



NCADA Presents 2008 J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence to Alan W. Duncan

The NCADA is pleased to announce that Alan W. Duncan has been presented the *2008 J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence*.



Alan W. Duncan Presented Elster Award by NCADA President Brian Beverly.

This award, renamed in 2007 in honor and recognition of long-time Kilpatrick Stockton Partner J. Robert Elster, a founding member and second president of the NCADA, recognizes NCADA members who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and ethics and conducts him or herself in a civil, courteous manner with all persons. The recipient must provide sustained excellent service to individuals and corporate defendants in civil litigation, to the Bar and to the community.

Mr. Elster, a Duke University School of Law graduate, was a trial attorney for over 40 years representing corporations in major business litigation. He was listed among *The Best Lawyers in America*, *North Carolina Super Lawyers* and *North Carolina Legal Elite*. Mr. Elster was an active leader in the legal community. He was a Vice President and two-term member of the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association and a member of the Special Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association for Tort Reform.

This year's recipient, Alan W. Duncan, is a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP in Greensboro where he has practiced since 1979. Duncan received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College in 1976, and his law degree from Vanderbilt University in 1979 where he was the Executive Editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.

Duncan has maintained a successful law practice representing individual and corporate defendants in civil litigation for almost 30 years in both the state and federal courts in North Carolina and in other jurisdictions. He has been recognized by his peers by listing in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Business North Carolina's Legal Elite*. Duncan has served his profession as a president of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys; chair, Litigation Section, and member, Board of Governors of the North Bar Association; member, American College of Trial Lawyers, American Bar Association and North Carolina State Bar.

Duncan has also given back to his community as the District 4 Representative for the Guilford County Board of Education (chairman, 2002-2005); a YMCA volunteer coach; Boy Scout volunteer leader; Habitat for Humanity volunteer; and an Elder and a Sunday School teacher at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro.

The NCADA is pleased to recognize Alan W. Duncan as the 2008 recipient of the J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence.

The North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys brings together civil trial attorneys to promote the exchange of information, ideas, and litigation techniques, and to strengthen the practice, improve the skills, and enhance the knowledge of lawyers defending individuals and businesses in North Carolina. The NCADA represents over 1000 civil litigation attorneys and paralegals in North Carolina. For more information about the NCADA, please contact the Association's office at (919) 657-1576 or visit www.ncada.org.