

MEYER INDUCTED INTO THE ORDER OF THE COIF

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Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, P.C. shareholder, John S. Meyer, Jr., was inducted into the *Order of the Coif* by vote of the Washington University School of Law faculty. Andrew D. Martin, Charles Nagel Chair of Constitutional Law and Political Science at the Law School, stated the faculty took into account John's achievements as a student at the Law School, his contributions to the Law School since graduation and "most importantly," the professional distinction that he has attained within the field of law.

The *Order of the Coif* is an honorary scholastic society. Its purpose is to encourage excellence in legal education by fostering a spirit of careful study, recognizing those who as law students attained a high grade of scholarship and honoring those who as lawyers, judges and teachers attained high distinction for their scholarly or professional accomplishments. Washington University School of Law has been a member of the *Order of the Coif* since 1924. As such, it is allowed to induct one honorary member with each graduating class. Student inductees must rank within the top 10% of their graduating class.

After receiving his award, John was asked to express a few "words of wisdom" to the student inductees, faculty, family and friends who attended the ceremony. John congratulated the students for their outstanding academic achievements and implored them to focus on building relationships with family, friends, clients, public servants, secretaries, clerks, courtroom deputies and not to confuse zealous advocacy with mean spiritedness. Those who listen and build bridges of understanding are more apt to achieve success in terms of a balanced, comfortable and fulfilling life that includes service to the community as well as to the legal profession. John expressed deep thanks to the Washington University Law faculty, whose dedication to scholarship and the teaching craft is exemplary.

John serves as a member of the Firm's Executive Committee and chairs the Firm's Business and Real Estate Transaction Practice Group.

The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertisements.