

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN FREDERICK MORING

John Frederick Moring, 73, a Washington lawyer and a founding partner of the law firm of Crowell & Moring, L.L.P., died on May 12, 2009 in Irvington, VA. Always an active member of the Federal Energy Bar Association, Fred served as its president from 1982 to 1983, and before that as its secretary from 1963 to 1966.

Fred Moring was born in Farmville, VA in 1935. He earned his B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1957. In 1961 he graduated with honors from George Washington University Law School, where he was an editor of the law review.

Fred began his career as an associate with Morgan Lewis & Bockius, L.L.P. where he became a partner. He moved his practice to Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue in 1978. In 1979, he became a founding partner of the law firm of Crowell & Moring LLP.

Fred focused his law practice on energy matters and, more specifically, federal and state law issues related to local natural gas utilities. He was the lead counsel for many years of the Associated Gas Distributors, an organization made up of many of the largest gas utilities in the country, which litigated far-reaching and fundamental issues of federal energy policy as applied to the natural gas industry and provided utility industry guidance to federal and state energy policy decision makers in Congress. Fred also wrote extensively on energy policy issues.

Throughout his career, Fred also supported public service and pro bono work. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Washington Legal Counsel for the Elderly, 2000-2001. Fred was a long-time resident of Alexandria, VA, where he was an active member of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill for 40 years, and served as a member of the Board of Governors of St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School.

After his retirement, Fred moved with his wife of 50 years, Margaret Clarke Moring, to the Northern Neck of Virginia. He was an avid golf, fishing, and boating enthusiast, and a devoted family man. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his four children and six grandchildren.