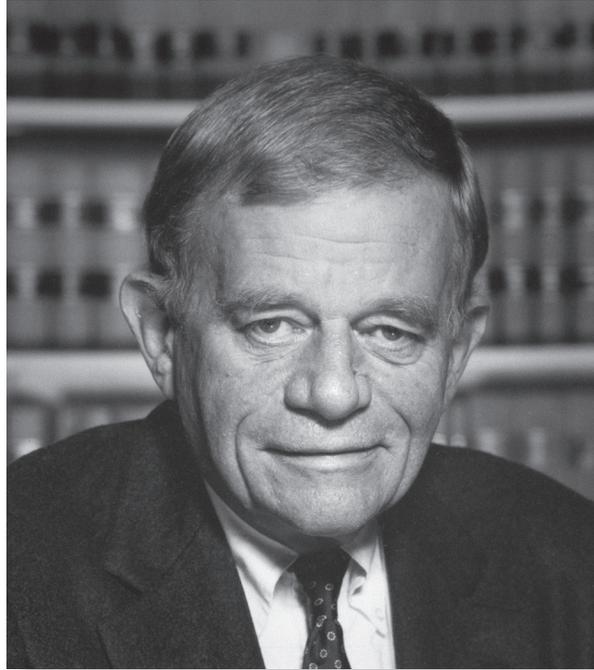


**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal  
and  
Citation of Merit  
2006 Recipient**



**Samuel F. Pryor III '46  
1928-2014**

A steward of the land and an exemplary humanitarian, your life has been marked by energy and generosity. With an unassuming demeanor, you have, as Horace Taft would say, “gone into things and made them go.” As head monitor at Taft, your ability to lead was clear early on. You honed your skills at Yale and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where you later served as overseer, receiving their Alumni Award of Merit for your loyal efforts. Serving your country in the Marine Corps, you returned to join the revered firm of Davis, Polk and Wardwell, where you stayed for forty years. The professional challenges of the law were not enough, however, and so you tackled the personal challenge of climbing Kilimanjaro, the Himalayas, and the Alps. Your passion for the outdoors confirms Emerson’s notion that we love nature with what is best in ourselves, as you have shaped organizational missions for such groups as the National Audubon Society, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and your local land trust. A man of influence among politicians and environmentalists, you have risen above party lines to support the environment and to tackle the critical issues of our day. At the same time, you have taken the cause of the world’s disabled to our nation’s capital, where you have testified for the World Rehabilitation Fund. You inspire others with your concern beyond your own backyard, traveling to Afghanistan, Pakistan, and elsewhere, finding ways to help those maimed by war and natural disaster receive the care they need. A man of truth and lord of your own actions, you have been steadfast in your vision. The father of five, you followed your father to Taft and celebrated as your granddaughter become the fourth generation to walk these halls. In the highest traditions of our school, you continue to dedicate yourself to making the world a better place, without any expectation of gratitude or personal benefit, serving others because that alone is its own reward. Your fellow alumni take great pride in conferring upon you today the school’s highest honor, the Alumni Citation of Merit.