

**James L. Rudolph, Esquire**  
**Community Leader and Activist**  
**Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa***

James L. Rudolph. After obtaining your undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Denver, you received a law degree from Boston College Law School. Your expertise in legal issues is broad and your generosity of spirit immense. Your family's electrical business gave you an easy familiarity with the construction arena, but your interests have taken you into banking, entertainment, hospitality, and real estate law as well. Perhaps it is a curiosity of the mind that has led you to develop a proficiency in so many spheres.

Your comprehensive mastery of your profession has not gone unnoticed and has brought you numerous awards, among them recognition as Boston's "best lawyer" by Boston Magazine, and acknowledgement as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer by that same publication for 10 consecutive years. Recently elected chairman of the board of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Massachusetts, you are the first attorney in the nation to hold the position.

As remarkable as your legal career has been, your commitment to your community truly reflects your passion. You are a steward of place in your work with the Essex National Heritage Commission; a supporter of education through Governor's Academy; a civic leader in your communities of Swampscott and Marblehead; and an advocate of social justice through your work with the Anti-Defamation League. Serving in major leadership roles for the ADL for over a decade, you have advanced a vision of "imagining a world without hate"—the aim of ADL—locally, regionally and for the nation.

As testimony to your good work, you have been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Bennett I. Solomon Community Leadership Award, the Anti-Defamation League's Community Leadership Award and Israel's David Ben-Gurion State of Israel Leadership Award.

For sharing your passions and intellect, our communities are all the stronger. We thank you.