

2016 Citizen Lawyers: Marc L. Isaacson

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GREENSBORO – Marc L. Isaacson has been named a 2016 recipient of the North Carolina Bar Association’s Citizen Lawyer Award. The award will be presented at the Bar Association’s Annual Meeting in Charlotte on Friday, June 24, 2016. The Citizen Lawyer Award recognizes attorneys who have provided exemplary service through volunteer work and civic involvement in their communities outside the practice of law.

A native of Greensboro, Isaacson earned his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his law degree from Wake Forest University. After admission to the North Carolina Bar in 1983, he began his legal career with his father’s law firm, now known as Isaacson Isaacson Sheridan Fountain & Leftwich, LLP in Greensboro, where he continues to practice.

Isaacson was steeped in a family culture of community involvement from a very young age. Both of his parents were actively involved in community activities and set the tone for Isaacson, instilling in him that involvement was expected. Isaacson memorably quotes his father as saying, “if you will open your arms to the community, it will open its arms to you.”

Among Isaacson’s proudest past accomplishments are his fifteen years of service on the board and as chairman of the Greensboro Natural Science Center, Inc., his work as pro bono legal counsel for the Greater Greensboro Open (now the Wyndham Open), and his service as a board member and past president of Temple Emanuel Greensboro. Isaacson has also served as a member and chairman of the Guilford County Board of Elections, a member of the Greensboro War Memorial Coliseum Commission, and a member of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission. He is also a past member of the North Carolina Bar Association’s Real Property Section Council.

Isaacson is currently serving as president of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, a member and chairman of the Greensboro Planning Board, a founding member of the board of directors and secretary of the Greensboro Police Foundation, and pro bono legal counsel to the Carolinas Section of the Professional Golfers’ Association (PGA) of America.

In thinking back on the value of his community service, Isaacson says, “I really have received more from my community than I have given.”

Isaacson is married to Jill R. Wilson, an attorney with the law firm of Brooks Pierce in Greensboro, and they have two daughters, Sarah and Allison. His law practice focuses on land use and regulation, residential development and commercial real property law, and general corporate law.

The Citizen Lawyer Committee of the NCBA Young Lawyers Division, in conjunction with the NCBA Citizen Lawyer Committee, provides expanded coverage of the 2016

Citizen Lawyer Awards in recognition of their volunteer service and leadership in their communities and beyond.

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