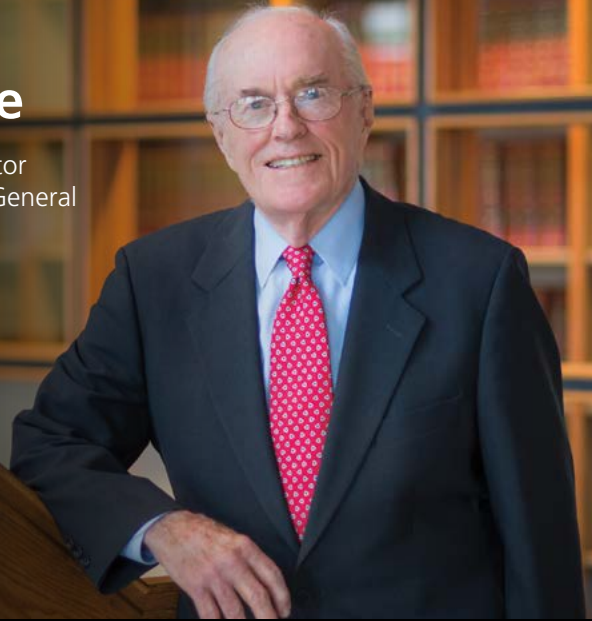


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2019 Haywood Burns Memorial Award Ceremony and Reception

Honoring John R. Dunne

Former New York State Senator
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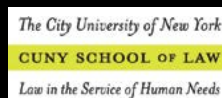


Wednesday, October 16, 2019

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

CUNY School of Law's Auditorium
and Community room

2 Court Square West,
Long Island City, NY 11101



JOHN R. DUNNE, ESQ.

John Dunne currently serves as Senior Counsel at the Albany law firm of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP and provides legal services to the firm's Environmental, Government Relations, Insurance, and Litigation and Appeals Practices groups.

Prior to joining Whiteman Mr. Dunne served in a variety of federal, state and local government positions for 30 years. From 1990 to 1993 he was the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. From 1966 to 1989 he was a member of the New York State Senate. Throughout his local and state service, he actively practiced law on Long Island, as a partner in the national law firm of Rivkin, Radler, Dunne & Bayh.

As Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Dunne headed up the enforcement of all federal civil rights laws, arguing cases in federal appeals courts and in the U.S. Supreme Court. He was awarded both the Edmund Randolph and the John Marshal awards for distinguished service and in 2006 received the New York State Bar Association's Gold Medal, the highest award bestowed by the Association.

During his 24 years as a state senator, Mr. Dunne served at various times as Deputy Majority Leader and chair of the judiciary, environmental protection, insurance and prisons committees. One highly notable aspect of his service occurred in 1971, as Chair of the State Senate's Correction Committee, he went to Attica State Prison during the riots for the purpose of obtaining justice through a fair and peaceful resolution for the inmates and hostages.

Mr. Dunne is licensed to practice in New York and at U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association, a past member of its House of Delegates and past chair of its Legislative Policy Committee and Committee on Judicial Independence; a Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation and past Chair; and Past President of the Nassau County Bar Association. Mr. Dunne served as Trustee for The College of Insurance (1993-1998), The College of Saint Rose, the Albany Institute of History & Art, WAMC Northeast Public Radio, and the Columbia County Historical Society. He is a director of Prisoners' Legal Services of New York and the Committee for Modern Courts.

Mr. Dunne received his A.B. from Georgetown University in 1951 and his LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1954.