

RAY KLINGINSMITH
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Ray Klinginsmith is an attorney in Kirksville, Missouri, USA, who now works primarily in the areas of commercial and corporate law, real estate, and estate planning. He retired in August of 1995 as General Counsel and Professor of Business Administration for Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) in Kirksville after 22 years of service. During his tenure at the University, he also served as Dean of Administration for a period of five years during the University's transition to a liberal arts and sciences institution. Since his retirement from the University, he served a four-year term as a county commissioner for Adair County from 2001 thru 2004.

Ray is a graduate of the business school and the law school of the University of Missouri at Columbia. He is a member of The Missouri Bar and has practiced law since 1965. He was awarded the Thomas D. Cochran Community Service Award by the Young Lawyers Section of The Missouri Bar in 1983.

A Rotarian for more than 40 years, Ray studied at the University of Cape Town as a Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholar in 1961, and when he was elected to the board of directors for Rotary International in 1984, he became the first recipient of a Rotary Foundation award to serve on the RI board. He served as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation from 2002 to 2006 and as vice chairman of the Trustees in 2005-06, and he has been awarded both the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award by the Foundation.

In other Rotary assignments, Ray served as moderator of the 1989 International Assembly in Phoenix, chairman of the 1998 Council on Legislation in New Delhi, and vice chairman of the 2005 Chicago Convention Committee. He has served in a variety of assignments for the codification of RI policies and the simplification of RI bylaws and similar documents. He served as a member of the Future Vision Committee for The Rotary Foundation, chairman of the TRF Alumni Advisory Committee, and chairman of the 2008 RI Convention Committee for the convention held in Los Angeles on 15-18 June 2008.

Ray's wife, Judie, is a former elementary school teacher in Macon and Kirksville and a former consultant for the Child Development Assistant program at the Kirksville Area Vocational Center. Ray and Judie have two children, Leigh and Kurt, and three grandchildren, Morgan, Grant, and Sydney Perkins.