

## 2017 Distinguished Alumnus

### Jack J. Schramm, JD '59

#### International Development Lawyer



Jack J. Schramm's experience spans 50 years in governance at state, federal, and international levels. Over the last 25 years, USAID, The World Bank, and others engaged him for senior assignments in 26 countries. In Iraq, he developed intergovernmental power-sharing strategies and investigated parliamentary operations, unearthing Iran-inspired efforts to sabotage American programs. In Afghanistan, he crafted negotiating strategies to win back transboundary water resources from the country's neighbors.

Schramm earned a bachelor's degree in politics from Colgate University in 1958. He served with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division and was the Carter Administration's regional administrator in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He skillfully negotiated the resolution of a number of nationally significant cases in the Mid-Atlantic Region, and his management of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident tempered public fears nationally. Schramm's consistent superior performance earned him a presidential appointment as EPA's national enforcement chief, which he declined.

Internationally, Schramm strategically prepared developing countries to meet environmental requirements for entry into trade. His pioneering development of management systems for industrial settlements were globally adopted and earned him the title of "2009 Professional of the Year" from *Cambridge Who's Who*.

Schramm began his political career in the Missouri House of Representatives. Among his many accomplishments, he redesigned local governments' constitutional relationships and created one of the first state housing finance agencies, a new economic development agency, and the state's first comprehensive environmental program. His leadership was recognized by the Eagleton Institute of Politics of Rutgers University (selected one of the nation's top legislators), the *Wall Street Journal* (named a "new breed of legislator" in a national front page feature), and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* ("one of the most effective legislators ever to sit in the House"). His memoir, *Passionate Purpose: A Global Governance Journey*, was published in November 2016. He lives with his wife, Dorian, in Alexandria, Virginia.