

Eugene N. “Nick” Zeigler Jr.

Ms. Zeigler is with the firm of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA in Florence. Other Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. attorneys who have received the award are Charles W. Knowlton (1988); Julius W. McKay (1997); and H. Simmons Tate, Jr. (2001).

Hailing from the state’s Pee Dee region, Mr. Zeigler received his undergraduate degree from The University of the South, his law degree from Harvard Law School and was admitted to the SC Bar in 1949. Court admissions include the US District Court, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the US Supreme Court. Mr. Zeigler twice was appointed as a special judge for the Court of Common Pleas. Other law related memberships include the Florence County Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers’ Association.



Mr. Zeigler’s distinguished service record spans both time and place. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters in World War II. He was a member of the SC House of Representatives from 1961 to 1962 and the SC Senate from 1967 to 1972. In that same year, he also was the Democratic Party’s representative for the US Senate. Mr. Zeigler served on the National Board for Big Brothers of America and activated the local chapter in the Pee Dee region.

Mr. Zeigler has maintained involvement in both the academic and the cultural arts arenas. In 1992, he was awarded an honorary degree from The University of the South and currently he serves as a member of the advisory board for the University of South Carolina Institute of Southern Studies. A published and produced author and playwright, Mr. Zeigler is a member of the SC Arts Foundation, a trustee of the Florence Museum and sits as President of the Florence County Historical Society.

For his efforts, Mr. Zeigler has been recognized by various organizations that have benefited from his involvement. He was the 1972 Elizabeth O’Neill Verner Award recipient from the SC Arts Commission, the 1992 Jack Baker Award recipient from the Florence Arts Council, a 1999 Order of the Palmetto honouree and the 2001 Ralph King Anderson Award recipient from the Florence County Bar. Mr. Zeigler was awarded the 2004 Governor’s Award in the Humanities for his lifetime achievement as a scholar and historian, and most recently, the E.N. Zeigler South Carolina History Room was dedicated at The Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library in Florence.