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# *Spirit of the MOUNTAINS*

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### **Spirit of the Mountains Committee**

Lewis N. McManus YLA Service Award  
April 2023

Greetings.

**The Honorable Thomas E. McHugh** is the 2023 *Spirit of the Mountains Lewis N. McManus YLA Service Award* honoree. The reception will be held on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the State Capitol in the West Virginia House Rotunda's Great Hall.

Justice McHugh, a graduate of West Virginia University College of Law, began his legal career as a law clerk to the West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Harlan Calhoun. He was elected judge in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County serving from 1974 to 1980. As a public servant to the citizens of West Virginia, Justice McHugh was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in 1980 and was re-elected to a second twelve-year term in 1992 before retiring in 1997. During his tenure, he served five terms as Chief Justice. Following the death of Justice Joseph Albright, Justice McHugh was appointed to serve the Supreme Court by then Governor Joe Manchin, III until the general election in 2010 at which time he won a two-year term. Justice McHugh later joined the law firm of Bowles Rice focusing his practice on alternative dispute resolution. Justice McHugh also served as First Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Justice McHugh exemplifies the virtues the Lewis N. McManus YLA Service Award stands for. A man of impeccable integrity and character, he possesses a keen intellect and applies the rule of law with reason and compassion. His legacy of public service to our judiciary and our State is unparalleled. A great supporter of West Virginia's youth, we are honored to recognize Justice McHugh.

*Spirit of the Mountains* raises financial support for our West Virginia Youth Leadership Association's Youth in Government program. Across our state, YLA helps youth direct their lives to achievement in school, citizenship, career, and community. YLA helps them to achieve through participation in local YLA chapters, Youth in Government, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth & Government Seminars, Model United Nations, Horseshoe's Teen Entrepreneurship and Leadership Summits, Adventure Camp and the Governor's Youth Opportunity Camps for low income 7 - 12 year old boys and girls.

Please join us at the reception to honor Justice **Thomas E. McHugh**. We are hopeful you will invest in our valuable leadership programs for West Virginia's talented and dedicated youth. The recognition levels may be found with the enclosed invitation.

Thank you for your support of our state's youth and future.

Sincerely,

*The Youth of WV Youth in Government  
and  
The WV Youth in Government Committee*