

## Jack Owen Named Allied Professional of the Year

PITTSBURGH, PA The Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council has named John R. (Jack) Owen III (46) of McCandless Township its 2005 Allied Professional of the Year. He will be honored at PPGC's Annual Conference Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The APY Award recognizes a regional financial or legal advisor who promotes philanthropy both professionally and personally. Jack is a shareholder and director in the Pittsburgh law firm of Polito & Smock, P.C. which he joined in 2001. He concentrates his practice in general tax and business law, tax-exempt organizations and employee benefits. Jack has represented a broad range of clients, including closely-held businesses, charities, financial institutions, health-care providers, business associations, manufacturers, governmental entities and individuals in business law, employee benefit, nonprofit and tax matters. Jack makes his former large firm experience available to a broad range of clients.



Jack has had extensive experience with the Internal Revenue Service, Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Pennsylvania Attorney General, Pennsylvania Auditor General, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and various other administrative agencies. He is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and has practiced in the U.S. Tax Court.

Jack received his law degree from the University of Akron School of Law, where he was a member of the Akron Law Review. He received an undergraduate degree in history *cum laude* from Grove City College and a master's degree in law and taxation from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, where he graduated first in the day division. He has passed the Certified Public Accountant Examination in Connecticut.

Jack was selected Executive Service Corps of Western Pennsylvania's "Outstanding Volunteer Attorney for 2004." He is also a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, is a Council Member of the Health Law Section of the ACBA, a member of the Nonprofit Organization and Tax Sections of the ACBA, a member of the Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council, an Eagle Scout and Committee Member for B.S.A. Troop 329. He is Secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations, and is a member of the Human Resources Committee of the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera. Jack has lectured extensively and authored a number of articles on tax, tax-exempt and employee benefit matters. Jack, his wife and two boys live in McCandless Township.

The Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council is a group of planned giving and development officers, attorneys, accountants, insurance agents, realtors and other allied professionals committed to promoting gifts to charity as a positive way to achieve individual estate planning objectives. This year, PPGC is proud to honor one of its members who has unselfishly promoted philanthropy through his profession and personal example.