



Jack B. Middleton Receives UNH Alumni Association's Highest Honor

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Alumni Association recently presented its most prestigious award, the Charles Holmes Pettee Medal, to lawyer and civic leader Jack B. Middleton in a ceremony at the university. The medal is awarded annually to a resident or former resident of New Hampshire in recognition of outstanding accomplishment or distinguished service in any form to the state, the nation or the world.

Middleton is president of the state's largest law firm, McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, and serves on the mediation panels for both the U.S. District Court and the N.H. Superior Court. A former marine, he has served on the board of directors of numerous organizations including the Manchester United Way, New Hampshire Public Radio, New Hampshire Public Television, and the New England Council. He has also been president of the New Hampshire and New England bar associations and secretary of the American Bar Association.

Middleton has actively promoted community-service, nonprofit, and pro bono work among the lawyers at his own firm and beyond. In 1982, he was instrumental in making New Hampshire the second state to institute an Interest on Lawyer's Trust Account program, which collects interest on small temporary escrow accounts that lawyers hold for clients. Now every state in the union has such a program, and the New Hampshire program has funded more than \$19 million in grants, mainly for legal assistance to low-income people, children, the elderly, victims of domestic violence, and others who have limited access to the justice system.

The Pettee Medal was established by the UNH Alumni Association in 1940 to recognize individuals who exhibit the rare devotion to service expressed by the life of the Charles Holmes Pettee, who served the university for 62 years as professor and dean until his death in 1938.

Editors: A downloadable photo of Jack Middleton is available at:
<http://www.unh.edu/news/img/alumni/PetteeMedal.jpg>