

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 Rave 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)
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- [GUTHRIE T ABBOTT](#) - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2001)
- **GEORGE C COCHRAN** - PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF LAW (2000)



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- [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](#) - 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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