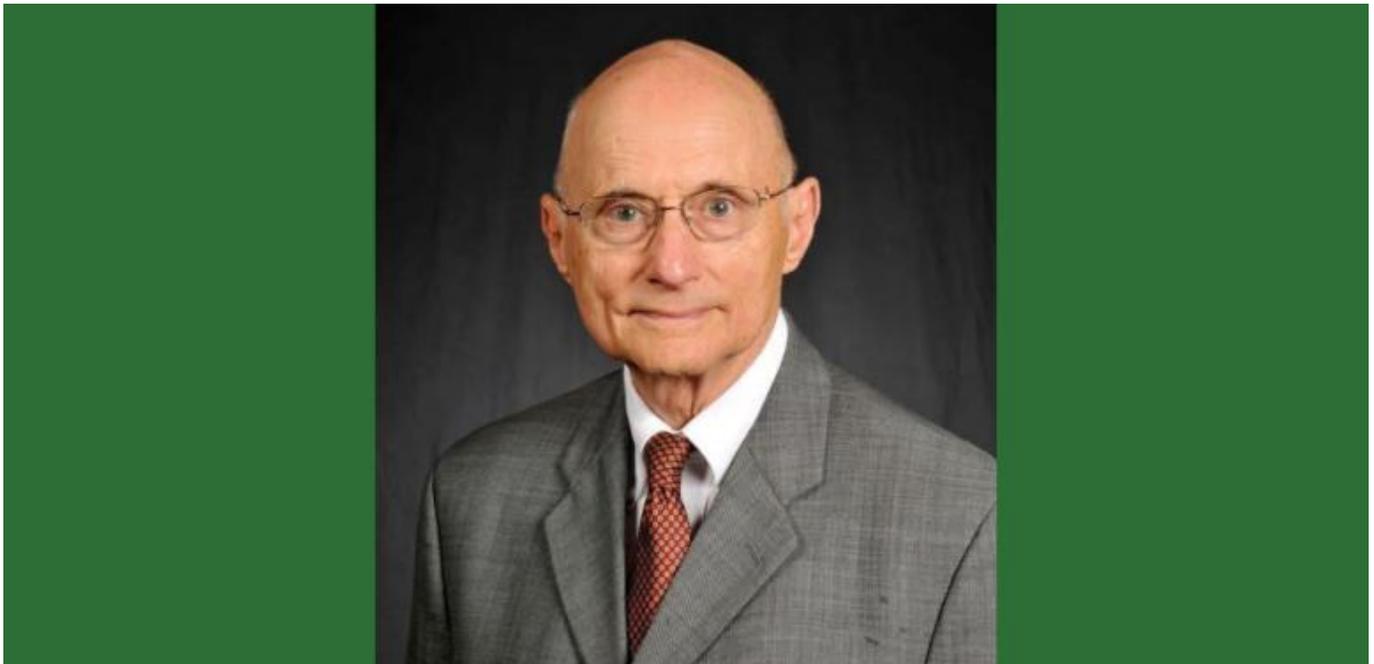


KY lawyer John Rosenberg receives national honor for his commitment to justice



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Kentucky public interest lawyer John Rosenberg has been awarded the American Bar Association's highest honor, the ABA Medal, for "exceptionally distinguished service to the cause of American jurisprudence."

A Holocaust survivor, Rosenberg founded the nonprofit Appalachian Research and Defense Fund or AppalReD in 1970 to provide free legal assistance to low income Kentuckians in civil matters such as family law, domestic violence, workplace rights, consumer protection and housing.

AppalReD, based in Prestonsburg, serves 37 counties in southeastern and south-central Kentucky.

“From escaping the Nazis and the Holocaust to serving in the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and prosecuting the Ku Klux Klan to founding AppalReD Legal Aid in Kentucky, John Rosenberg has dedicated his life to fairness and equity. His commitment to access to justice and the rule of law has helped lay the foundation to make justice a reality for all,” said ABA President Michelle A. Behnke.

Rosenberg will accept the award at the ABA Annual Conference in Chicago in August.

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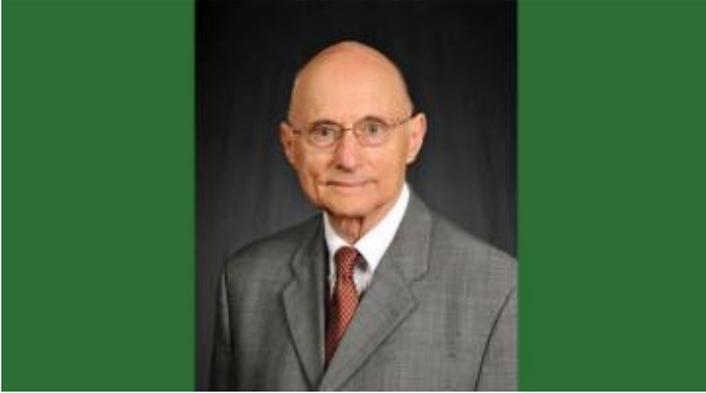


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