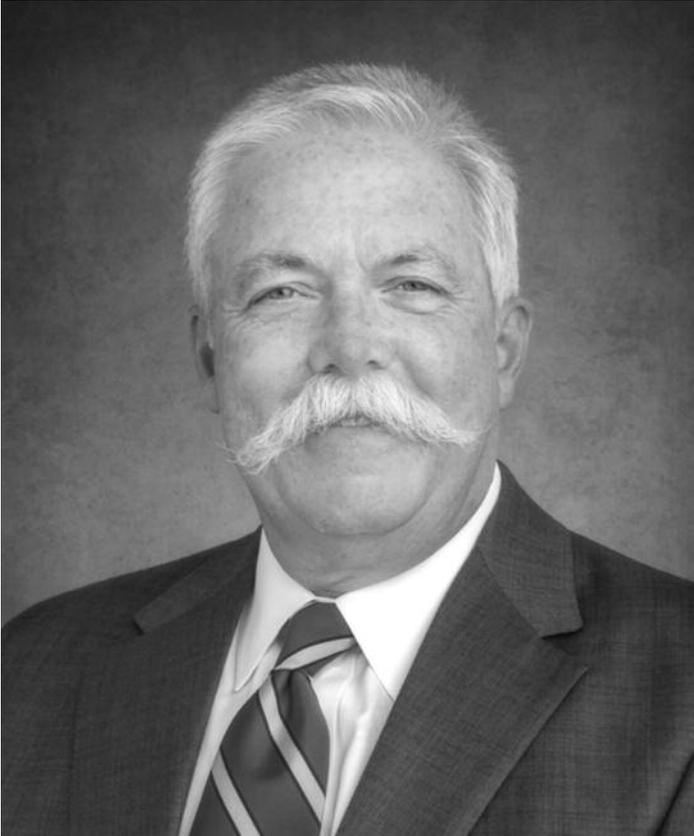




GOVERNORS' AWARD PROFILE

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DENNIS R. MCCLANE - RECIPIENT OF 2015 GOVERNORS' AWARD



At the Annual Meeting on December 11, 2015, **Dennis R. McClane** was awarded the Governors' Award, which is the highest award of the Knoxville Bar Association. The Governors' Award has been designated by the Knoxville Bar Association as recognizing those attorneys who are felt by their peers to be outstanding and role models. A plaque was given to Dennis R. McClane recognizing him "...for the distinction and honor brought to the profession by enduring faithful and distinguished service in this community."

Dennis graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee with a BS degree and subsequently received his law degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1976. He practiced with the firm of Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansberry & Woolf from 1976 to 1994. In 1994, he became one of the founding members of Woolf, McClane, Bright Allen & Carpenter, a firm which presently is composed of 31 lawyers.

Since its founding, Dennis McClane has served as the Chief Manager of the Woolf McClane firm, and has always been a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Further, he has always served as Chairman of its Business Practice Section. His individual practice includes corporate, health care, real estate, mergers and acquisitions, and commercial transactions. He was named Knoxville BEST LAWYERS® Corporate Lawyer of the Year for 2009 and 2015. For years he has been listed in BEST LAWYERS® in America.

He has served the Knoxville Bar Association for many years. He was a member of the Board of Governors from 1989-1996 and served as President of the Knoxville Bar Association in 1995. He has given freely his time and served on the Board of Directors of the Knoxville Legal Aid Society for eight years. He is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, the Health Care Sections of the American Bar Association, Health Care Sections of the Tennessee Bar Association, the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, and the Business Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association. Presently, he is on the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Bar Association Business Section and has served as Chairman of the TBA Business Section. Further, he has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law. He was a member of the Leadership Knoxville Class in the year 2000. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Knoxville Bar Foundation for five years and served as its Chairman for the years 2006 - 2008.

He has "given back" to the University of Tennessee College of Law where he obtained his degree, serving on the Dean's Circle and the Alumni Advisory Council. He has been a member of the University of Tennessee Knoxville Chancellor's Associates and served as Chairman in 1997-1998.

In the community he has been quite active and served on the Advisory Board of the Knoxville Area Command of the Salvation Army and served as Chairman in 2001 and 2002. He is on the Board of Directors of the Knoxville Habitat for Humanity and on the Board of Directors of WDVX Radio Station. He is active in Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, having served as Deacon and Elder.

Dennis and his wife, Pat, have been married for over 40 years. If there is any "free time" you can see them out walking with their two Labrador Retrievers, Graci and Sadie. The presenter described him as a "quiet tiger." He drives a large pickup truck and is a devoted fan of country music! He is an interesting person.

Dennis McClane is an exemplary member of the Knoxville Bar Association and is deserving of its highest honor.

