

Biosketches for Trustess Porteous and Janssen (from Law College website)

Charles A. Janssen - Appointed 2/13/09

Charley graduated from the Michigan State University Honors College, Phi Beta Kappa in 1976. After receiving his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1979, he immediately joined Foster Swift. Charley's legal practice covers the entire spectrum of estate planning; wills, trusts, wealth management, family business planning, charitable gift planning and estate and trust administration.

Known for his ability to simplify the most complex of estate planning strategies into plain English, he is always willing to speak on estate planning, charitable gifting and business planning issues to interested groups and businesses. Additionally, he has authored numerous articles on estate planning and charitable giving topics, and is a contributing editor to a number of Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) books and publications including Revocable Living Trusts in Michigan.

Charley's legal talents have long been recognized by his peers. Top estate planning attorneys from around the country nominated and elected him to the prestigious American College of Trust and Estate Attorneys in 1995. Fellow attorneys have also ranked him as a top Estate Planning and Elder Law attorney in Best Lawyers in America since 1993 and he has been recognized as a Michigan Super Lawyer in those same areas of practice since the survey's inception in 2005.

In addition to his practice, Charley has held numerous leadership roles in the firm, including chairing the Business and Tax Department, heading up the attorney recruitment committee, sitting on the firm's Executive Committee and serving as President of the Law Firm (2003-2005). He has also chaired the Ingham County Bar Probate and Estate Planning Section and the Greater Lansing Estate Planning Council.

Charley enjoys giving his time and expertise to many mid-Michigan civic and charitable boards and activities. Currently, he sits on the Board of Trustees for Michigan State University College of Law, is a commissioner for Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority and is the treasurer for the Lansing Christian School Foundation. In the past, he has served as chairperson or board member of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee, Lansing Public Schools Foundation, Lansing Riverfront Development Board, and Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority. Charley also co-chaired the City of Lansing's Project Play, which helped raise \$2 million for new playground equipment for city parks and school playgrounds. Charley remains active in promoting charitable giving through the Capital Region Community Foundation and many other wonderful charities and agencies.

David L. Porteous - Appointed 3/20/97

David L. Porteous was raised in Reed City and has practiced law in Reed City since 1978. His primary areas of practice include Banking, Corporate and Municipal Law, as well as Government Relations. He currently serves as the lead director of the Board of Directors of Huntington Bancshares Inc of Columbus, Ohio. He is a past director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and Chemical Bank Central. Dave is a recognized authority on economic development and has served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA), the Michigan Strategic Fund, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and the Alliance for Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dave is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Jackson National Life Insurance Company of New York, and the Michigan 4-H Foundation. He is a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan, and was appointed to the Attorney Grievance Commission by the Michigan Supreme Court in 2007.

Dave graduated from Michigan State University cum laude in 1974. In 1998, he was elected to the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University for eight years, serving as board chairman from 2003 to 2006. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan State University College of Law.

He received his J.D. with distinction from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and has also studied at Yale University, Oxford University, England, and the University of Hawaii.

Married with three children, Dave is involved in community activities including Rotary International, the Osceola County Community Foundation and the United Methodist Church.