

Jerry Hartman BUS'68: "I attended the 50th reunion, where there was great pleasure in seeing folks I had not seen for many years. I have kept up with Josh Hauser SEAS'66, SEAS'68, who is my fraternity brother and was my roommate. Josh was at the reunion. As a result of the reunion, I connected with my freshman roommate, Frank Mirer, who is a professor in New York City and my sophomore roommate, Joe Chartor, who is a doctor outside of Boston.

That said, I retired as a partner at Drinker Biddle in its Washington office on January 31, after being there for 15 years practicing employment and labor law. I have been a lawyer for 44 years. I will remain at the firm running the foundation (mcdowellfoundation.org) that I established for my late wife, Barbara McDowell, who was a well-known appellate litigator. She was a partner at Jones Day and then assistant solicitor general in the United States Department of Justice, where she argued Supreme Court cases for seven years. She had been a law clerk to Justice Byron White after Yale Law. At the time of her death from brain cancer in January 2009, she was head of the Appellate Advocacy Program at Legal Aid in Washington. Barbara's foundation makes grants to social justice organizations that support social justice litigation. Last year, the foundation made five grants, totaling \$125,000.

The other component of the foundation is to engage in high impact pro bono cases in conjunction with attorneys at my law firm. During the last six years, we have participated in food stamp, jury selection, death penalty and immigration cases, among others. I have also set up an endowment at Barbara's church, Westmoreland Congregational, where I took over her place on the church's social justice action committee. In addition, I established an endowment at Legal Aid to support the appellate advocacy program, which has been named the Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Program in her honor. I serve on the board of Legal Aid.

As a footnote, my path after college was varied. I graduated from the Business School and was an account executive at a large Madison Avenue advertising agency. Later, as a lawyer I represented several large advertising agencies. Upon completion of law school at George Washington and clerking for the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans, I have been a partner at several large Washington law firms, interrupted by a four-year stint in the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, where I tried cases in Mississippi and Alabama, 1976-80. During my time at the Justice Department, I received the Department's Special Commendation Award for defending the constitutionality of the Commerce Department's minority set aside program. One of the cases I defended went to the Supreme Court, where the court upheld the affirmative action component of the program (*Fullilove v. Kreps*).

My other foray outside of law firm practice was time spent as a tenured law professor at Wake Forest School of Law; I had been an adjunct law professor at The George Washington University Law School for many years. I live in Falls Church, Va., on a private lake 11 miles from Washington.

I suspect that I will be working upon retirement pretty much full-time at the law firm doing the aforesaid pro bono work, as well as playing lots of tennis and biking. I am working on a novel and a collection of short stories. I hope I will have more time to write now. I will live part-time in New York in a new apartment on East 57th Street, which I recently purchased with my significant

other, a gastroenterologist in New York. She attended Barnard and her two children attended Columbia; she attended the reunion with me. Lastly, I am a diehard Nationals fan, having had season tickets since the team's founding. I plan to attend spring training again this year with my brother, who foolishly is a Yankees fan.