

## RICHARD W. BURKE '51



Richard (Dick) Burke, Class of 1951, has practiced law in Chicago since earning his juris doctor in 1958 from the University of Chicago Law School. He is the founder of Burke, Warren MacKay & Serritella, P.C., a firm of seventy lawyers practicing primarily in the business community.

Dick and his brother, Bob '56, were sons of James and Helen Burke. Dick's parents made the necessary sacrifices for their sons' education, including high school at Saint Ignatius. There Dick learned about "involvement in broad social and political issues," piquing his interest in the law.

Principal, Rev. Raymond Grant, S.J., recommended Dick to the Serra Club of Chicago for a scholarship, which underwrote his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame (graduated *cum laude* in 1955) and law school.

Dick has tried numerous bench and jury trials in Illinois, as well as in United States District Courts. He has argued before the U.S. 7th Circuit, the Illinois Appellate Court and the Illinois Supreme Court. Additionally, Dick has worked extensively in corporate affairs and the public sector.

Dick is an active community leader. He is a Trustee of the Shedd Aquarium, a board member and past president of Catholic Charities, and a past vice chair and board member of University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He is also on the Visiting Committee of the University of Chicago Law School, a past president of the Irish Fellowship and Cultural Educational Foundation and trustee of the Daniel P. Haerther Charitable Trust.

Dick and his wife of 56 years, Maryjeanne, raised four children, Mary '81, Richard, Jr. '82, Sarah and Will. They are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.