

NJIPLA JEFFERSON MEDAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Howard W. Bremer

The New Jersey Intellectual Law Association is again pleased to announce that Howard W. Bremer has been selected as the 2006 Jefferson Medalist for his extensive and distinguished work in bringing together technologies invented at universities with corporations adept at bringing technologies to market. Howard Bremer gained notoriety as patent counsel for the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, one of the premier university technology transfer organizations. Nationally recognized as the "Father of University Licensing", Howard Bremer received his undergraduate and legal degrees from the University of Wisconsin and was employed as a patent attorney by the Proctor & Gamble, Company prior to his 46 year association with the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

Howard Bremer has served, as a distinguished member of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM), serving as its President from 1978 to 1980. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to university technology transfer, AUTM awarded him the Bayh-Dole Award, and created two yearly scholarships in his name.

Among his numerous accomplishments, he is best known for leading a distinguished group of university technology transfer representatives in active support of the passage of the 1980, Bayh-Dole Act which permitted universities to retain ownership of patents developed by their researchers. The Bayh-Dole Act was instrumental in spurring industry's interest in developing University inventions thus turning the field of patenting and licensing into a profession of national economic prominence.