

# FOUR SELECTED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

**F**our Law School alumni have been selected to receive Distinguished Service Awards from the School this fall. The award is designed to recognize graduates of the School of Law who have distinguished themselves for service to their community, state or country in distinctive and exceptional ways. The first award recipient was Bruce A. Polizotto, '67, a partner at the Indianapolis law firm of Ice Miller Donadio & Ryan.

The recipients for 1997 are Fort Wayne attorney Lindy G. Moss, '52; Indianapolis attorney and businessman Milton O. Thompson, '79; Vice President of the Nature Conservancy W. William Weeks, '79; and Washington, D.C. founder of Community First, Inc. and Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management John M. Hamilton, '86.

## Lindy G. Moss, '52

Lindy G. Moss is a model to his fellow lawyers in the Fort Wayne area. Moss has concentrated his practice in the area of business law, tax, and estate planning and administration. He is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Council (since 1980).

Moss served on the Parkview Memorial Hospital Board of Directors from 1963 until 1992. He continues to serve as an associate board member on the Hospital Quality Committee, which he previously chaired. From 1972 until 1975, he served as President of the Hospital.

In 1981-82, Moss served as a member of the Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools, having been appointed by

that Board to fill the vacancy left by William C. Lee who was appointed United States District Court Judge. He served three years on the Board of Directors of the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, six years on the Board of Directors of Fort Wayne Philharmonic, on the Boards of Directors of Fort Wayne Rotary and Fort Wayne Quest Club. He has served as President of both Fort Wayne Rotary and Fort Wayne Quest Club.

He has been active in his local United Methodist Church and in district and conference organizations. He taught Sunday School for 35 years.

## Milton O. Thompson, '79

Milton O. Thompson is described as having "innate and perfect talents as a planner, motivator and negotiator." He serves as the Chairman of the Indianapolis Foundation Board of Trustees and as the Director of the Wittenberg Alumni Association. He has also served on the Indiana University School of Law Alumni Board as President and as Chair of the Board of Visitors. Thompson founded Grand Slam III, a sports and entertainment management and marketing company providing planning, development and negotiation services for events, individuals and businesses. In addition, he is the President of Grand Slam Licensing, Inc. and Grand Slam Equities. Mr. Thompson served as Vice President for Corporate Development and General Counsel for the Organizing Committee of the Tenth Annual Pan American Games. Service to other organizations include: Board of Directors of American States Holding Co. and TWC Resources, Inc.; National Liaison Officer of the Big Brothers of Greater Indianapolis; Founder and Chairman of

the Indiana Amateur Baseball Association; Director of Sports Marketing Indiana, Indiana/World Ice Skating Academy, Junior Achievement and the English Foundation; and Member of the Board of Advisors and Mentor for the Sports and Entertainment Academy at the Indiana University Graduate School of Business.

## W. William Weeks, '79

W. William Weeks commits himself to the conservation of our natural communities. Weeks has been instrumental in building The Nature Conservancy into one of the 20 largest charities in the United States. He served first as the State Director from 1982 until 1988, helping to secure the passage of legislation which created a \$10 million public-private campaign to protect and manage the state's plants, animals and natural communities, as well as raising more than \$5 million to fund the private side of that effort. Weeks then served as the Chief Operating Officer from 1988 until 1994 and was the Conservancy's second ranking executive, with direct responsibility for all science and conservation operations and principal budget authority. Currently he is the Vice President of the Conservancy and the Director of the Center for Compatible Economic Development, which works with communities to develop businesses, products, and land uses that conserve the environment, enhance local economies and achieve community goals.

## John M. Hamilton, '86

John M. Hamilton overcame odds and made remarkable things happen in our nation's capital. Mr. Hamilton felt there was a need for a bank