## Donald V. Richardson III



Donald V. Richardson III was born January 14, 1936, in Florence, SC, to parents Donald V. Richardson Jr. and Margaret Deans Richardson. He was raised in Georgetown, SC, and graduated from Winyah High School. Richardson served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1953 to 1961.

In 1958, he earned his B.S. degree in business from the University of South Carolina, where he was the commander of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. In 1960, he graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He received a mediation certificate from Harvard

Law School in 1996.

Richardson began his career in 1960 with the law firm of Whaley and McCutchen. In 1972, he founded Richardson Plowden Law Firm (now Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A.). He continued to be of counsel until 1999. Highlights of his legal career included being one of the first attorneys in South Carolina devoted to the defense of physicians and hospitals in medical malpractice actions across the state. He was a guest speaker at the invitation of medical societies across the state on topics regarding various medical liability and its defense. He was recognized in the listing of Best Lawyers in America and co-authored numerous articles for publication.

Richardson held bar memberships in the S.C. Supreme Court, S.C. Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court for the District of S.C., U.S. Supreme Court, Richland County Bar Association, S.C. Bar and the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference. He was a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, for which he also served as a faculty member. He was a member and chair of the S.C. Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline and was elected to the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors.

Richardson was a member of Trinity Cathedral, Forest Lake Club, The Camellia Ball, Pawleys Island Yacht Club, Chevaliers du Tastevin and numerous other social organizations. He enjoyed his affiliation with friends in numerous wine clubs and was a generous supporter of many community organizations. He was known by many as "Pop" and happily supported the activities of his grandchildren. Upon his retirement, he enjoyed visiting Pawley's Island, SC.

Donald V. Richardson III died on November 23, 2010. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Betty Anne Nelson Richardson; three children, Anne R. Seabrook (son-in-law, March), Deans R. Fawcett (son-in-law, Peter) and Donald V. Richardson IV; and nine grandchildren, Nelson Seabrook, Richard Seabrook, Elizabeth Seabrook, Margaret Deans Fawcett, P. Gavin Fawcett Jr., Patrick K. Fawcett, Donald R. Fawcett, K. Anne Fawcett and Rutherford H. Fawcett.