

# LAWYER COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD



**J. C. (JACK) DEACON**

Jack Deacon's public service work spans as many decades as his lengthy legal career, which is why it is no surprise that he is one of the first recipients of this award. However, it may be a surprise to someone who reads his extensive professional resume that he found the time to build such an awe-inspiring list of civic, religious and non-profit work as well. Almost six-decades worth of leadership and accomplishments at the local and state level have made his name well-known in the public service arena. Deacon has served as president of most of the major local civic organizations as well as numerous state organizations, including the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, the Craighead County Red Cross, the Highway 63 Association, the Advisory Board of St. Bernards Regional Medical Center, and the Arkansas Amateur Athletic Union. He has also served as director on numerous boards at the state and local level, including the Arkansas Community Foundation, the Arkansas Amateur Athletic Union, and the Arkansas Conference of Christians and Jews. Perhaps one of Deacon's proudest accomplishments is his role as a founding board member of what is now the United Way of Northeast Arkansas. His continuing service with the United Way and numerous other civic organizations exemplifies his love for his community. As a long-time public servant, Deacon has enriched his own life as well as the lives of those in his community by showing other lawyers how to reach out beyond the legal profession.