

The Tenth Annual Maryland Bar Foundation Award for Legal Excellence in Advancement of Public Service Responsibility awarded to Steven VanGrack, Esq.

Raised in the Washington Metropolitan area, Steven VanGrack is a senior with expertise in personal injury and government relations. Devoted to the law and the needs of his clients, Mr. VanGrack leads a dynamic and astute practice team that is very effective at developing the facts to advance his clients' interests.

Mr. VanGrack has had significant success in many large personal injury matters, police brutality cases and situations where he represented students, Olympic athletes, and issues under the American With Disability Act.

Throughout his career Mr. VanGrack has been extremely involved in government and community affairs. Mr. VanGrack knowledge of the metropolitan community has enabled him to provide timely and effective assistance to clients requiring representation before various local government agencies and boards.

He served in the distinguished position of Mayor of the City of Rockville. Further, he has been a member of numerous boards, including the Washington Metropolitan Council of Government, Rockville Chamber of Commerce, and Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Foundations. He has also been appointed to several commissions to advise the governors of the State of Maryland, including his recent selection as Chair for Maryland Real Estate Commission.

A former instructor at Montgomery College, his contributions to Rockville and the community at large are recognized throughout suburban Maryland. He received the Montgomery County Bar Foundation's Pro Bono Service Award in 1998 and was recognized in 1999 for extraordinary commitment to the delivery of legal services. Mr. VanGrack is the recipient of the 2001 Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth Award for Outstanding Service to Youth.

Mr. VanGrack has served as the Chairperson of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica Montgomery County for a number of years, along with Olympic Gold Medalist Dominique Dawes. In addition to serving as counsel to Ms. Dawes, Mr. VanGrack has represented a number of Olympic Athletes including Dominique Moceanu, Kerri Strug, Bonnie Blair, and Jeff Rouse.

Steve VanGrack received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1970 from the University of Maryland, where he was named Outstanding Graduate, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland Law School where he was a participant in the Asper Fellowship Program.

In addition to working two years with the United States Department of Justice, Mr. VanGrack served as law clerk to the Honorable Joseph M. Mathias, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland.