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## PAMELA L. REEVES 2008 GOVERNORS' AWARD RECIPIENT

*The Highest Award of the Knoxville Bar Association*



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Pam is not a "big city" girl. She grew up Volney, Virginia, which may not be locatable even by Google Earth. She came to U.T. and made her mark in undergraduate school, graduating with highest honors. She was a U.T. Torch Bearer and achieved Phi Beta Kappa. At the University of Tennessee College of Law she was the recipient of the *Am-Jur Award* and was on *Law Review*. Following graduation, she has practiced generally in the field of civil litigation and is presently with the firm, Reeves, Herbert & Mullan, P.A., where she emphasizes employment and mediation.

Pam has been active in the bar associations...really active! She was President of the *Barristers* and served on the Knoxville Bar Association Board of Governors, including one year as Secretary. Her service to the Tennessee Bar Association is legend. Pam Reeves served as the first female President of the Tennessee Bar Association in its entire history. Prior thereto, she was President of the TBA Young Lawyers Division and served on the Board of Governors of the TBA for over seven years. She is a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation; Fellow of the American Bar Foundation; and National Trustee of the American Inns of Court Foundation.

In 2008 she was appointed to the Tennessee Supreme Court Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure. She is a

published author on the same subject: *Federal Civil Procedures Before Trial- Sixth Circuit, The West Group* (1996). In 2008 she was appointed to the Tennessee Judicial Selection Commission. For ten years she has written the legal column for the Knoxville News Sentinel. She has been voted by her peers as one of the Best Lawyers in America since 2006.

Pam Reeves has given to the community. She presently serves as Chairman of the Knoxville County Election Commission; has served as an Officer of the Executive Women's Association, Knoxville; has served many years as an Advisory Board Member for *Agape*; has been an active participant in *Big Brothers/Big Sisters*; has served as University of Tennessee Chancellor's Associate; is presently a member of the Board of Directors of *Medic*; and in 2007 was a Finalist for *YWCA Woman of the Year*.

Her husband, Charles Swanson, is a highly respected attorney. He has served as President of the Knoxville Bar Association. Pam and Charles have two children, Reedy and Amanda.

Pam is a hard worker. Pam is an excellent advocate. Pam is highly respected. Pam has truly practiced in an exemplary fashion. We said it already...Pam has to be one of the most admired and loved attorneys in the history of the Knoxville Bar Association. She is deserving of its highest award.