

Joseph H. McGee

Mr. McGee is a member of the Charleston County Bar and a founding partner in the law firm of Buist, Moore, Smythe & McGee, as the twenty-third recipient of the DuRant Distinguished Public Service Award. He is the second attorney in the firm to be honored with this distinction, joining the late Augustine T. Smythe, who received the award in 1990.

Born in Charleston, Mr. McGee was educated in the Charleston city schools and then received both his B.A. and LL.B. from Washington & Lee University. Upon his graduation, he served as a line officer in the U.S. Navy from 1952-1956. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1956, served as chairman of the Executive Committee in 1971 and currently serves as president of the Senior Lawyers Division. Mr. McGee also acted as president of the Charleston County Bar in 1981 and is a past president of the Charleston Young Lawyers Club.



Mr. McGee is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates and the American Bar Foundation. He is a Permanent Member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference. He has been listed in every edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*.

On the state and city level, Mr. McGee served three terms in the SC House of Representatives from 1963-1968, where he was vice-chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and from 1971-1975 was a member of the Charleston City Council.

Mr. McGee has served as a lecturer for a variety of audiences including students at the University of South Carolina School of Law and the American Institute of Banking. A trustee emeritus of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, he has lectured for the group's annual meeting and his paper, *Tax Incentives for Historic Preservations*, was published by the organization.

In addition to his commitment to the legal profession, Mr. McGee has been very active in any number of civic and community organizations. He is past president and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Historic Charleston Foundation, served as president of the South Carolina Historical Society, was vice chair of the South Carolina Tricentennial Commission from 1966 to 1971 and has served as president of the Board of Trustees of

Ashley Hall School. Mr. McGee currently sits on the Board of Trustees of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation and is a former member of the Board of the Community Foundation Serving Coastal Carolina, the Charleston Museum and the Trident United Way.