

# HONORS

## *Spirit Award*

*UND Alumni Association and Foundation (2020)*

## *President's Medal*

*University of North Dakota (2020)*

## *Excellence in Government Dedicated Partner Award*

*North Dakota Association of Counties (2019)*

## *Gerald W. VandeWalle Medal*

*State Bar Association of North Dakota (2017)*

## *Honorary Doctor of Leadership*

*University of Mary (2016)*

## *Honorary Doctor of Letters*

*University of North Dakota (2015)*

## *Order of Achievement Award*

*National Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity (2015)*

## *Harry L. Carrico Award*

*National Center for State Courts (2015)*

## *Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award*

*North Dakota (2015)*

## *Robert J. Kutak Award*

*ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (2009)*

## *Professionalism Award*

*American Inns of Court, Eighth Circuit (2008)*

## *Paul C. Reardon Award*

*National Center for State Courts (2003)*

## *Member*

*Warren E. Burger Society (inducted 2002)*

## *Distinguished Service Award*

*North Dakota State Bar Association (1998)*

## *Sioux Award*

*UND Alumni Association and Foundation (1992)*

# DEDICATION OF THE GERALD W. VANDEWALLE COURTROOM

**Friday, October 22, 2021**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**VandeWalle Courtroom**  
**UND School of Law**

**UND** SCHOOL OF LAW  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA



## PROGRAM

### WELCOME

**Dean Michael McGinniss**  
*UND School of Law*

### REMARKS

**President Andrew Armacost**  
*University of North Dakota*

**DeAnna Carlson Zink**  
*CEO, UND Alumni Association and Foundation*

**The Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers**  
*Justice, North Dakota Supreme Court*

**The Honorable Gerald Vandewalle**  
*Justice, North Dakota Supreme Court*

### CLOSING REMARKS

**Dean Michael McGinniss**

Please join us immediately following the dedication for the Alumni & Friends Social in the Central Commons.

## THE HONORABLE GERALD W. VANDEWALLE

Justice Vandewalle was born on August 15, 1933, and raised in Noonan, ND. He attended the University of North Dakota and in 1955 received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce from the School of Business. In 1958, he received a Juris Doctor degree, *magna cum laude*, from UND School of Law.

He was admitted to the State Bar of North Dakota in July 1958 and accepted an appointment as Special Assistant Attorney General. In January 1975, he was appointed First Assistant Attorney General. During his 20 years in the Attorney General's office, Vandewalle held several portfolios, including the education portfolio for elementary, secondary and higher education, the North Dakota Industrial Commission oil and gas portfolio, and the State Retirement System portfolio.

On August 15, 1978, he was appointed to the North Dakota Supreme Court. In November 1978, he was elected to serve an unexpired term, and he was reelected to 10-year terms in 1984, 1994, 2004, and 2014. From July 1985 to July 1987, he served as the first chair of the North Dakota Judicial Conference.

Vandewalle was elected Chief Justice effective January 1, 1993 and reelected for five subsequent terms, making him the longest-serving Chief Justice in the nation. He handed over the gavel to fellow UND School of Law alum Jon Jensen, '93, on December 31, 2019.

He has served as Chair of the North Dakota Judicial Conference (1985-1987), President of the Conference of Chief Justices (2000-2001), Chair of the Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (2000-2001), and served two terms as a delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. He was also appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the United States Supreme Court to serve on the Federal/State Jurisdiction Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

