

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

One of the outstanding personal injury lawyers in Washington state, Attorney *Tom J. Chambers* of Seattle is the 1998 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. The honor is conferred by the YVCC Alumni Association. Mr. Chambers attended YVCC during 1962-63.

"I had the opportunity to mentor Tom with five other students from the University of Washington law school in 1968. They were part of a project to assist low income persons in the protection of their legal rights," said Douglas D. Peters, Selah attorney who nominated Chambers. "Tom later completed law school and became one of the outstanding personal injury lawyers in this state. In addition to writing books for trial lawyers, he is immediate past president of the Washington State Bar Association. I am proud of this 'homegrown' distinguished alumnus of YVCC!"

Since 1992 Mr. Chambers has served as chair of the Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association. He is the author of several publications including "Plight of Migrant Farm Workers in State of Washington," producer of two videos relating to legal procedures, the past president of several legal associations including the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association. In 1996 he was selected Trial Lawyer of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates' Washington state chapter. Washington State Trial Lawyers Association has honored him with the following: 1989 Trial Lawyer of the Year, President's Award in 1993, and the Alvin Anderson Award in 1994. He represented Washington state on the board of governors of the American Trial Lawyers.

Since 1984 he has owned Tom Chambers and Associates in Seattle which focuses on serious bodily injury, wrongful death, sexual abuse and harassment, and psychiatric malpractice. He has been credited with trying more injury cases than any other lawyer in the state over the past 10 years.

He and his wife, Judy (the former Judy Cable of Wapato), have two daughters, Jana and Jolie, and one son, Tom. Mr. Chambers graduated from Wapato High School in 1962. He graduated from Washington State University in 1966, was a governor's intern in 1966, and earned his juris doctorate from the University of Washington in 1969. His parents, Tom Sr. and Doris, founded Chambers Service in the 1940s and Chambers Auto Supply in 1950s.

