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LINDSAY YOUNG

A Generous Man Receives

On November 30, 1995 our association presented to Lindsay Young the Governor's Award. This award is given annually to a person chosen by the elected Board of Governors considering service to the profession as well as service to the community. The names of the recipients are placed on a brass plaque in a case at the courthouse as a method for our bar association to say we are especially proud of those lawyers. Lindsay Young is certainly such a lawyer.

Lindsay is a private and modest person. In this day where marketing is emphasized, he allows only four lines in Martindale-Hubbell.

To understand why the Board picked Lindsay Young, it is necessary to pull back the curtain of modesty. The best place to begin is his birth. Lindsay, along with his twin brother Robert, was born in 1913. The twins were premature. The doctor believed the small infants could not live and simply put them into a drawer. The small infants were of good stock, however. Their father was a lawyer. Their grandfather was a lawyer. His niece is a lawyer. Lindsay was Law Review at UT Law School and graduated when he was only 22 years of age. Except for service in World War II, he has practiced continually.

He built a solid reputation and was involved in a very controversial case involving a congressman and lawyer which went to the Supreme Court twice. He founded the McCampbell and Young law firm, clearly one of the most respected firms in Knoxville. His emphasis has been in the corporate and estate area and he is a Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estate Counsel.

He is a bright lawyer but he also intelligently picked his place of abode. His next door neighbor was client Ray Thompson. You have probably heard of Thompson-Boling Arena and the Thompson Cancer Center. Yes, it's the same Thompson. Mr. Thompson was in the process of developing the coal business and Lindsay Young was the guiding legal light for those various coal companies for many,

many years. The companies were fantastically successful. Lindsay was successful professionally and Lindsay was successful financially.

Lindsay Young, however, is a man of simple pleasures. It might be suggested that being placed in the drawer set the tone for his life! While he could have probably bought the Biltmore Estate, he spent most weekends at a cabin in Elkmont located in the Smoky Mountains. Actually, calling it a cabin is very generous. Daniel Boone would have burned it down as a hazard! But Lindsay loves the mountains and is reputed to have hiked every trail in the Great Smokies.

He loves the mountains and he loves people. He has shared his good fortune. Most of that sharing, however, is done anonymously. Anyone involved with charitable undertakings knows that the stipulation this private person puts on a gift is that it must be anonymous. However, your association knows through very reliable sources that Lindsay Young has been instrumental in supporting minority scholarships, educational facilities, the University of Tennessee Library, the Knox County Library and, especially, the Wellness Community administering to cancer patients. He was instrumental in the revitalization of Knoxville's YMCA.

There was no way he could be generous to the University of Tennessee without public notice. Lindsay gave \$1 million to the University some years ago (when that was a lot of money!) and is responsible for 10 endowed Chairs at the University, including the Law School.

Lindsay has given back much of his good fortune. He is the reason your association regularly reaches its goals with worthwhile projects.

So we have embarrassed Lindsay Young by causing this public display of attention. We do so, however, because we are proud of what he has done professionally and personally. It is proper this generous man should receive our highest award.



LINDSAY YOUNG
1995 Governors' Award Recipient