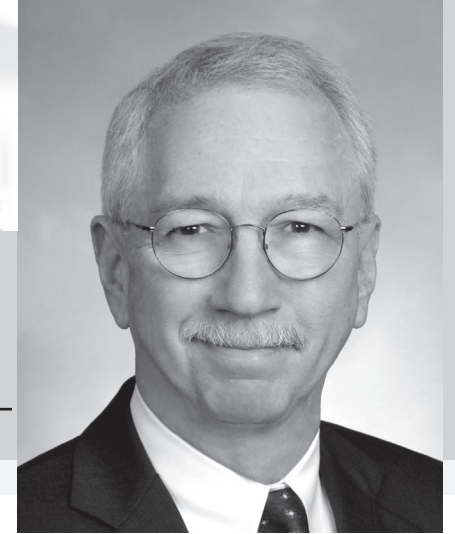




## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Steven H. Brose '69



### To Steven H. Brose for his exemplary career in law and for his commitment to serving his community through pro bono work.

When it comes to lifelong learning, Steve Brose models what is possible. He graduated with a master's degree in history from George Washington University just last May, at age 64. "It took me six years and I was always the oldest student, but I enjoyed every single minute," said Brose.

Brose has made history of his own through his distinguished legal career with the international law firm Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C. His practice focuses on federal regulation of the energy industry, with an emphasis on transportation issues for companies throughout the United States and Canada. He has been with Steptoe & Johnson for his entire career, and now heads the firm's Regulatory and Industry Affairs Department. He has represented the Trans Alaska Pipeline since the 1970s, and has also advised the governments of Ecuador and the Republic of Georgia.

Brose is also committed to pro bono work, which he has demonstrated throughout his career. He currently heads up representing an inmate on death row in Delaware.

"I knew going in that this would be a rewarding professional experience," said Brose. "What I didn't expect was how deeply I would come to care about my client and his family. It has made working on his behalf even more important to me." Brose also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a national non-profit organization founded in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Queens and New Jersey, Brose was the first in his family's direct line to attend college. His family didn't have a lot of money, so attending a public university was a must—and Penn State seemed much more "exotic" than his home state school, Rutgers. He majored in political science; held numerous offices in his fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa; and served as vice president of the Interfraternity Council in his senior year. He met his wife, Janice, at Penn State.

They married in State College before moving to New York so he could attend Columbia Law School. Brose credits his Penn State advisor with encouraging him to shoot for an Ivy League law school, and for working tirelessly to get him the financial aid he needed to allow him to do so.

Through the years, Brose has maintained his passion for history. In 2001, he and Janice greatly influenced the study of the Civil War at Penn State by endowing The Steven and Janice Brose Distinguished Lecture and Book Series, part of University Park's George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center. Each year, a visiting professor presents lectures during the course of three evenings, centered on an emerging topic in Civil War scholarship.

"This program provides the opportunity for Penn State to make a significant mark in Civil War history, both for serious academics and for the broader public," said Brose. "There is nothing like it anywhere else in the North."

The Broses' generosity also enabled the Richards Center to enter an agreement

with the University of North Carolina Press, which publishes the lectures as part of a series of scholarly monographs, with Richards Center Director William Blair '75, '89g, '95g serving as series editor. It was Blair who inspired Brose to fulfill his longstanding goal of returning to school to study history, Brose said.

Brose has continually connected back to Penn State by serving the College of the Liberal Arts, and currently chairs its Development Council. He was designated a Centennial Fellow at the college's 2009 Centennial Celebration and received the college's Service to Penn State Award in 2004. Brose mentors students and has maintained a close relationship with them even after they graduate from Penn State.

The Broses are life members of the Penn State Alumni Association and live in Rockville, Md. They have two sons, Michael and Joshua, and three grandchildren, Tyler, Nathaniel, and Caroline.

