

Carthage College News

ATTORNEY DENNIS MONROE RECOGNIZED AS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

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Dennis Monroe of Edina received a Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Carthage College in ceremonies May 21. He is a 1974 graduate of the school in Kenosha, Wis.

Mr. Monroe is co-founder and chairman of Monroe Moxness Berg PA, a law firm based in Bloomington, Minn.; and president and CEO of Parasole Restaurant Holdings in Minneapolis, one of the largest multi-concept private restaurant companies in the country.

Mr. Monroe is a frequent speaker at business conferences, professional organizations, special industry events and the University of St. Thomas School of Law. He is an annual presenter at the Restaurant Finance & Development Conference, Franchise Finance & Development Conference, AICPA National Restaurants Conference and numerous franchisor conferences. Mr. Monroe frequently contributes to franchise finance industry publications and writes a monthly column for *Franchise Times* magazine, which has featured him in a cover story.

Mr. Monroe serves on many corporate boards. In 1997, he was named Director of the Year for Marquette Bank, N.A., a system of 140 banks. He has been selected as one of the top 10 mergers and acquisitions lawyers in Minnesota and as a "Super Lawyer" by *Minnesota Law & Politics* magazine. He received a Restaurant Hall of Fame award at the Restaurant Finance and Development Conference. In 2010, he was listed as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Mr. Monroe is a council member and a longtime Sunday School teacher at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, the largest congregation in the ELCA; founder of Lake Street Business Legal Clinic, and a past member of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Life and the Law Committee. He is founder and a past board member of *Res Ipsa Loquitur* (a non-profit professional organization), which merged with the Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership in the Professions, a past director and board member of the Urban Community Association of Minneapolis (UCAM), and a 10-year director of Perspectives, Inc. (a women's self-help program).

Mr. Monroe earned J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Saint Louis University. He is married to Patricia Weller. They have a son, and Mr. Monroe has three grown children.

Carthage is a four-year, liberal arts college affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, located in Kenosha, Wis.

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