



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **January 15, 2020** at 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT

Paul Hicks

“The Litchfield Law School: Guiding the New Nation”



Paul DeForest Hicks will discuss his recently published book, “The Litchfield Law School: Guiding the New Nation.” In this well-researched and engaging book, Hicks makes a convincing case that the Litchfield Law School provided the most innovative and successful legal education program in the country for almost fifty years (1784-1833). A recent history of the Harvard Law School acknowledged, “In retrospect, both Harvard and Yale have envied Litchfield’s success and wished to claim it as their ancestor.”

Upwards of twelve hundred bright and ambitious students came from all over the country to study law at Litchfield with Tapping Reeve and James Gould, who took a national rather than state perspective in their lectures on the evolving principles of American Common Law.

In every year from 1791 to 1860, there were law school alumni, including Aaron Burr and John C. Calhoun, who served at high levels in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal and state governments. Hicks gives fascinating details about many who succeeded as lawyers and in public office, but also in the fields of business, finance, education, art and the military. Whether they practiced law or pursued other careers, their collective achievements continued to enhance the prestige of the Litchfield Law School long after it closed.

Paul Hicks is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. After practicing law in Denver, Colorado, he returned to New York where he joined J.P. Morgan. Retiring as a Managing Director after more than thirty years with JPM, he began a third career as a writer. Hicks’s first book focused on the development of the law in America, as seen through the life of an ancestor, Joseph Henry Lumpkin, who was the first chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court. Lumpkin and his son-in-law, Thomas R. R. Cobb (along with William Hope Hull) were cofounders of the University of Georgia Law School in 1859.

Next Week: January 22, Dr. Bruce McGibbon, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology for the Smilow Cancer Care Center in Greenwich, “**Advances in Radiology Therapy in Cancer.**” *The Greenwich Retired Men’s Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40 AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00 AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org*