

ROBERTS & STEVENS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW



John S. Stevens

FOUNDING PARTNER (1933-2019)

After 60 years of practicing law, attorney and founding partner Jack Stevens retired from the firm in January 2019.

Throughout his career, Jack's law practice included small business, family business and corporate law, trust and estate law, and higher education law. Jack was credited with shaping the approachable culture of Roberts & Stevens Attorneys at Law.

In his early career, Jack served four terms in the North Carolina General Assembly (1969-1975) and was Chairman of the House Rules Committee during the 1975 session. He has served as Chairman of the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Chairman of the Governor's Task Force for Safe Roads, Chairman of Mission-St. Joseph Health System's Board of Trustees, Chairman and member of the UNC Healthcare System's Board of Trustees, and as a Board of Visitors and Life Member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jack was President of the North Carolina Bar Association from 1995 to 1996 and was an active member throughout his career. He served as Board Chairman of the North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs, was a member of the University of North Carolina Press Advancement Council, and was a member of Attorneys for Family-Held Enterprises.

Jack was a designated Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated Attorney. He was recognized by Best Lawyers in America, Business North Carolina's Legal Elite and North Carolina Super Lawyers.

In 2008, Jack was presented the North Carolina Bar Association/28th Judicial District Bar Association Centennial Award for outstanding service to benefit his local community. In 2013, he was inducted into the NC Bar

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, AB, 1956; JD, 1961, *Phi Beta Kappa*

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina State Bar

COMMUNITY

Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, former Chairman of Board of Directors

Governor's Task Force for Safe Roads, past Chairman

Mission-St. Joseph Health Systems, former Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board

UNC Healthcare System, former Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, former Board of Trustees, Board of Visitors, Life Member

Association General Practice Hall of Fame for outstanding service. To honor Jack's work and legacy, Roberts & Stevens' partners created the John S. Stevens Justice Fund at the NC Bar Association Foundation.

Jack Stevens was proud to have helped build the Roberts & Stevens law firm and to raise a family in Asheville.

In addition to his professional and civic life, Jack was a lifetime outdoorsman and adventurer – his happiest moments spent outdoors with friends and family. Also an accomplished historian, he published the book A Short Buncombe County History in spring 2019.