



2015 Walks of Life Honoree

Patrick M. McLaughlin

A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Patrick M. McLaughlin has successfully litigated high profile civil and criminal cases for more than 35 years. In 1984, he was appointed as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Under McLaughlin's guidance, the office is credited with leading the Department of Justice in the number of child pornography convictions and the first case to uphold the constitutionality of the Child Protection Act.

McLaughlin established the Caribbean Task Force, the first multi-agency operational task force of its kind under the direct supervision of an assistant U.S. attorney. The task force was successful in combating the influx of violent drug gangs from the Caribbean into Ohio. To address the demand-side of drugs, he formed the Northern Ohio Drug Abuse Awareness and Prevention Task Force, which President Reagan recognized as a national model.

As a private defense lawyer, McLaughlin represents clients in commercial and business cases, product liability, civil litigation defense, and white collar criminal defense. He is the Best Lawyers' 2015 Cleveland Criminal Defense: White Collar "Lawyer of the Year," and has been named to the 2013 and 2014 *Irish Legal 100*.

A Vietnam veteran, McLaughlin is president of the Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial Inc. In that capacity, he recently oversaw the re-dedication of the Cleveland War Memorial: Fountain of Eternal Life on Veterans Memorial Plaza (formerly "Mall A"). The added names of 42 Cuyahoga County military service members who were killed in action, primarily in Iraq and Afghanistan, brought the total number honored on the 50-year-old memorial to 5,552 patriots dating back to the Spanish-American War. See www.clevelandvetmemorial.org.

McLaughlin graduated from Ohio University, and served as editor-in-chief of the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law while attending law school. He and his wife, Christine, the daughter of the late U.S. District Judge John M. Manos, have been blessed with three sons, Brian, Christopher, and Conor; and three grandchildren, Patrick, Clara, and Elle.

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