2012 Distinguished Achievement Awards Announced

The University of New Mexico School of Law announces the recipients of the 2012 Distinguished Achievement Award, which honors notable accomplishments and dedicated service to the school and the greater community.

This year’s recipients are Anne Bingaman, Richard Civerolo, Ted Parnall and Wendy York. They were honored at an Oct. 19 banquet on the UNM campus.

Bingaman became the law school’s first female law professor when she joined the faculty in 1972. While there, she successfully led a coalition that supported an equal rights amendment to the New Mexico Constitution and won an effort to open the New Mexico Military Institute to female cadets. In 1993, she became the first woman to head the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Throughout her career, she has worked diligently on behalf of women’s, children’s and consumer’s rights.

Civerolo, a member of the UNM School of Law’s first graduating class (1950), founded a highly respected Albuquerque law firm that still bears his name. A leading trial lawyer, he tried more than 100 jury trials and recorded 50 appellate cases in state and federal court during 59 years of practice. Civerolo was equally dedicated to community service projects, including more than 40 years with the American Cancer Society, for which he received the title of honorary life member.

Parnall has been a member of the UNM School of Law community for more than 27 years. He came to the UNM School of Law as a student (Class of 1967), and later served as a law professor and dean. During his legal career, he contributed his expertise in business law to initiatives around the globe, helping establish legal systems and train lawyers in more than 10 developing countries.

York presided over more than 1,200 civil cases during eight years as a judge with the Second Judicial District Court. Since leaving the bench in 2005, she has become highly regarded as a mediator and arbitrator with the Sheehan & Sheehan law firm. She is a constant presence in the pursuit of training lawyers and law students in trial advocacy, and is a passionate community advocate.

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