



Fellows Spotlight

Rew R. Goodenow

We are pleased to introduce Rew R. Goodenow as the 2017-2018 Fellows Chair. Mr. Goodenow is a shareholder and a former director in the law firm of Parsons Behle & Latimer in Reno, NV. His practice includes commercial and corporate contract drafting, litigation and insolvency work for a wide range of local, statewide, national, and international clients. He currently serves on the Board of Visitors of the National Judicial College, and during 2006 and 2007, he served as president of the State Bar of Nevada.

Q: What does being a Fellow mean to you?

A: Membership in the Fellows constitutes an honor and recognition of one's status in the legal community and commitment to the higher ideals of advancement of public policy and understanding of the law and legal systems.

Q: Where were you born and raised?

A: Born in Shaker Heights, Ohio (Cleveland), but raised on a farm in Iowa.

Q: What type of law do you practice, and how did you become interested in that particular area?

A: Commercial law, mostly M&A, recently, in the mining field. Both transactions and trials.

Q: If you had decided not to pursue a career in law, what would you have done?

A: Probably grain farming. Work and play in the outdoors has always appealed to me.

Q: What are you most looking forward to during your term as Chair of The Fellows?

A: Expanding the Fellows events and participation on the West Coast, particularly California and Vancouver, B.C.

Q: There are many membership organizations to join in the legal field. What makes the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation stand out among the rest for you?

A: It is the commitment to empirical research that distinguishes the ABF from other organizations. It is unique among law related organizations. It also enjoys a stellar reputation in the academy and among lawyers.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

My wife Sue and I enjoy a variety of activities, most importantly our four daughters, their husbands (and one fiance) and our granddaughter. We are avid and active road cyclists. Sue gardens and I hunt, so we sort of live off the land much of the year.

Q: Anything else you'd like to share with us?

A: I invite Fellows to contact me, to share their aspirations for our organization and any ideas or comments they may have. It is important to keep our research relevant to the legal community. Besides, I like talking with other Fellows about the ABF's work.