dedication to the standards of the profession and to recognize one who has demonstrated integrity and humanitarian concern within the community. In 2018, the name of the award was changed from the "Professionalism Award" to the “Bradford M. ‘Buck’ Gearing Professionalism Award” in memory of Attorney Gearing, Akron Bar past president, and past award recipient.

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