

Education Law Association Honors R. Craig Wood of Virginia for Exemplary Service in the Field of Education Law

DAYTON, Ohio, November 10, 2009 - The Education Law Association (ELA) presented its *2009 M.A. McGhehey Award* at its 55th Annual Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 21-24, 2009. Top government officials as well as legal and educational scholars from across the country convened for this event.

The *McGhehey Award* is presented annually to an individual member for outstanding service and dedication to the Education Law Association. To be considered, individuals receiving the award must have a long history of service to the Education Law Association, along with the following:

- The individual's work must have had an impact nationally in the field of law and education through publications and/or presentations, both within and outside the Education Law Association.
- The individual's work must be recognized through other national organizations, by briefs filed at the U.S. Court of Appeals or the U.S. Supreme Court level, or by other significant contributions in the field of education law.

This year's award goes to R. Craig Wood, 2002 President of the Education Law Association. Wood is a former ELA Board member for many years, has published numerous articles and monographs on school law issues, served as an adjunct professor in education law, is a long-time lecturer at the University of Virginia School of Law Trial Advocacy Institute, and has been named one of the "Best Lawyers in America" since 1993. He is admitted to practice in the State of Virginia, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

"Craig is a well-known school law practitioner who has been very active in ELA and other school law organizations. He possesses all of the qualities that Mac McGhehey stood for, and is very deserving of the award," noted Jeffrey J. Horner, J.D., Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP, who served as the chair of the award committee.

Established in 1954, the Education Law Association (ELA) is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) member association located at the University of Dayton. ELA promotes interest in and understanding of the legal framework of education and the rights of students, parents, school administrators, school boards, and school employees in public and private K-12 educational institutions, as well as higher education.

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