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Reese Elledge Celebrates Retirement After 60 Years at Gould & Ratner

Reese Elledge, a member of Gould & Ratner's Litigation Practice, celebrated his retirement on Aug. 31 after 60 years of practicing law at Gould & Ratner. Reese joined the firm in 1961 after graduating law school, and established Gould & Ratner's Environmental Law practice in 1970.

"Reese has touched my professional life in such a positive way. He has been a wonderful mentor, colleague and friend throughout my career," said Karin O'Connell, a member of the firm's Environmental Practice. "All of us at Gould & Ratner will miss him dearly, but we wish him and his family all the best as he begins this next phase of his journey!"

During his tenure at the firm, he helped clients avoid or resolve disputes concerning noise, blasting, air pollution, water pollution, drainage, the disposal of solid waste and the cleanup of contaminated lands. His practice included counseling clients on federal, state and local regulations regarding environmental issues and advocating the legal interests of clients in disputes with various regulatory agencies. Reese represented clients on mine safety and health issues, as well as surface mine reclamation issues, since the enactment of the Federal Mine Safety & Health Act and the Surface Coal Mine Reclamation Act in 1977.

Reese has been recognized as an Illinois SuperLawyer and has been named an Illinois Leading Lawyer in the areas of Environmental Law and Mineral & Natural Resource Law.

We congratulate Reese on this exciting milestone!