

XI. STUDENT AWARDS, SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS, AND HONORARY SOCIETIES



Each year the Law School is pleased to present a number of awards and special scholarships to students who excel in their academic efforts. The following listing does not include scholarships normally based on financial need and scholastic achievement.

A. Student Awards

Dean's Medallion. This engraved medallion is presented each May to the graduate with the highest cumulative GPA.

President's List. Each semester all students with a GPR of 4.0 for at least 12 graded hours within that semester are recognized.

Dean's List. Each semester all students with a GPR of 3.5 or greater for at least 12 graded hours within that semester are recognized.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Writing Competition Award. A monetary award and certificate is presented to the student who writes the best research paper on an ADR topic.

Arthur B. Custy Award. This award honors Professor Arthur B. Custy who devoted his life to legal scholarship and who taught at the School of Law until his untimely death in 1986. A certificate is presented to the recipient and the student's name is inscribed on a permanent plaque in the Law School.

CALI. CALI awards a certificate to the student who earns the highest grade in each section of a law school course.

Clinical Program Professionalism Award. This award is presented annually by the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism to the student who demonstrates the highest commitment to standards of professionalism of the South Carolina Bar through representation of clients in a Law School clinical course.

Compleat Lawyer Award. Bronze engraved medallions are presented to three third year students who by their performance in law school and relationships with their fellow students and professors

exhibit qualities indicating that they will meet their responsibilities as lawyers in an exemplary manner.

G.G. Dowling Award. Mr. Dowling graduated from the School of Law in 1938 and practiced law with his brother in Beaufort. A monetary award is presented to the student who typifies outstanding qualities of integrity, concern for others, and legal scholarship, as selected by the Dean.

J. Woodrow Lewis Competition Award. A monetary award is presented to the winner of the third year Moot Court Competition. The competition is in honor of the former Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Susan McCrary Volunteer of the Year Award. This award honors the memory of Susan McCrary, a member of the Class of 2000, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 1998. The award is presented by the Law School's Women in Law Association to a student who is active in Women in Law sponsored pro bono projects, pushes others to do their best, unselfishly gives to others and tirelessly works to help others.

Victor Michalewitz Award. A plaque and certificate is presented to the student who submits the best paper in the Law Review writing competition. The student's name is also inscribed on a permanent plaque in the Law School. Mr. Michalewitz was a law student and a member of our Law Review, who died in August 1979 before beginning his senior year of Law School.

Outstanding Pro Bono Service Awards. These awards are presented to students who demonstrate their commitment to public service through the activities of the Law School Pro Bono Program.

Outstanding Senior Research Paper. A silver cup is presented to the third year student who submits the best research paper as determined by the academic dean. This award was established by Edward C. Roberts, who graduated from the School of Law in 1962.

Claud N. Sapp Award. This award is a memorial to Claude N. Sapp, Esq., of the Columbia Bar, who graduated from the School of Law in 1911, was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and United States Attorney. The award is presented to the senior student who is chosen by his or her classmates as possessing the best combination of scholarship, leadership, and industry.

Irving Steinberg Award. This award honors the memory of Mr. Irving Steinberg, a native of Charleston, who graduated from the School of Law with honors, was instrumental in the passage of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act in 1936, practiced in that field for 55 years, and died in 1980. A certificate is presented to the student who achieves the best grade in Workers' Compensation Law. The student's name is also inscribed on a permanent plaque in the Law School.

Student Bar Association Service Award. This award is presented by the Student Bar Association to the senior law student who exemplifies leadership, support, and continued service to the SBA, as determined by the Executive Council.

Hugh L. Willcox Pro Bono Volunteer of the Year Award. This monetary award is given to a student who has actively participated in the Pro Bono program and has given unselfishly of his or her time. This award was established by the family of Hugh L. Willcox in his memory. Mr. Willcox joined the South Carolina Bar in 1930 and actively practiced law until his death in February of 1994.

B. Special Scholarships

American Bar Association Scholarships. The American Bar Association's Real Property and Trust Journal awards scholarships to the students who write the most outstanding student note and case comment.

Capers Bouton Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established to honor Capers Bouton, a practicing attorney in Greenville. The scholarship is awarded to a second or third year student who is married and their principle residence is in Greenville County. The scholarship is also awarded to an individual who is employed during their law school career.

Cy Young Scholarship. Each spring this scholarship is awarded to the third year student with the highest cumulative average at the time of the award. Mr. Young graduated from the School of Law in 1927, practiced law in Greenwood, South Carolina, was attorney for the United States Senate Banking & Currency Committee, member of the Federal Judicial Council, and Greenwood city and county attorney.

Coleman Karesh Scholarship. Each spring this scholarship is awarded to the second year student with the highest cumulative average at the time of the award. Professor Karesh taught at the School of Law from 1937 to 1972, and was a leading authority in Property Law and Trusts and Estates.

Richard J. Foster Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to the first year student with the highest average in his or her first semester in Law School. Mr. Foster graduated from the School of Law in 1937, practiced law in Greenville, South Carolina and was the founder of the South Carolina Lawyers' Association.

Kevin Curry Scholarship. This scholarship is presented to a student who best exemplifies Kevin Curry's ability, courage, and concern for others. Mr. Curry died 3 weeks before graduation from a congenital heart defect, and preference is given to a student with medical disability. The scholarship is funded by members of the Class of '88, his parents, and friends.

John Holland Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a rising third year student who demonstrates leadership, and a commitment to extracurricular activities, with consideration given to academic performance and financial need. It honors the memory of John Holland who graduated from our Law School in 1980, engaged in the practice of law, and died in a tragic automobile accident in 1986.

Karen Lee Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a rising third year student who best combines dedication to academic pursuits with a genuine concern for the welfare of fellow classmates. Miss

Lee, a law student known for her caring attitude toward other students, was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1982.

Law Review Scholarship. This scholarship is presented to the Editor-in-Chief of the South Carolina Law Review.

Luther Lee Scholarship. This scholarship was established in honor of Luther Lee, a legendary trial practitioner in Columbia. Mr. Lee was a pioneer of personal injury trial practice and obtained the first \$100,000 verdict in Richland County. The scholarship is awarded to a third year student with a primary interest in trial practice.

Susan McCrary Scholarship Award. This scholarship honors the memory of Susan McCrary, a member of the Class of 2000, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 1998. The scholarship is presented to a rising third year student who has actively participated while in Law School in student volunteer organizations such as the Pro Bono Board, the Public Interest Law Society, Guardian Ad Litem and other law school activities.

Anthony Raymond Scholarship. This scholarship is presented to a disabled student who best exemplifies courage, determination, and advocacy of the rights of disabled persons. Mr. Raymond, who was disabled in a 1975 diving accident, completed his USC undergraduate and Law School educations with honors. After graduation in 1984, he engaged in the practice of law until his untimely death in 1985.

Student Bar Association Scholarship. This scholarship is presented to the President of the Student Bar Association.

C. Honorary Societies

Order of the Coif. The Order of the Coif is a national legal society, which recognizes outstanding academic achievement. Students in the top 10% of their graduating class are eligible for membership.

Order of the Wig and Robe. Organized in 1935 as a local legal scholastic organization, the Wig and Robe recognizes students with the most outstanding scholastic records. Second year students are admitted after attaining a ranking in the top 10% of their class. Third year students are admitted after attaining a ranking in the top 15% of their class. The third year student with the highest grade point average is named Chief Justice; the third year student with the second highest average is named Clerk of Court; and the second year student with the highest average is named Associate Justice.