

## BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS TO CHUCK PARSONS

**Chuck Parsons** retired from the practice of law at year's end, following a career spanning four decades. After graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1965, Chuck started a lifetime of serving our country when he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps, where he attained the rank of Captain while serving in Vietnam in 1968. Following his military service, Chuck entered the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating *cum laude* in 1972. He immediately joined Moss & Barnett and spent his entire career at our law firm. Chuck's career was distinctly marked by his excellent legal skills, his service to the bar, and his exceptional dedication to the provision of legal aid to the less fortunate.

As a real estate attorney, Chuck was hailed by his clients as a lawyer who always knew how to get the deal done. His peers in the bar consistently recognized him for his exceptional legal ability by selecting him for inclusion in *Minnesota Super Lawyers* and *Minnesota Top 100 Super Lawyers*, as well as on the national level in *Chambers USA* and *Best Lawyers*®. Chuck was further distinguished by his election as a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the American College of Mortgage Attorneys, where he served on the Board of Regents and as State Chair for Minnesota.

In addition to his military service, Chuck served the legal community by co-chairing the Real Property Law Section's Legislative Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association for 20 years, and as a member of the governing Council and Chair of the Section. Under Chuck's leadership, the Section prepared and was successful in causing the Minnesota Legislature to pass laws improving the real estate laws in Minnesota. The Real Property Law Section awarded Chuck its Distinguished Service Award in 2006.



*Chuck Parsons and Dave Senger, Chairman*

Arguably, Chuck's greatest accomplishment was his unstinting dedication to the cause of providing legal aid to the poor. Chuck was one of the early leaders and president of Legal Advice Clinics, now Volunteer Lawyers Network. In addition, throughout his career, Chuck served the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis in a series of leadership positions as a director and as president. The Legal Aid Society ultimately awarded its Access to Justice Award to Chuck for his lifetime of providing legal service to the poor. Moss & Barnett also recognized Chuck for his exceptional service to the bar and to the community by awarding him the distinguished Paul Van Valkenburg Community Service Award in 2002.

***We salute Chuck and wish him and his wife, JoAnne, all of the best in their well-deserved years of retirement.***

