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Minette Trosch Awarded "Order of the Long Leaf Pine"

Family law attorney Minette Conrad Trosch has been awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the most prestigious civil award awarded by the Governor, for lifetime service to Charlotte-Mecklenburg and to the State.

A partner in the law firm of Conrad, Trosch & Kemmy, Trosch was nominated for the honor by State Senator Dan Clodfelter who cited her achievements as a teacher and community volunteer, as a public servant during 10 years on the Charlotte City Council, and as an attorney focusing on family law and domestic violence.

Governor Bev Perdue conferred the award on November 3, "proposing special confidence in the integrity, learning and zeal" of Trosch.

Created in 1965, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. The recipients are selected based, among other factors, on their contributions to their communities, extra effort in their careers, and many years of service to their organizations.

"I am honored to receive such a distinguished award, and I appreciate the opportunities that I have had to be of service to my community and state," Trosch said.



After her marriage to Louis Trosch, Sr., Trosch taught Civics and English to junior high students and was actively involved in a number of civic organizations in the community. Later, Trosch had a distinguished career in public service, serving five two-year terms on the Charlotte City Council. During that time, she was elected to a term as Mayor Pro Tempore and was appointed to numerous State and National boards and committees. Her areas of expertise were planning and transportation.

After her public service, Trosch chose to become an attorney. An honors graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law, she was inducted into the school's prestigious Davis Society in recognition of her integrity, leadership and scholarship. She also won the Advanced Family Law Award, and she co-founded Child Action, an organization dedicated to children's legal issues including adoption and child support/child custody.

In her law firm where Trosch is a partner along with husband Lou Trosch and sons Bill Trosch and Eric Trosch, she focuses on family law. She is trained in the collaborative law process, a cooperative approach to negotiating and settling issues arising from a family separation without going to court, and was a founding member of the Mecklenburg County Collaborative Family Law Practice Group. Trosch has spent countless hours representing women who are victims of domestic violence, often on a pro bono basis. She is a dedicated participant in the Volunteer Lawyer Program in her representation of battered women and victims of domestic violence and serves as a leader of Women's Commission workshops on domestic issues.