



Hon. Martin Lancaster

Senior Counselor

After decades in Congress, the Executive branch and education, former U.S. Rep. Martin Lancaster is a recognized leader in federal environmental, Armed Services and education policies.

The Hon. Harold Martin Lancaster was a Member of the United States Congress from 1987 to 1995, serving on the Armed Services, Small Business, Agriculture, and Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committees. During his Congressional career, Rep. Lancaster was instrumental in passing legislation to create the TRICARE health program for military personnel, families and retirees. He also successfully worked on legislation to expand rural healthcare.

Also during this time, Rep. Lancaster represented the Congress at the Chemical Weapons Convention negotiations in Geneva.

In 1995, President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Lancaster as Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) with responsibility for overseeing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In this capacity, he was primarily responsible for policy development and advocacy for the Army Corps of Engineers before the Office of Management and Budget, the White House, and the Congress.

In 1997, Mr. Lancaster decided to fulfill a lifelong commitment to improving the education system, becoming President of the North Carolina Community College System. As President, he sought to increase state and private funding and strengthen the system's role in high-tech workforce training.

In the summer of 2003, he was elected Chair of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges.

In May 2011 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth appointed Rep. Lancaster an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. The award was in recognition of his role to promote workforce development in Northern Ireland.

Activities and Honors

- Order of the British Empire, 2011
- Chair (2003-2004), National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges
- Vice-Chair, North Carolina Education Cabinet
- North Carolina Economic Development Board
- Governor's Workforce Preparedness Commission
- University of North Carolina Peabody Award for Education Leadership
- University of North Carolina Law School Distinguished Alumnus Award
- Appalachian State University Board of Trustees

Education

JD, University of North Carolina
AB, University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill

Professional certifications

Member of the Bar, United States
Supreme Court
Member of the Bar, United States
Court of Military Appeals
Member of the Bar, United States
District Court, Eastern District

Memberships and citations

All North Carolina State Courts
North Carolina State Bar
Association
North Carolina Bar Association –
past Member, Board of Governors
Wake County Bar Association
American Bar Association

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