

## Mortimer M. Caplin

### **Mortimer Caplin Receives the French Republic's Esteemed Honor and University of Virginia's 2009 Brennan Award**

By a decree signed by the President of the French Republic on October 24, 2008, Life Benefactor Fellow Mortimer M. Caplin has "Chevalier" of the Legion of Honor.

This award is France's highest civilian award and testifies to the President of the French Republic's high esteem for the merits and achievements of its recipients. It acknowledges Mr. Caplin's personal participation in the liberation of France during World War II.

The Legion of Honor was created by Napoleon in 1802 to acknowledge services rendered to France by persons of great merit. Amos B. Rivasseau wrote to Mr. Caplin, "The French people will never forget your courage and your devotion to the great cause of freedom."

Caplin was also named a University of Virginia's 2009 Brennan Award recipient. Established in 1987 in honor of Justice William Brennan, United States Supreme Court honorees are selected based on their invaluable contributions to the Trial Advocacy Institute and the legal profession.

"These awards reflect values I've always held dear such as an unwavering commitment to excellence and public service," said Caplin. "The work we do every day here at Caplin & Drysdale."

Caplin's contributions to public service, teaching and the educational process have been recognized by numerous organizations. In 2008, he received the Thomas Jefferson Medal in Law, the University of Virginia's highest honor.



Mortimer M. Caplin receiving the "Chevalier" of the Legion of Honor.

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