International Fellow

Donald W. Conley (1927-2012), Ely Chapter

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Awarded at the 1991 Biennial Congress Awards Banquet at the University Club of Chicago



Specializing in real estate law, Mr. Conley spent most of his career at the firm of McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago, where he was instrumental in creating and managing their Real Estate Division. Over the next 30 years he became an authority in this area of law, and as General Counsel of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers he made significant contributions to the field. He also served as Special Counsel to the President of the Appraisal Institute and authored major portions of national legislation regarding state licensing and certification of Appraisers in the US.

Mr. Conley attended Harvard University as a National Scholar and graduated with honors in 1950 along with distinguished classmates Henry Kissinger, James Schlesinger and George Plimpton. In 1953 he received his L.L.B from Harvard Law.

He served as President of both the Ely Chapter of Lambda Alpha International (1982) and President of Lambda Alpha International (1985-87). His various roles for LAI included Chair of the 1981 Biennial Congress Committee. In 1987, he was honored as International Member of the Year in recognition of his many contributions to the organization.