

## School of Law

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## Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards

### School of Applied Sciences - Thomas A. Crowe Award

- [William J Derrick](#) - LEGAL WRITING INSTRUCTOR AND ACTING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW (2006)

### Staff Council Award - EE05

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

### 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 OF LAW AND MITCHELL, MCNUTT AND SAMS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER (2016)
- [William W Berry](#) - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND FRANK MONTAGUE JR PROFESSORSHIP OF LEGAL STUDIES AND PROFESSIONALISM (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

- [Larry J Pittman](#) - PROFESSOR OF LAW AND RAY & LOUISE STEWART LECTURER (2017)
- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - PROFESSOR 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 (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](#) - LEGAL WRITING INSTRUCTOR AND ACTING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW (2011)
- [Deborah H Bell](#) - INTERIM DEAN, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND MISSISSIPPI DEFENSE LAWYERS PROFESSORSHIP (2010)
- **JACK W NOWLIN** - SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND JESSIE D. PUCKETT JR. LECTURER (2006)
- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - PROFESSOR OF LAW AND MITCHELL, MCNUTT AND SAMS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER (2005)
- [ROBERT A WEEMS](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2003)
- [ROBERT A WEEMS](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2002)
- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2001)
- **GEORGE C COCHRAN** - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2000)
- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - PROFESSOR OF LAW AND MITCHELL, MCNUTT AND SAMS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER (1999)
- [ROBERT A WEEMS](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1999)
- [ROBERT A WEEMS](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1998)
- [John M Czarnetzky](#) - PROFESSOR OF LAW AND MITCHELL, MCNUTT AND SAMS DISTINGUISHED LECTURER (1997)
- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1992)
- [ROBERT A WEEMS](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1989)
- **GEORGE C COCHRAN** - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1985)
- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (1984)
- [Deborah H Bell](#) - INTERIM DEAN, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND MISSISSIPPI DEFENSE LAWYERS PROFESSORSHIP (1983)
- [Karen O Green](#) - PROFESSOR 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.

- [Ronald J Rychlak](#) - PROFESSOR OF LAW AND JAMIE L. WHITTEN CHAIR OF LAW AND GOVERNMENT (2017)
- **Michele Alexandre** - PROFESSOR OF LAW AND LEONARD B MELVIN LECTURER IN LAW (2016)
- [Donna Raye Davis](#) - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW (2015)
- [Karen O Green](#) - PROFESSOR OF LAW (2014)
- [E Farish Percy](#) - PROFESSOR OF LAW AND MISSISSIPPI DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED LECTURER (2013)

