

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)

