



## Julious P. Smith Honored at National MS Society Virginia-West Virginia Chapter's Dinner of Champions

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On Thursday, Oct. 8, Williams Mullen Chairman Emeritus Julious P. "Joey" Smith, Jr. was honored at the National MS Society Virginia-West Virginia Chapter's Dinner of Champions with the 2015 Frank Cowan Cup of Hope Award. This award is the chapter's most prestigious honor and recognizes one's passion and commitment to the Society and all of the community. It is named in memoriam of the late Frank Cowan, who passed away earlier this year. Mr. Smith was honored for his decades of work giving back and being a leader in the local Richmond community. Overall, the event raised more than \$300,000 to support the MS Society's programs and services in Virginia and West Virginia. Read the press release from the event [here](#).

A committed community leader, Mr. Smith has served on the board of the Richmond Economic Development Authority (EDA) since 2011. He also currently serves on the board of directors of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Smith is a former member of the board of trustees of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and Virginia Athletics Foundation.

Mr. Smith has received numerous awards for his leadership and dedication to community service. In 2014, he was named a Living Legacy by the Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation. He was awarded the Hill-Tucker Public Service Award by the Richmond Bar Association and the Patrick Henry Public Service Award from the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest at Hampden-Sydney College. He is a member of The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the Richmond Touchdown Club's Micheli Award for his outstanding contribution to Richmond youth. In 2010, he was recognized as a Leader in the Law by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

Mr. Smith joined Williams Mullen in 1968 after graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law. He served as CEO from 1984 to 2010 and oversaw tremendous growth in the firm. Under Smith's leadership, Williams Mullen grew from 25 lawyers in Richmond to more than 300 lawyers in 12 offices across the Mid-Atlantic.

[Click here](#) to view a video honoring Mr. Smith for his contributions to our community and his leadership in building a culture of giving back at Williams Mullen. Our attorneys and staff currently hold more than 250 leadership positions on boards and committees of nonprofit organizations and donate thousands of volunteer and pro bono service hours every year.

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