

## ROBERT T. HARPER NAMED ANDERSON AWARDEE



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Robert (Bob) T. Harper (1954-2012) served on the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Board of Directors from 1996 through 2005 and spent five of those years as chair. Bob was a shareholder with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney in Pittsburgh, where he served on the firm's board, was vice president of administration, co-chairman of the firm's Corporate Practice group, and chairman of the Health Law Practice group. Over the years, Bob earned a number of law awards and was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Corporate Law and Health Law for 17 consecutive years. In 2010, Bob was named "Pittsburgh Health Care Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*, and in 2012 the publication named him "Pittsburgh Corporate Lawyer of the Year." In 1998, Bob became an adjunct professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh.

An active church member, Bob served the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, Pa., as legal counsel and clerk of session. He was married to Sue and had two daughters, Elizabeth and Emily. "Bob served with enthusiasm, humor, and decisiveness as Chair of the Board," said the Rev. Dr. William J. Carl III, president and professor of homiletics. "He was a good friend and colleague in ministry who will certainly be missed by many both here and around the country."

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