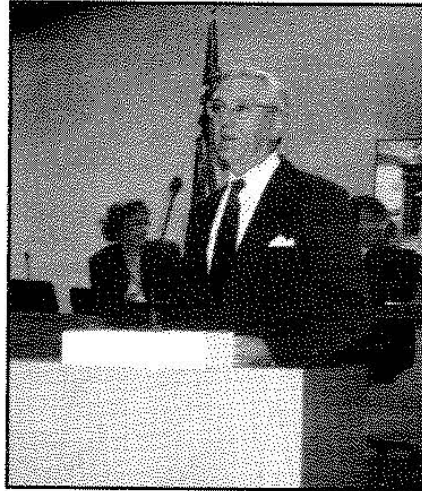


Jack B. Draper Given KBA's Highest Award

by: Bill Vines

At the annual meeting on December 8, 2000, Jack B. Draper was presented the 2000 Governor's Award. The Governor's Award is given each year to a person voted by the Knoxville Bar Association Board of Governors to be an outstanding attorney and an outstanding person. Consideration is given not only to service as an attorney, but service to the community. It is an award not for any single accomplishment. Rather, it is a way for the Bar Association to give special recognition to a lawyer felt to be exemplary. The name of the recipient is inscribed on a plaque which hangs at the City/County Building and an individual plaque is given to the recipient.



The 2000 Governor's Award Committee consisted of Jim O'Kane, Lisa Knott, Mary Beth Maddox, Morris Kizer, Steve Daves, Wayne Kline and Chairman Bill Vines. Names were submitted to the Board of Governors and the elected Board of Governors chose Jack Draper. When his name was announced, the membership gave Jack a standing ovation as he proceeded to the podium. Jack was present under a subterfuge. He thought his son, David, was being given an award. Jack was joined on the podium by his wife, Marilyn; son, David; and long-time secretary, Jean Thomas.

Jack Draper was admitted to the Bar in 1958. He had an outstanding record at the University of Tennessee College of Law. He was Order of the Coif and Editor in Chief of the Tennessee law Review. Jack is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a group which substantially limits its membership.

Jack Draper formed a law firm with Foster Arnett now know as Arnett, Draper and Hagood. It was noted by Bill Vines, who presented the award, that practicing for 42 years with Foster Arnett would illustrate the considerable patience of the recipient.

Jack Draper has given outstanding service to the Knoxville Bar Association. He served on the Board of Governors for three years and as its President in the years 1977/78. He was Chairman of the Knoxville Bar Foundation during its formative years.

Jack Draper has been an outstanding contributor in the community. He is reserved but very compassionate. He has been significantly involved with disadvantaged and disabled persons. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Lakeshore Metal Health Institute by Governor Winfield Dunn. He has quietly devoted years of service to that institution and remains Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Jack has been a stalwart in his church. He has taught Sunday school at First Christian Church for many years.

Jack has an outstanding family. He and Marilyn have been married for 44 years. He has two sons, Jeff and David. His son, David, is very active member of the Knoxville Bar Association and carrying on the family tradition.

Jack was not honored for any one accomplishment, but it was noted at the presentation that the totality of his career demonstrates that he is an outstanding lawyer and an outstanding person. It is fitting that he receive the highest award of the Knoxville Bar Association.