

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bylaw is to establish an annual award to be presented by the SBA on behalf of the student body to the most outstanding instructor in a particular academic year.

## II. NAME

The award shall be called the David M. Becker Professor of the Year Award ("the Award") in recognition of Professor Becker's demonstrated passion for teaching and his tremendous contributions to the School.

## III. PROCEDURE

A. In General. The Award shall be given annually to one member of the faculty. The Award shall be the highest recognition of excellence in teaching given by the SBA. The Award shall replace the "Professor of the Year" award for excellence in teaching given by the SBA in previous years. The Award is meant to incorporate and build on the "Professor of the Year" award tradition.

B. Selection Committee. A Selection Committee ("the Committee") will administer the Award. The Committee shall consist of: (1) the SBA President; (2) three J.D. students, one from each class, who shall be nominated by the SBA President and approved by the General Body; and (3) the Dean of Students, or another non-faculty administrative employee designated by the Dean, who shall serve on the Committee in an advisory role only. In the event the Committee is divided evenly, the SBA Executive Committee shall make the final decision. The SBA President shall chair the Committee and be responsible for assembling it no later than March 1 of a given year. Once constituted, the Committee shall retain its composition despite any intervening SBA election, except that any Committee member may be removed or replaced by a 2/3 vote of the General Body.

C. Nominations. The Committee will solicit nominations for the Award from the student body. The committee will permit each student to nominate one faculty member. "Adjusted Nominations" for a particular faculty member shall be equal to the sum of: the number of nominations by 1L and LLM students; twice the number of the nominations by 2L students; and three times the number of nominations by 3L students.

D. Selection Unless the Committee finds a meaningful and compelling reason to reach a different result, the winner of the Award shall be the faculty member receiving the most Adjusted Nominations. In any event, the Committee shall have final authority to determine a winner. The deliberations of the Committee, including all information relating to Adjusted Nominations, should be maintained in confidence absent an unassailable reason for disclosure.

E. Past winners ineligible. Any faculty member who has won the Award in either of the previous 2 years shall be ineligible to win. For example, in 2007, the Award shall not be presented to the 2006 winner or the 2005 winner.

F. Campaigning. The Committee shall within its discretion take measures to communicate the expectation that faculty members will not campaign for the Award. The Committee may consider reports of campaigning by faculty in selecting a winner.

#### IV. RECOGNITION

A. Plaques. A plaque or similar recognition award shall be presented to the winner. The winner may also be memorialized on a plaque in the Student Commons or other public area in the School of Law.

B. Reception. The Committee will honor the winner with a reception open to the entire School of Law.

C. Commencement. The Committee, in consultation with the Dean of the School, will invite the winner to lead the graduating class into commencement; provide special regalia to the winner and to Professor Becker for as long as he attends commencement; and request that the Dean include in his or her remarks words of recognition for the winner.

D. Other Forms of Recognition. The Committee may recognize winners in other appropriate ways.