

John C. Connell Awarded 2018 Columbia Alumni Medal

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John C. Connell has been named one of 10 alumni honored with a 2018 Columbia Alumni Medal. The medal is the highest honor given by the Columbia Alumni Association in recognition of distinguished service of 10 or more years to the University. Only 10 alumni are honored each year out of more than 330,000 alumni worldwide from all university divisions. Columbia Alumni Medalists are recognized for building Columbia's community—whether regionally, online, in specific schools, or in cross-campus initiatives. Alumni Medalists are honored at University Commencement and each Fall at the Alumni Medalists Gala during Columbia Alumni Leaders Weekend. Mr. Connell received his medal at this year's Commencement on May 16th at the University's Morningside Heights' Campus.

Mr. Connell has been active in Columbia's Alumni Representative Committee (ARC) for almost 35 years and has chaired the regional Southern New Jersey ARC for some 25 years. He has also served as Chair of the Columbia

University Club of Philadelphia (CUCP), which this year celebrated its 40th anniversary, and is the oldest alumni club outside of New York City. Mr. Connell has made a concerted effort to include the representation and participation of all divisions of the University among CUCP's members and leadership. During his tenure as Chair in 2015, CUCP was recognized with the Domestic Club of Excellence Award. Mr. Connell is a member of the Columbia Alumni Association's (CAA) Associations and Clubs Committee. Three of his four children are Columbia College alumni.

Mr. Connell practices civil litigation as first-chair trial attorney in jury and bench trials and appeals in State and federal courts. His clients range from Fortune 100 companies to individuals in an array of complex commercial, employment, civil rights, communications law, health care and intellectual property matters. Mr. Connell's work has resulted in precedential reported opinions on issues of constitutional jurisprudence, as well as statutory and common law.

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