

## **The Patrick M. Ryan Public Interest Law Fellowship**

Patrick Ryan is a graduate of the Oklahoma School of Law where he was editor of the Oklahoma Law Review and Order of the Coif. After law school he served for four years as Captain, JAG, USAF in Massachusetts and Republic of the Philippines, and Chief of Military Justice for the 13<sup>th</sup> A.F. (Southeast Asia). Patrick returned in 1974 to Oklahoma City where he was a partner in the Crowe & Dunlevy law firm until he founded his own firm, Ryan, Geister & Whaley. In 1995, he was appointed the United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma where he served until 1999 before returning to his law firm, now named Ryan, Whaley, Coldiron, Jantzen, Peters & Webber, PLLC.

Patrick has tried in excess of 150 jury trials specializing in all forms of business litigation, defense of bad faith insurance claims, pharmaceutical and medical device claims, oil and gas royalty claims and high profile criminal prosecution and defense matters. In 2008, he was listed as one of Oklahoma's 10 "Super Lawyers" and as one of the top three commercial litigation lawyers in the State by America's Leading Business Lawyers.

Patrick is recognized as arguably Oklahoma's highest profile litigator. He was the U.S. Attorney in the Oklahoma Bombing Cases prosecuting Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, and recently secured the acquittal of a CEO in one of the largest corporate fraud cases ever prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

Active in the Bar, Pat has served on the Board of Governors for the Oklahoma Bar Association, President of the Oklahoma County Bar Association, Vice-President of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation and President of the Oklahoma Young Lawyers Association. He was elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers, as a Fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the Americans Board of Trial Advocates where he served as President of the Oklahoma Chapter.

His many awards are as diverse as his legal career. They include Federal Law Enforcement Officer Associations Special Prosecutorial Award, Department of Justice, Attorney General's Medallion, Appreciation Award, Oklahoma City Police Department, Appreciation Award, Oklahoma City Fire Department, FBI Agents Association Award for Excellence and for Distinguished and Exemplary Service, and Association of Government Attorney's in Capital Litigations Award for Trial Advocacy.

The Patrick M. Ryan Public Interest Law Fellowship is awarded in hopes that the recipient will be inspired by what successful lawyers like Patrick Ryan do in the public's interest as an essential part of their career, and will make a similar commitment.

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