

## SCHOOL OF LAW

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### Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards School of Applied Sciences - Thomas A. Crowe Award

- [William J Derrick](#) - Professor of the Practice of Law (2006)

### Distinguished Research and Creative Achievement Award

- [Ronald J Rychlak](#) - Distinguished Professor of Law and Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government (2019)

### The Distinguished Professor Award

The Award acknowledges outstanding faculty by conferring the honorific title of Distinguished Professor. Appointment as a Distinguished Professor is reserved for only the very best faculty members in recognition of sustained excellence.

- [Ronald J Rychlak](#) - Distinguished Professor of Law and Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government (2020)

### Staff Council Award - EE05

- **POINDEXTER E BARNES** - NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR (1996)

### Faculty Achievement Award

The Faculty Achievement Award is given annually to recognize unusual effort in the classroom, involvement with students, and active scholarship.

- [William W Berry](#) - Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Research, and Frank Montague Jr. Professorship of Legal Studies (2022)
- [Michael H Hoffheimer](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law and Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government (2019)

### Frist Service Award

- **THOMAS RAY MASON** - DIRECTOR OF TRIAL ADVOCACY AND INTERN PROGRAM AND PROFESSOR OF LAW (2004)

### Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award

The Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the University is selected from nominations submitted by students, alumni and faculty.

- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law and Mitchell, McNutt and Sams Distinguished Lecturer (2016)
- [William W Berry](#) - Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Research, and Frank Montague Jr. Professorship of Legal Studies (2013)
- **ROBERT A WEEMS** - Professor Emeritus of Law (1994)
- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1986)

### School of Law Outstanding Teacher of the Year

- [Ira Richard Gershon](#) - Professor of Law Instruction (2023)
- [Matthew Russell Hall](#) - Associate Professor of Law and Jesse D Puckett Jr Lecturer (2022)
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- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law and Mitchell, McNutt and Sams Distinguished Lecturer (2020)
- [Antonia L Eliason](#) - Associate Professor of Law (2019)
- [Donna Raye Davis](#) - Associate Professor Emerita of Law (2018)
- [Larry J Pittman](#) - Professor of Law and Leonard B. Melvin Lecturer in Law (2017)
- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law and Mitchell, McNutt and Sams Distinguished Lecturer (2016)
- [Samuel M Davis](#) - Dean Emeritus and Jamie L. Whitten Chair Emeritus Law and Government (2015)
- [Mercer E Bullard](#) - Professor of Law and Butler, Snow, Omara Distinguished Lecturer and Instructional Assistant Professor of Finance (2014)
- **RICHARD L BARNES** - PROFESSOR OF LAW (2013)
- [JOHN R BRADLEY](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2013)
- **JACK W NOWLIN** - SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND JESSIE D. PUCKETT JR. LECTURER (2012)
- [William J Derrick](#) - Professor of the Practice of Law (2011)
- [Deborah H Bell](#) - Professor Emerita of Law (2010)
- **JACK W NOWLIN** - SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND JESSIE D. PUCKETT JR. LECTURER (2006)
- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law and Mitchell, McNutt and Sams Distinguished Lecturer (2005)
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- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2001)
- **GEORGE C COCHRAN** - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2000)
- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law and Mitchell, McNutt and Sams Distinguished Lecturer (1999)



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- [GEORGE C COCHRAN](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1985)
- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1984)
- [Deborah H Bell](#) - Professor Emerita of Law (1983)
- [Karen O Green](#) - Professor Emerita of Law (1982)
- [ROBERT A WEEMS](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law (1980)
- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1976)
- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1974)

## School of Law Ben Hardy Faculty Service Award

The Ben A. Hardy Faculty Excellence Award recognizes outstanding teaching, scholarship and service by a faculty member of the School of Law. The recipient is selected annually by the Dean and the President of the Law School Student Body.

- [Lisa Shaw Roy](#) - Professor of Law and Jesse D. Puckett Jr Lecturer (2023)
- [Yvette Theresa Butler](#) - Assistant Professor of Law (2022)
- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law and Mitchell, McNutt and Sams Distinguished Lecturer (2021)
- [Michael H Hoffheimer](#) - Professor Emeritus of Law and Jamie L Whitten Chair of Law and Government (2020)
- [Phillip Wayne Broadhead](#) - Clinical Professor Emeritus and Director Emeritus of Criminal Appeals (2019)
- [Matthew Russell Hall](#) - Associate Professor of Law and Jesse D Puckett Jr Lecturer (2018)
- [Ronald J Rychlak](#) - Distinguished Professor of Law and Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government (2017)
- [Michele Alexandre](#) - ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND INTELLECTUAL LIFE, PROFESSOR OF LAW, AND LEONARD B MELVIN LECTURER IN LAW (2016)
- [Donna Raye Davis](#) - Associate Professor Emerita of Law (2015)
- [Karen O Green](#) - Professor Emerita of Law (2014)
- [E Farish Percy](#) - Professor of Law and Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government (2013)

## Joan K. Murphy Outstanding Faculty Award

The Joan K. Murphy Outstanding Staff Award is selected annually by the Student Bar Association (SBA) Senate and presented to a member of the law school staff in recognition of outstanding contribution to the faculty, staff, and student body.

- [Cecil Jarrell Dowden](#) - Information Technology Coordinator (2023)
- [Rose Marie Maten](#) - Program Coordinator (2022)
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