Richard W. Pogue, ’53

Richard W. Pogue led Jones Day to become a global law firm and works tirelessly for the region of Northeast Ohio, where he lives.

Mr. Pogue became acting managing partner of Jones Day in 1984 and managing partner a year later. During his years in these roles, the firm grew significantly and for the first time entered international markets. His specialty areas of practice were antitrust and corporate takeover defense, and he served as arbitrator or mediator in a large number of major commercial disputes.

A past chairman of the Antitrust Law Section of the American Bar Association, Mr. Pogue has also served in many civic leadership roles in Cleveland, Northeast Ohio, and the state of Ohio, several of those roles in education (for example, he currently serves as Vice Chairman of the University of Akron). He retired from Jones Day in 1994 to become a senior advisor at Dix & Eaton, a corporate public relations firm. In 2004 he rejoined Jones Day and today serves as senior advisor at the firm.

A longtime advocate of teaching Michigan Law students about the business of law, Mr. Pogue created and taught the course “The Business of Law” as a visiting professor at Michigan Law in 1993-95, a popular course that continues today under the name “Law Firms and Legal Careers.” Since the fall of 2007, the Law School has held several programs for students sponsored by a fund Mr. Pogue endowed to support education on the business of law, featuring distinguished Michigan Law alumni speaking on leadership challenges and professional issues. These “Pogue Panels,” as they are known at the Law School, regularly attract hundreds of students. In 2006, Mr. Pogue became the inaugural chair of Dean Evan Caminker’s Advisory Council, a position in which he still serves. In 2008, Mr. Pogue was named a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Service Award, the highest award for alumni bestowed by the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. He was awarded honorary degrees by the University of Akron and the Cleveland Institute of Music.